

CITY OF MINER
BOARD OF ALDERMEN
REGULAR MEETING
MINER COURT ROOM
May 21, 2013
5:30 P.M.

The Miner Board of Alderman met on May 21st, 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 – absent, and Nipul Patel – present. Those present in attendance were Fire Chief Chris Smith, Chris Beavers, Sikeston Chief of Police Drew Juden, Mark Baker, Bob Simpson, Donnie Anglin, Jimmy Alsup, Cindy Cole, Harold Tarrants, Tod Ledbetter, Marvin Hatton, Norman Lingle, 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 questions with the minutes from April 16, 2013, bills for the month of April and the reports for the month of April. Alderman Terry Cole stated that he had a question for the code enforcement officer regarding property on AA Highway. Alderman Cole asked Code Enforcer Harold Tarrants about the property belonging to Jerry James on AA Highway that has extremely tall weeds. Cole inquired on how tall the weeds have to be before the property is mowed, Tarrants replied that it has to be 10 inches and he has spoken to Mr. James and is working on getting the matter resolved. Tarrants informed everyone that if Jerry James does not take care of the issue by this week then he will get letter giving him 10 days to take action. With no more questions a motion was made by Terry Cole and seconded by Deloris Smith to approve the bills, minutes, and reports for the month of April 2013. A roll call vote followed with all ayes.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. DOG KENNELS

Mayor Tatum informed everyone that Harold Tarrants has been in contact with the Humane Society in order to try to work something out with them. Tarrants explained to everyone that currently we are waiting on repairs to be made to the kennels that we are going to available to for the City's use at the Sikeston Area Humane Society. When the kennels they will have a combination lock so that dogs can be placed in them at any time day or night and the fee that the City will be charged will be \$20.00 per dog that is placed in the kennels. A motion to table the matter until the contract is received and can be reviewed was made by Deloris Smith and seconded by Nipul Patel. A roll call vote followed with all ayes.

B. LAGOON LIGHTNING DAMAGE / POLICE DEPARTMENT LIGHTNING DAMAGE

Mayor Tatum asked the Clerk how much the damage was done to the lagoon. The Clerk informed everyone that the damage to the lagoon was \$5250.00 and has already been paid and we are waiting to find out the cost to repair the doors at the police department. Nipul Patel stated that he felt the matter should be turned into insurance since that is why we pay the premiums. Mayor Tatum stated that since that is in new business then we will take the matter up in new business.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. FIRE DEPARTMENT DISCUSSION CITY OF SIKESTON

Mayor Tatum asked anyone if they had any questions for Chief Juden. With no questions Alderwoman Deloris Smith stated that campaigned on keeping on keeping the fire department. Alderman Patel stated that he contacted his insurance company and that they stated that they base rates on how close the fire department is located to the business and the city infrastructure. Mayor Tatum went on to say that this has been researched on the City's part as well and in order to change the ISO it would be based on the city's infrastructure. Mayor Tatum stated that the fire department is part of the City and does not think that we should give away part of the City. A motion was made by Deloris Smith to keep the fire department and the motion was seconded by Nipul Patel. Roll call Deloris Smith –yes, Nipul Patel – yes, Terry Cole – no – "I think we should have checked into further," replied Cole, Peggy Holman – absent.

B. OPENING / AWARDING BIDS FOR 2 NEW BUSH HOGS

Mayor Tatum stated that the City had received 4 bids on 2 new bush hogs. The first bid was from Dewitt Auction Company with a grand total of \$2250.00, Medlin Equipment Company \$5750.00, Greenway Equipment \$5,550.00, and Holt Agribusiness \$18,100.00 A motion was made by Deloris Smith to accept the bid from Dewitt Auction Company and the motion was seconded by Nipul Patel. A roll call vote followed with all ayes.

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

Mayor Tatum stated that there were not any bids received on increasing the height of the Convention Center sign and asked for a motion to table. A motion was made by Deloris Smith and seconded by Nipul Patel. A roll call vote followed with all ayes.

