**Regular Board Meeting Minutes – September 11, 2017 – 6:30 p.m.**

Present: Mayor James A. Watson, Aldermen – Donald Lathrom, Patrick Parker, Mike Rickerson and Dorothy Lanpher, City Attorney Jim McConnell, City Clerk Cindy Bowman, Fire Chief Bill Hall, Superintendent/Administrator Dennie Carothers and Police Chief Raymond Barton.

Guests: Corby Cochenour

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

City Clerk Bowman stated that the agenda would need to be corrected as Bill No. 2017-013, an ordinance to assign lease of real estate, had not been received in time to add it to the agenda and that Bill No. 2017-012, an ordinance to establish a procedure for making future connections, would need to be removed from the agenda for corrections. Alderwoman Lanpher moved, with a second by Alderman Lathrom, to accept the proposed amendments and approve the agenda as amended. On voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Alderman Rickerson moved, with a second by Alderwoman Lanpher, to approve the minutes of the August 14, 2017 regular and August 23, 2017 special session meetings. On voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

The treasurer’s report was given as follows:

 Balance Brought Forward: $959,511.91

 Deposits: $142,825.68

 Checks: $154,944.38

 Ending Balance: $947,393.21

Alderwoman Lanpher moved, with a second by Alderman Lathrom, 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.

The Board was reminded that the upcoming walk through of the Clarence Elementary and School Board meeting would be this Wednesday at 6:00 pm. Everyone was encouraged to attend to show support for keeping the Clarence Elementary open.

The assignment of the FALCO lease to Alcast Company Midwest Works was postponed until a special meeting can be scheduled after Administrator/Superintendent Carothers has contacted Alcast about the unpaid bills from FALCO.

Alderwoman Lanpher moved, with a second by Alderman Rickerson, to add Dennie Carothers to the authorized signatures for all bank accounts for the City. On voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

The Superintendent/Administrator report was reviewed next. Alderman Rickerson moved, with a second by Alderman Parker, to have an ordinance prepared to increase the rates for the sewer system by seventy-five cents ($0.75) per one thousand gallons or the necessary amount to reach a rate of two percent (2%) of the median household income to make the City eligible to apply for grants for improvements to the sewer system. On voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Alderman Rickerson moved, with a second by Alderwoman Lanpher, to approve the installation of a dump station at the Clarence Lake. On voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Alderman Parker moved, with a second by Alderman Rickerson, to advertise for applications for an additional utility worker. On voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Alderman Rickerson moved, with a second by Alderwoman Lanpher, to approve the City Superintendent/Administrator report. On voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

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

The Fire Chief report was reviewed. Chief Hall requested an increase in salary. Alderman Parker moved, with a second by Alderman Rickerson, to increase the Fire Chief salary to $100.00 per month effective immediately. On voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

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

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

Administrator/Superintendent Carothers requested authorization to send Brandie Bowles to the Missouri Rural Water Office Professional seminar at Lodge of Four Seasons. On voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Bowman

City Clerk