**Regular Board Meeting Minutes – December 12, 2016 – 6:30 p.m.**

Present: Mayor James A. Watson, Aldermen – Larry Roberts, Mike Rickerson, Donald Lathrom and Dorothy Lanpher, City Clerk Cindy Bowman, City Superintendent Dennie Carothers, City Attorney Jim McConnell and Police Chief Raymond Barton.

Guests: Troy Renner, Corby Cochenour, Mike Tompkins, Karen Ragan and Kathy Johnson

Mayor Watson called the meeting to order at 6:25 pm.

During the public comment portion of the meeting, Karen Ragan and Kathy Johnson addressed the Board concerning when the street formerly known as Dewey Street was renamed to Cedar Avenue. Kathy and Karen were informed that City records would be searched to find when this change took place and provide them with copies of that documentation.

Alderman Roberts moved, with a second by Alderwoman Lanpher, to approve the agenda. On voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Alderwoman Lanpher moved, with a second by Alderman Lathrom, to approve the minutes of the November 14, 2016 regular and closed session meetings and Public Hearing. On voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

The treasurer’s report was given as follows:

 Balance Brought Forward: $1,066,137.54

 Deposits: $123,316.51

 Checks: $144,157.90

 Ending Balance: $1,045,296.15

Alderman Rickerson moved, with a second by Alderman Roberts, to accept the treasurer’s reports. On voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Alderman Rickerson moved, with a second by Alderwoman Lanpher, to approve the payment of the city bills. On voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Bids for banking services for 2017 and 2018 were as follows:

 Clarence State Bank 1.20% fixed rate

 Community State Bank 5 basis points over the 91 day

 US Treasury Bill rate

Alderman Roberts moved, with a second by Alderman Lathrom, to accept the bid for banking services from Clarence State Bank. On voice vote, the motion carried 3-0 with Alderman Rickerson abstaining.

Discussion concerning a representative from Clarence to the Shelby County Economic Development Board was held. Mayor Watson stated that he would attend the meetings until a representative could be found.

Mike Tompkins, Michael N. Tompkins, LLC, presented the annual audited financial statements for the year ending June 30, 2016. Alderman Roberts moved, with a second by Alderwoman Lanpher, to approve the audit as presented. On voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

The City Superintendent report was reviewed next. Superintendent Carothers explained that the Missouri Public Utility Alliance Natural Gas Commission was looking to extend the time for purchase of natural gas on the futures market to five years from the current two years. Alderman Roberts moved, with a second by Alderman Lathrom, to approve the increase to five years for purchase of natural gas on the futures market by MPUA. On voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Alderman Roberts moved, with a second by Alderwoman Lanpher, to accept the City Superintendent Report. On voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

The City Clerk report was reviewed. Draft letters from Shannon J. Howe, P.E., S.E. of Howe Company, LLC concerning the inspection of commercial buildings in the 200 block of East Chestnut were reviewed. Alderman Lathrom moved, with a second by Alderman Rickerson, to have Mr. Howe inspect the interior of the buildings previously inspected. City staff is to contact the property owners, requesting access to the building in writing. Refusals will be processed through the legal system. On voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

With the resignation of Chuck Wood, it is necessary to appoint an official contact and alternate for Missouri Intergovernmental Risk Management Association (MIRMA). Alderwoman Lanpher moved, with a second by Alderman Roberts, to appoint City Clerk Bowman as the official contact with Alderman Lathrom as the alternate. On voice vote, the motion carried 3-0 with Alderman Lathrom abstaining.

City Clerk Bowman stated that she had not obtained bids for the repair/replacement of the door frame to the Fire Station due to two doors on City Hall also need work. She suggested that bids be obtained to work on all three doors. Alderman Roberts moved, with a second by Alderwoman Lanpher, to seek bids to repair all three doors. On voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Alderman Rickerson moved, with a second by Alderman Lathrom, to accept the City Clerk Report.

The Police Chief report was reviewed. Alderman Roberts moved, with a second by Alderwoman Lanpher, to approve the report from the Police Chief. On voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Alderman Roberts moved, with a second by Alderman Lathrom, to accept the Fire Chief report. On voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Alderman Roberts moved, with a second by Alderman Rickerson, to adjourn the meeting. On voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Bowman

City Clerk