D. OPENING/ AWARDING BIDS FOR POLICE DEPARTMENT DOOR LOCK SYSTEM

Mayor Tatum asked Chief Griggs if the current system was fixed or if they were still having issues. Chief Griggs explained that when the lightning hit the locking system that in order to repair the front door, they had to remove the locking system from the inner cell door to repair the broken door. Chief Griggs stated that the City also needs to see about getting the other two doors secured at the police department. Mayor Tatum informed Chief Griggs if we award the bid we will work with them at that point. Mayor Tatum stated that the only bid received was from Hi Tech in the amount of \$15,193.50. A motion to accept the bid and turn in all lightning damage to insurance was made by Deloris Smith and seconded by Nipul Patel. A roll call vote was taken with all ayes.

E. APPROVING LIQUOR LICENSES (LARRY'S PITSTOP, RUBY TUESDAY, FOOD GIANT, DRURY HOTELS, PEAR TREE INN & MFA Breaktime)

Mayor Tatum asked a member of the board of alderman to take over the passing of the liquor licenses. Alderwoman Deloris Smith asked Chief of Police Chris Griggs if he had any issues out of any of the businesses requesting licenses and he stated that he does not have any issues. A motion was made by Deloris Smith and seconded by Nipul Patel. A roll call vote followed with all ayes.

F. AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE 1036 CONDUCT FOR COUNCIL MEETINGS (BILL _____ / ORD _____)

Mayor Tatum presented Bill 1066 to the Board of Alderman for its first, second and third readings. Alderman Cole stated he was not sure what was changing on the Bill and Mayor Tatum replied that it is changing things back to the way it was with previous council. A motion to read the bill was made by Deloris Smith and seconded by Nipul Patel. The Clerk read the bill and followed with a roll call vote: Deloris Smith – yes, Terry Cole – no, Nipul Patel – yes, and Peggy Holman – absent. City attorney Joseph Fuchs stated that in matters like this an absent is counted as a no, so Mayor Tatum broke the tie with a yes vote. Mayor Tatum announced that Bill 1066 had become Ordinance 1055.

G. AN ORDINANCE SETTING THE DATE FOR THE MONTHLY BOARD OF ALDERMAN MEETINGS (BILL _____ / ORD _____)

Mayor Tatum presented Bill 1067 for its first, second and third readings. Alderman Cole stated that he could not make a Monday night meeting and did not see the need to change it. Mayor Tatum stated that he has been approached by various business men requesting the meeting date be changed. After much discussion a motion was made by Deloris Smith and seconded by Nipul Patel to place the bill on its first, second and third readings. The Clerk read the bill and followed with a roll call vote: Deloris Smith – yes, Peggy Holman – absent, Terry Cole – no, Nipul Patel – yes, Mayor Tatum broke tie with a yes vote. Mayor Tatum announced that Bill 1067 become Ordinance 1056.

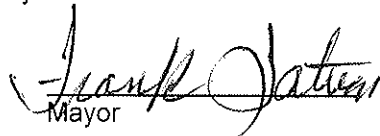
H. AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE AGREEMENT WITH THE IBEW LOCAL 702 FOR THE CITY EMPLOYEES AGREEMENT (BILL _____ / ORD _____)

Mayor Tatum presented Bill 1068 for its first, second and third readings. Alderman Cole stated that he wanted to know when the City Clerk's position went to the union agreement instead of being appointed. Mark Baker with IBEW Local 702 stated that since the contract has been in place the Clerk has been a part of that bargaining unit. Alderman Cole also asked what would happen if the health insurance renewals go up 300% when Obama Care goes into place? Mark Baker with IBEW Local 702 stated that the Union would be more than glad to sit down and talk about that issue if it arises. After much discussion a motion was made by Deloris Smith and seconded by Nipul Patel 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, Nipul Patel – yes and Peggy Holman – absent. Mayor Tatum declared that Bill 1068 had become Ordinance 1057.

With all regular business concluded Jimmy Alsup asked the City what they planned on doing with all of the kids riding golf carts on the City streets. Alderwoman Deloris Smith asked Chief of Police Chris Griggs to do some research on what the City needs to adopt in order to take care of the matter.

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.


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Mayor