**Regular Board Meeting Minutes – February 13, 2017 – 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 and City Attorney Jim McConnell.

Guests: Corby Cochenour and Troy Renner

Mayor Watson called the meeting to order at 6:28 pm.

There was no one present for the public comment section off the meeting.

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

Alderman Rickerson moved, with a second by Alderman Roberts, to approve the minutes of the January 9, 2017 regular session meeting and the February 3, 2017 special meeting. On voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

The treasurer’s report was given as follows:

 Balance Brought Forward: $1,051,657.14

 Deposits: $225,878.90

 Checks: $147,118.38

 Ending Balance: $1,130,417.66

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

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

Alderman Roberts stated that he was submitting his resignation effective immediately due to a conflict of interest with being a Shelby County Commissioner. Alderman Rickerson moved to accept the resignation to appoint a replacement at a special meeting to be held in conjunction with the regular April 2017 meeting. On voice vote, the motion carried unanimously with Alderman Roberts abstaining. Alderman Roberts then stepped down from the meeting.

A letter had been received from Judge Mike Greenwell requesting financial contributions for Treatment Court. It was decided that this item would be considered in the 2017-18 budget.

The annual appointment to the University of Missouri Extension Council was next on the agenda. Troy Renner stated that he would be willing to continue. Alderman Rickerson moved, with a second by Alderwoman Lanpher, to appoint Troy Renner as the Clarence representative to the University of Missouri Extension Council. On voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Bid solicitation for gravel and mowing were reviewed. Alderwoman Lanpher moved, with a second by Alderman Rickerson, to seek bids for gravel and the mowing of the cemetery and pool. On voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

A statement of management support for the natural gas system public education program was presented by City Clerk Bowman. Alderwoman Lanpher moved, with a second by Alderman Rickerson, to approve this statement. On voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Watson read Bill No. 2017-002, an ordinance to add Article III to Chapter 135: Municipal Court, concerning administrative search warrants of the Clarence Municipal Code and enact Section 135.030: Administrative Search Warrants, by title. Alderwoman Lanpher moved, with a second by Alderman Rickerson, to approve the first reading of Bill No. 2017-002. On roll call vote the motion was approved as follows:

 AYES: 3-Lanpher, Rickerson and Lathrom

 NOES: 0

Bill No. 2017-002, an ordinance to add Article III to Chapter 135: Municipal Court, concerning administrative search warrants of the Clarence Municipal Code and enact Section 135.030: Administrative Search Warrants, was read by title a second time by Mayor Watson. Alderman Lathrom moved, with a second by Alderwoman Lanpher, to approve the second reading of Bill No. 2017-002. On roll call vote the motion was approved as follows:

 AYES: 3-Lanpher, Rickerson and Lathrom

 NOES: 0

Bill No. 2017-002 was assigned Ordinance No. 589.

The City Superintendent report was reviewed next. Alderman Rickerson moved, with a second by Alderwoman Lanpher, to cease placing door hangers for delinquent utility accounts. The disconnect notice mailed on the 16th of the month will be the final notice before cutoffs. On voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Alderman Rickerson 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. Discussion was held regarding the necessity of purchasing software for the municipal court or transferring court to Shelby County. City Attorney McConnell and City Clerk Bowman were directed to do further research into available software and report back at the March meeting.

City Clerk Bowman explained the necessity of recodification of the Clarence Municipal Code. Alderwoman Lanpher moved, with a second by Alderman Rickerson, to authorize City Clerk Bowman to proceed with the recodification process with General Code with a limit of $7,500.00. On voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Alderman Lathrom moved, with a second by Alderman Rickerson, to approve the City Clerk Report. On voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

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

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

Alderman Rickerson moved, with a second by Alderwoman Lanpher, to go into closed session pursuant to RSMo 610.021 subsection 3 – Hiring, firing, disciplining or promoting of particular employees by a public governmental body. On roll call vote, the motion carried as follows:

 AYES: 3-Rickerson, Lanpher and Lathrom

 NOES: 0

Regular session ended at 8:20 pm.

**CLOSED SESSION MINUTES** (recorded elsewhere)

The regular session resumed at 8:50 pm.

Rick Maupin had requested dirt be placed in the low spots of the part and seeded down before the Homecoming this year. Superintendent Carothers will be notified of this request.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:53 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Bowman

City Clerk