

CITY OF MINER
BOARD OF ALDERMEN
REGULAR MEETING
MINER COURT ROOM
February 19, 2013
5:30 P.M.

The Miner Board of Alderman met on February 19, 2013, for their regular monthly council meeting at 5:30 p.m. in the Miner Court Room. The meeting was posted in the foyer of the Miner City Hall and sent to the Standard-Democrat newspaper.

Mayor Tatum called the meeting to order. Roll call: Terry Cole – present, Peggy Holman – present, Deloris Smith – present, Christopher McMackin – absent. Those present were Donnie Anglin, Bob Simpson, Mark Baker, Chris Smith, Jerrance Dial, Blaine Johnson, Randall Briggs, Ed Knous, Tony Northern, Harold Tarrants, Sonny Riley, Luther Smith, Sharon Smith, Marvin Hatton, Tod Ledbetter, Darrin Skinner, Chief of Police Chris Griggs, and Scott Welton with the Standard Democrat. Joseph Fuchs was in his capacity as city attorney and City Clerk, Danielle Patrick, was there to record the minutes.

Mayor Tatum asked if anyone had any issues with the minutes from January 22nd, 2013, reports, and bills from the month of January. Alderwoman Peggy Holman stated that she had a question regarding the code enforcement report because it only contained two letters. Code Enforcement Officer Harold Tarrants stated that he only had two calls during the month. Alderwoman Holman asked if the swimming pool issue on Karen Street was resolved and Tarrants informed everyone that it was. A motion to accept all minutes, bill and reports for the month of January 2013 was made by Deloris Smith and seconded by Terry Cole. A roll call vote followed with all ayes.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. NORMAN LAMBERT – DRAINAGE ISSUES

Norman Lambert with Lambert Engineering approached the Mayor and the board with an estimate of what it is going to cost to take care of the drainage issues within the city. Lambert informed everyone that he has gone around the city looking at problem areas and the estimated cost to repair all areas is \$224,644. Lambert stated that he is almost certain more areas will pop up that needs work done if the funds become available to do the job.

B. WATER LINES AND WATER VALVE SHUTOFF VALVES – NORMAN LAMBERT

Lambert stated that there is roughly 13,000 to 14,000 feet of 4 inch water line or smaller in the city. Lambert informed everyone that his plan would be to renovate the city and replace all waterlines that are smaller than a 6 inch and either replace them with 6 inches or possible 8 inch lines, because the only additional cost going from 6 inch from 8 inch would be the cost of the pipe. New water hydrants, new valves and changing out the existing meters and replacing them with radio read meters would be the extent of the renovations, stated Norman Lambert with Lambert Engineering. Radio read meters would decrease time and mistakes made by reading meters because with radio reads all you have to do is download the readings to the computer and most of this can be done from city hall, explained Lambert. Lambert told the council that they can do a lease purchase on the renovations as they have done with the new lagoon, but the funds to

pay the lease purchase agreement would come from the existing capital improvement sales tax fund. Lambert asked for the board's permission to pursue the repairs. A motion was made by was made by Terry Cole and seconded by Peggy Holman for Lambert Engineering to proceed with the plans for the water line renovations.

C. CITY ADMINISTRATOR

Alderman Christopher McMackin was supposed to bring information back to the board the information to determine if having a person serving the city in that capacity would be necessary, productive and in the best interest of the city. A motion to remove the item from the agenda was made by Peggy Holman and seconded by Deloris Smith. A roll call was taken with all ayes. Motion passed.

D. BRUSH TRUCK

Fire Chief Chris Smith approached the Mayor and the Board regarding the brush truck that was voted to be given to Scott County Rural if they would accept it in the January meeting. Smith told the Mayor and the Board that the department needs the truck instead of giving it away. Smith went on to say that it has come in handy to the department and if they council would let him he would like to keep it. Fire Chief Smith stated that Scott County Rural does want the truck. Council stuck to their decision to give the truck away to Scott County Rural Fire Department.

E. TURNOUT GEAR FIRE DEPARTMENT - CHIEF CHRIS SMITH

Mayor Tatum stated that in the past the fire department was allowed to purchase one pair of gear per month until all needed gear was purchased. Fire Chief Smith stated he would like the board to consider purchasing two sets of gear per month since the lead time on the gear is three to four months. Mayor Tatum stated that there is no use sending them to a fire if they do not have a suit. Alderman Cole asked Mayor Tatum if he could explain why he asked in the January meeting that this issue be tabled until a work session. Mayor Tatum told Alderman Cole to go ahead. Cole stated that with the City's ISO rating being a 7 or 8 it is as high as it can get and he feels that that if the City would close the department and contract with the City of Sikeston it would lower the ISO rating to a 4. Alderman Cole stated that having an ISO of a 4 would save the citizens on their fire insurance and he feels that the city should at least talk to them. Mayor Tatum stated that he don't want Sikeston taking over any department of the city. Alderman Cole stated that the closet fire station of the City of Sikeston is 1/8 of a mile from the City of Miner. Mayor Tatum informed everyone that he feels that if they city is to contract fire services out to the City of Sikeston then it will not be long until the city is looking into contracting out their police and dispatch. Mayor Tatum told Alderman Cole that he is more than welcome to discuss the issue with Sikeston officials but there was no point of him talking to them because his mind is already made up. A motion to table the issue until further determination was made by Deloris Smith and seconded by Terry Cole. A roll call was taken with all ayes. The motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. AWARDING BIDS FOR LIFT STATION IMPROVEMENTS – NORMAN LAMBERT

