

CITY OF MINER  
BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
REGULAR MEETING  
MINER COURT ROOM  
June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2013  
5:30 P.M.

The Miner Board of Alderman met on June 17th, 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, Deloris Smith – present, Peggy Holman – present, and Nipul Patel – present. Those present in attendance were Fire Chief Chris Smith, Jimmy Alsup, Mark Baker, Roger Manwaring, Donnie Anglin, Bob Simpson, Chief of Police Chris Griggs, Glenda Wilson, Kevin Harris, Aaron Askew, Darrin Skinner, Harold Tarrants, Marvin Hatton, Michael Yaworski, Kyle Rodgers, 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 questions on the bills, minutes, and reports for the month of May 2013. Alderman Terry Cole asked about the position of City Clerk being appointed. Cole stated that he contacted the Municipal League and they stated that the Clerk had to be appointed by State Statue. Mark Baker with IBEW Local 702 stated that he would be happy to take a look at that, he is not going to disagree with Cole publicly but the Union does not take that position. City Attorney Joseph Fuchs stated that the City could appoint the Clerk or they could let the Union contract stand as the appointment for the Clerk. Alderwoman Peggy Holman stated that she had a question on how she could vote when she was not present. She asked City Attorney Joseph Fuchs about the issue and he said that he would address the issue privately. A motion was made by Deloris Smith to accept the bills, minutes, and reports for the month of May 2013 and the motion was seconded by Nipul Patel. A roll call vote followed with the following results Terry Cole –yes, Peggy Holman – no, Deloris Smith-yes and Nipul Patel – yes. Motion passed.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

A. DOG KENNELS

Mayor Tatum asked for an update on the status of a contract with the Sikeston Area Humane Society. City Clerk Danielle Patrick stated that we have a tentative agreement with the Sikeston Area Humane Society that states that the City will pay an intake fee of \$35 per dog that is taken to their facility. Harold Tarrants, Code Enforcer asked the Mayor and the Board of Alderman to tentatively agree upon the purposed agreement once the Humane Society Board meets on Tuesday June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2013, then we should have an agreement. Alderperson Peggy Holman asked about the issue of cats because there are two people on Harrison Street complaining on cats. Harold Tarrants stated that we currently do not have an ordinance on cats. Alderwoman Deloris Smith asked if Tarrants could find out about the issue of cats. Tarrants asked the Board to consider to making an ordinance on cats. A motion to tentatively approve the agreement with the Sikeston Area Humane Society was made by Terry Cole and seconded by Peggy Holman. A roll call vote followed with all ayes. Motion passed.

