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

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

Guests: Dennis Williams, Troy Renner, Travis Knapp and Larry Gibson

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

Travis Knapp addressed the board regarding complaints about the compost piles in his back yard. Mayor Watson and Alderman McLelland stated that these were not a problem in their opinion. No action was taken regarding this matter.

Troy Renner, Shelby County Economic Development Director, stated that the next meeting of the Shelby County Economic Development Board would be October 30th at Camp Jo-Ota. He also stated that a meeting concerning the Affordable Care Act will be held at his office in Shelbina on October 27th at 1 pm.

Larry Gibson, Naught-Naught Insurance Agency, addressed the board concerning the recently received renewal rates for the City employee health insurance program. Renewal rates with Anthem BCBS will be 25%. Alderman McLelland moved, with a second by Alderman Hoffman, to renew the coverage with Anthem BCBS unless coverage with better rates can be found. On voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Alderman McLelland 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 McLelland, to approve the minutes of the September 8, 2014 regular meeting and the closed session minutes from the July 14, August 14 and September 8, 2014 meetings. On voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

The treasurer’s report was given as follows:

Balance Brought Forward: $1,118,966.81

Deposits: $118,955.66

Checks: $140,760.46

Ending Balance: $1,097,162.01

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

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

Discussion was held regarding the culvert at Pearl and Walnut streets. Alderwoman Lanpher moved, with a second by Alderman McLelland, to postpone this item until the November meeting to allow City Administrator Wood to discuss the concerns with Advantage Metals. On voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

The board was updated on the progress of the demolition grant. The contractor meeting will be held October 29th with bids due by November 12th.

City Administrator Wood stated that the ordinances provide for the position of City Traffic Engineer. Alderman McLelland moved, with a second by Alderwoman Lanpher, to appoint Alderman Hoffman to the position, with no pay for the duties. On voice vote, the motion carried 3-0, with Alderman Hoffman abstaining.

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

Discussion was held concerning the repairs to the Mahindra tractor. City Administrator Wood and Superintendent Carothers were instructed to obtain bids to replace the tractor, trading it in as is. Alderwoman Lanpher moved, with a second by Alderman McLelland, to accept the City Superintendent report. On voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

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

Fire Chief Hall stated that an individual has expressed interest in becoming a fireman. This individual has stated that he was charged with a felony several years ago. Police Chief Barton stated that no convictions appear on the background check. Alderman McLelland moved, with a second by Alderwoman Lanpher, to allow this individual to become a fireman. On voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

City Administrator Wood stated that there is a potential conflict of interest with Fire Chief Hall concerning a dangerous building on Chestnut Street. Alderwoman Lanpher moved, with a second by Alderman Hoffman, to appoint City Administrator Wood as interim Building Inspector for the process concerning these buildings. On voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:43 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Bowman

City Clerk