Norman Lambert with Lambert Engineering presented the lowest bid for the lift station improvements as part of the existing waste water improvements. Lambert stated that the lowest bid was received from G & C Contracting in the amount of \$94,000. A motion

was made to accept the bid from G & C Contracting was made by Deloris Smith and seconded by Peggy Holman. A roll call vote was taken with all ayes.

B. AWARDING BIDS SEALING CITY STREETS

The Clerk stated that there was only one bid received for sealing the city streets. Mayor Tatum opened the bid up from Causey Company from Bloomfield, MO. The bid was \$43,440 to seal all of the city's streets. A motion was made by Terry Cole to accept the bid from Causey Company, LLC for the sealing of the city streets and Peggy Holman seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Deloris Smith – no, Peggy Holman- yes, and Terry Cole – yes. Motion passed.

C. AWARDING BIDS OLD POLICE CAR

Mayor Tatum informed everyone that four bids were received on the patrol car. The first bid was from Ferrell Court Services in the amount of \$327.95, Delta Auto Salvage \$666.66, Kevin Watkins \$352.00 and Brock Auto Salvage \$408.88. A motion was made by Terry Cole and seconded by Peggy Holman to go with the high bid from Delta Auto Salvage in the amount of \$666.66. A roll call vote followed with all ayes. Motion passed.

D. AWARDING GENERATOR SERVICE BIDS

Two bids were received on the city's generator service. The first one was from Southeast Services out of DeSoto in the amount of \$3981.77 with an option load bank of \$2320.00 and the second bid was from CK Power from St. Louis with a total of \$7311 for the service including the load bank. A motion was made by Terry Cole and seconded by Peggy Holman to accept the bid from Southeast Services. A roll call vote followed with all ayes.

E. AMENDING ORDINANCE 256 SECTION 78.2.2 (BILL _____/ORD _____)

Mayor Tatum introduced Bill 1054 for its first, second and third readings amending section 78.2.2 of Ordinance 256 stating that camper trailers can be parked anywhere on an individual's premise as long as they are not being used for housing or business. A motion was made by Terry Cole to place the bill on its first, second and third readings. The clerk read the bill and followed with a roll call vote: Terry Cole- yes, Deloris Smith- yes, Peggy Holman – yes and Christopher McMackin – absent. Mayor Tatum declared that Bill 1054 had become Ordinance 1044.

F. APPROVING AUDIT REPORT

Clerk Danielle Patrick stated that there were no findings in the audit report. A motion to approve the yearly audit report was made by Terry Cole and seconded by Peggy Holman. A roll call vote followed with all ayes. The motion passed.

G. REVIEW/POSSIBLE AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE 599 – REGARDING BUSINESS TRASH DUMPSTER

City Code Enforcer Harold Tarrants stated that there are some issues with some business allowing their trash to blow out of their dumpsters causing litter through the city. Tarrants wanted to make the board aware of the issue so that they could determine the path that they would like to follow. Alderman Cole asked about writing tickets for those whose trash is falling out causing the litter. Tarrants stated that he would have to get with Mr. Fuchs to see how that would work. A motion to table the issue was made by Deloris Smith and seconded by Peggy Holman. Motion passed.

H. FIRE DEPARTMENT – CHRIS SMITH & RANDALL BRIGGS


A motion was made by Deloris Smith to accept the 50/50 grant from the Conservation Department. The motion died due to lack of a second. Motion did not pass.


With all regular business concluded the Clerk stated that the convention center needs a 16 ft. ladder and the cheapest one she has found is at Lowes and the cost is \$635.54. A motion to purchase the ladder was made Terry Cole and seconded by Deloris Smith. A roll call vote followed with all ayes. Motion passed.

The Clerk stated that the ISO report showed that the city needs to update to the International Building Codes of 2012 because the version that we are currently using is 2006. A motion was made by Deloris Smith and seconded by Peggy Holman to have the Clerk prepare an ordinance for the next meeting adopting the 2012 International Building Codes. A roll call vote followed with all ayes.

Alderwoman Deloris Smith stated that there is an issue with the dogs and she is aware that we are having issues taking the dogs to the Sikeston Area Humane Society. Clerk Danielle Patrick stated that in order to build pens they have to build with concrete floor, three sides and a roof. Alderman Cole asked Marvin Hatton where a good place would be to put a pen. Hatton told them they could build pens at the lagoon. Everyone agreed that for the next meeting the board needs prices of how much it will cost to build the pens to specifications to get the city's kennel license back.

A motion to adjourn was made by Terry Cole and seconded by Peggy Holman. A roll call vote followed with all ayes. Meeting adjourned.


Mayor


Clerk