B. OPENING/ AWARDING BIDS FOR THE MODIFICATION TO CONVENTION CENTER SIGN

Mayor Tatum asked for a motion to remove this item from the agenda since we have not received any bids on this item. A motion was made by Terry Cole and seconded by Peggy Holman to remove the item from the agenda. A roll call vote followed with all ayes. Motion passed.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. IBEW LOCAL 702 POLICE DEPARTMENT CONTRACT (BILL \_\_\_\_\_/ORD \_\_\_\_\_)
- Mayor Tatum presented Bill 1069 to the Board for its first, second and third readings. Mark Baker with IBEW Local 702 came before the Mayor and the Board of Alderman and stated that he emailed the City a letter last Friday morning and the members have ratified a tentative agreement that was placed in everyone's packets. Mark Baker with IBEW Local 702 stated that he was there to answer any questions to anyone may have. Alderman Terry Cole asked about the starting salary for the police officers being so low. Baker responded that the goal of a starting salary of \$15.00 per hour but \$11.75 to \$15.00 per hour is a big jump. Baker stated that they are trying to get to that point incrementally. Alderman Terry Cole stated that he understood that during the first meeting that he did not attend the pay rates were higher, Mr. Baker replied "there was discussion of getting the police officer starting pay up to \$15 per hour, but when you try to put a schedule together it gets really out of balance really quick". Mayor Tatum stated that after a lot of negotiations and hearing that the city is going to have to pay a good starting pay to get good officers so we came from the \$15.00 per hour starting pay to \$13.00 per hour for a starting pay for them. Mayor Tatum let everyone know that the Captain and Chief Dispatcher position will be posted for whoever wishes to apply for the position can do so. After much discussion a motion was made Nipul Patel and seconded by Deloris Smith to place Bill 1069 on its first, second and third readings. The Clerk read the bill and followed with a roll call vote Terry Cole – Yes, Peggy Holman – Yes, Deloris Smith –Yes and Nipul Patel – Yes. Mayor Tatum announced that Bill 1069 had become Ordinance 1058.
- B. SPEED BUMPS
- Mayor Tatum stated that he has had several citizens contact him requesting that speed bumps be placed throughout the city due to children playing in the streets and cars going too fast. Mayor Tatum informed everyone that there has been some requested on Albert Drive, Harrison Street, Jarvis Street, and possibly Gilmore Street. After much discussion a motion was made by Deloris Smith and seconded by Nipul Patel to table the issue until more research can be done. A roll call vote followed with all ayes.
- C. GOLF CARTS –CHIEF GRIGGS
- Chief of Police Chris Griggs present the Mayor and the Board with the information he found while researching the issue of golf carts within the city limits of Miner. Chief Griggs informed the Mayor and the Board of Aldermen that the city can enact an ordinance for neighborhood vehicles and he suggested placing in the ordinance that only licensed drivers may drive the carts on city streets. City Attorney Joseph Fuchs also stated that an ordinance needs to state that they can only ride them on the streets one hour after sunrise until one hour before sunset. A motion to have the Clerk prepare an ordinance for the July meeting was made by Nipul Patel and seconded by Deloris Smith. A roll call vote followed with all ayes.
- D. BUSH HOGS
- Mayor Frank Tatum stated that there were issues with the bush hogs that were purchased from Dewitt Auction Company. Public Works Supervisor Marvin Hatton stated that the bush hogs purchased from Dewitt were not heavy enough, so Mr. Dewitt said for the city to bring them back. After some discussion on whether or not to buy one or two bush hogs and whether or not to mow the interstate, Mayor Tatum stated he felt that the interstate needs to be mowed before the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. A motion was made by Deloris Smith and seconded by Nipul Patel to purchase on bush hog from Sikeston Implement for \$3250.00. A roll call vote followed with all ayes. Motion passed.
- E. POLICE OFFICER
- Mayor Tatum stated that he felt this needed to be tabled until everyone can have a chance to review the resume and until the new contract goes into effect on July 1. Darrin Skinner stated that Aaron Askew is currently working full-time hours with no benefits and he would like to be hired full-time. After much discussion a motion was made by Peggy Holman and seconded by Terry Cole to hire Mr. Askew as a full-time officer. A roll call vote was taken with all ayes. Motion passed.

F. TIME CLOCK POLICE DEPARTMENT

Mayor Tatum stated that he felt that the police department needs a time clock. City Attorney Joseph Fuchs stated that the city needs a verifiable system and time cards are the easiest way to go. After much discussion a motion to dismiss the time clock issue and remain to writing in time on the time sheets was made by Terry Cole and seconded by Nipul Patel. A roll call vote followed with all ayes. Motion passed.

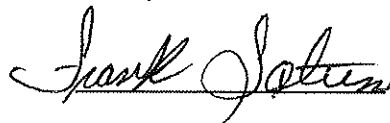
G. ELECTRICITY AT LIFT STATION – MARVIN HATTON

Public Works Supervisor Marvin Hatton stated that the city needs to replace the pole that electricity is ran to the green lift station. Hatton explained that the two bids were received for work to be done. One bid was from Ameren to install a new pole at the site in the amount of \$2220.14 and the other from Willard Fincher was to install underground service from new panel to pole approximately 120 ft. to the south and to install a new meter base and new fused disconnect at the panel for \$2000. Hatton explained that they are also looking at a price from Willard Fincher to install a new transfer switch at the same location. A motion was made by Deloris Smith and seconded by Nipul Patel to have the transfer switch installed and do whatever is the least costly on the line of service to the green lift station. A roll call vote followed with all ayes.

With all regular business concluded Mayor Tatum announced that the sealing of city streets will be starting on July 8<sup>th</sup> and it will start in the West side of the city and they will be working their way to the East side.

Alderwoman Peggy Holman requested that the July 15<sup>th</sup> meeting be rescheduled due to her being out of town. A motion was made by Nipul Patel and seconded by Deloris Smith to move the meeting in July to the 8<sup>th</sup>. A roll call vote followed with all ayes.

With all business conclude a motion was made by Deloris Smith and seconded by Nipul Patel. A roll call vote followed with all ayes. Meeting adjourned.



Mayor

Clerk:

  
Attest