**Regular Board Meeting Minutes – July 14, 2014 – 6:30 p.m.**

Present: Mayor James A. Watson, Aldermen – Kenny Hoffman, Donald Lathrom, Dorothy Lanpher and Byron McLelland, City Administrator Chuck Wood, City Clerk Cindy Bowman, City Attorney Jim McConnell, City Superintendent Dennie Carothers, Fire Chief Bill Hall and Police Chief Raymond Barton.

Guests: Dennis Williams, Karen Ragan, Nathan Spurgeon, Faith Roemmelt, Debbie Griswold, Tina Alderman, James Barton, Walt Daniel and Troy Renner.

Mayor Watson called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Under public comment, Karen Ragan questioned the Board concerning the buildings on the demolition list. City Administrator Wood explained the process and stated that once the walk-through with the contractors is done, nothing can be taken out of the buildings. Ms. Ragan also asked if any additional striping would be done on Maple or Chestnut Streets. City Superintendent Carothers stated that no more striping would be done this summer.

Tina Alderman expressed opposition to a business rumored to be coming to town. It was explained that Clarence Community Advancement Corporation is the entity seeking new businesses in town and that any information the Board may have regarding prospective businesses is confidential at this time. The Board assured Ms. Alderman that public forums would be held to determine any opposition to a business before final agreements are reached.

Debbie Griswold stated that she felt that Police Chief Barton should have better things to do than to question her regarding the leak of closed session information. It was explained that the City was conducting an investigation and that Chief Barton is the City’s investigation officer.

Alderman McLelland moved, with a second by Alderwoman Lanpher, to add an additional closed session pursuant to RSMo 610.021 subsection 1, legal action involving a governmental body, and approve the agenda as amended. On voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Alderman Hoffman moved, with a second by Alderman Lathrom, to approve the minutes of the June 9, 2014 regular meeting and the June 24, 2014 and July 3, 2014 special meetings. On voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

The treasurer’s report was given as follows:

Balance Brought Forward: $1,154,159.75

Deposits: $109,821.32

Checks: $138,279.75

Ending Balance: $1,125,701.32

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

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

Walt Daniel addressed the Board regarding the agreement for the hay ground at the factory property. Alderman McLelland moved, with a second by Alderwoman Lanpher, to postpone this item to allow City Administrator Wood and Mr. Daniel to work out an agreement. On voice vote, the motion carried 3-0 with Alderman Lathrom abstaining.

The Board allowed Nathan Spurgeon to address the Board. Mr. Spurgeon had spoken with former Administrator McLeland concerning an event he would be hosting at the Clarence Lake, August 9, 2014. Mr. Spurgeon has rented the shelter house and all campsites for that date and has invited several bands to play. The event is open to the public at no charge. Alderman McLelland moved, with a second by Alderman Lathrom, to approve the event provided the necessary insurance is obtained. On voice vote the motion carried unanimously.

Faith Roemmelt, representing the Clarence Rural Housing board, was present to discuss the billing for street lights at Rural Housing. Currently, the City pays $27.00 each for the nine lights and bills Rural Housing $33.00 per month. No documentation has been found for the original agreement. Alderman McLelland moved, with a second by Alderman Hoffman, that the City would pay for two street lights and bill Rural Housing $27.00 per light for the remaining seven effective with the August 1, 2014 billing. On voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Watson read Bill No. 2014-007, an ordinance authorizing the levy and collection of abatement costs incurred for certain properties, by title. Alderman Hoffman moved, with a second by Alderman McLelland, to approve the first reading of Bill No. 2014-007. On roll call vote, the motion carried as follows:

AYES: 4-Lanpher, McLelland, Lathrom and Hoffman

NOES: 0

Mayor Watson read Bill No. 2014-007, an ordinance authorizing the levy and collection of abatement cost incurred for certain properties, by title a second time. Alderman McLelland moved, with a second by Alderwoman Lanpher, to approve the second reading of Bill No. 2014-007. On roll call vote, the motion carried as follows:

AYES: 4-Lanpher, McLelland, Lathrom and Hoffman

NOES: 0

Bill No. 2014-007 was assigned Ordinance 568.

Alderwoman Lanpher moved, with a second by Alderman McLelland, to approve the bank resolution removing Zach McLeland and adding Chuck Wood as signatures to all bank accounts for the City. On voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Alderman Hoffman moved, with a second by Alderwoman Lanpher, to accept the City Administrator report. On voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Alderman Hoffman moved, with a second by Alderman McLelland, to accept the Police Chief report. On voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Alderman Hoffman moved, with a second by Alderwoman Lanpher, to authorize City Superintendent Carothers to purchase a refrigerator from state surplus. On voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Alderwoman Lanpher moved, with a second by Alderman Hoffman, to go in to closed session pursuant to RSMo 610.021 subsection 1 – Legal actions involving a governmental body and 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: 4-Hoffman, Lanpher, McLelland and Lathrom

NOES: 0

**CLOSED SESSION MINUTES** (recorded elsewhere)

The meeting returned to open session at 7:43 pm.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:44 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Bowman

City Clerk