**Regular Board Meeting Minutes – August 8, 2016 – 6:30 p.m.**

Present: Mayor James A. Watson, Aldermen – Larry Roberts, Mike Rickerson and Dorothy Lanpher, City Administrator Chuck Wood, City Clerk Cindy Bowman, City Superintendent Dennie Carothers and Police Chief Raymond Barton.

Alderman Donald Lathrom arrived at 7:08 pm.

Guests: Troy Renner, John Timmons, Harold Dean Carothers, Larry Owens, Jeanette Owens, Troy Treasure and Mike Scott

Mayor Watson called the property tax rate public hearing to order at 6:28 pm. John Timmons asked if there was to be a rate increase. Mayor Watson stated that the rates would remain at $1.00 for General, $0.20 for Streets and $0.10 for Library. There being no further comments from the public, the public hearing was adjourned at 6:31 pm.

Mayor Watson called the regular board meeting to order at 6:31 pm.

During the public comment portion of the meeting, John Timmons addressed the board concerning errors that had been made on the water bill for 109 N. Shelby. Mayor Watson stated that the proper corrections had been made to the account.

Mike Scott introduced Troy Treasure, who will be the new reporter for the Clarence Courier.

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 Rickerson, to approve the minutes of the July 11, 2016 regular and closed session meetings. On voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

The treasurer’s report was given as follows:

 Balance Brought Forward: $1,217,760.35

 Deposits: $146,029.84

 Checks: $137,446.25

 Ending Balance: $1,226,343.94

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

Upon review of the bills to be paid, Alderman Roberts moved, with a second by Alderman Rickerson, to change the contribution to the Shelby County Economic Development Board to $1,000.00. 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.

Glenn Eagan was not present for the meeting. City Clerk Bowman stated that Mr. Eagan had called and stated that nothing had changed with the status of the recycling trailers except that Shelby County would be paying for a dumpster to be located at the recycling center for the trash items that are placed in the trailers by residents. City Administrator Wood will be clarifying some items concerning the operation of the trailers with Mr. Eagan.

Alderman Lathrom arrived at the meeting.

Harold Dean Carothers addressed the board concerning the utility bill at 312 N. Shelby. It had been discovered that an error had been made in 2014 when the meter had been replaced. The amount billed for water had been incorrectly calculated since. City Clerk Bowman had issued a credit to the account on June 14th when the error had been found. At that time, Mr. Carothers had also requested that the account be removed from level pay and the credit amount be refunded. A refund of $800.00 had been issued with the remaining $88.53 credit left on the account to pay future bills. Mr. Carothers requested that the $55.87 remaining credit be issued back to him in a check. City Clerk Bowman was instructed to issue the check as requested.

Larry Owens and Jeanette Owens were present to discuss the water bill for the Trails End Motel. During the July meter reading, it had been discovered that a second meter for the motel had been turned on at some time without the City’s knowledge. Due to the piping for the motel, the second meter had been left in place, but was to have remained off. It has been determined that 356,500 gallons of water have been consumed through the second meter since the Owens’ had taken over the motel. Alderman Roberts moved, with a second by Alderman Rickerson, to calculate the August 1 bill at the average consumption for the past year. City Superintendent has corrected the meter situation and only one meter is now in service at that location.

Alderman Rickerson moved, with a second by Alderman Roberts, to approve the 2016 property tax rates as presented in the tax hearing subject to approval by the State Auditor’s office. On voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Watson read Bill No. 2016-010, an ordinance to establish a procedure to disclose potential conflicts of interest for certain municipal officials by title only. Alderwoman Lanpher moved, with a second by Alderman Lathrom to approve the first reading of Bill No. 2016-010. On roll call vote, the motion carried as follows:

 AYES: 4-Lanpher, Roberts, Rickerson and Lathrom

 NOES: 0

Mayor Watson read Bill No. 2016-010, an ordinance to establish a procedure to disclose potential conflicts of interest for certain municipal officials by title again. Alderwoman Lanpher moved, with a second by Alderman Lathrom, to approve the second reading of Bill No. 2016-010. On roll call vote, the motion carried as follows:

AYES: 4-Lanpher, Roberts, Rickerson and Lathrom

 NOES: 0

City Administrator Wood updated the Board regarding various issues around town. Alderman Roberts moved, with a second by Alderman Rickerson, to approve pay of $10.00 per call for only firemen who have received approved training, with the City contributing $50.00 per fireman for these trainings. On voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Discussing was held about replacing the Mahindra tractor. Administrator Wood is seeking bids for a replacement. Alderwoman Lanpher moved, with a second by Alderman Roberts, to accept the City Administrator report. On voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

The City Superintendent Report was reviewed next. The bids for repair of the lagoon berm on the west side of the lagoon were reviewed. The bids were as follows:

 Wiedeman Dozing $9,080.00

 Melson Plumbing $3,592.50

Alderman Roberts moved, with a second by Alderman Rickerson, to accept the bid from Melson Plumbing. 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 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.

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

The meeting ended at 8:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Bowman

City Clerk