**Regular Board Meeting Minutes – September 8, 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, David Masten, Nathan Blackford, Kodie Masten, Drae Schoo and Tim Maddex

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

David Masten, Kodie Masten, Drae Schoo and Nathan Blackford were present representing the Clarence/Shelbina Boy Scout troop.

Tim Maddex, Shelby County R-IV Superintendent, stated that the new pick up system is working well at the Clarence Elementary. He thanked the City for their assistance with this change. He also thanked Superintendent Carothers and Assistant Superintendent Lanpher for their assistance with the sewer problems.

Mayor Watson stated that item 2 should be struck from the agenda as the tax rate hearing was held in August. Alderwoman Lanpher moved, with a second by Alderman Lathrom, to approve the agenda as amended. On voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Alderman McLelland stated that the motion to approve the tax rate was recorded incorrectly in the August 14th minutes. Alderman McLelland moved, with a second by Alderman Lathrom, to approve the minutes of the August 14, 2014 regular meeting as corrected. On voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

The treasurer’s report was given as follows:

Balance Brought Forward: $1,120,555.44

Deposits: $105,980.46

Checks: $107,569.09

Ending Balance: $1,118,966.81

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

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

Mayor Watson read Bill No. 2014-009, an ordinance to establish a procedure to disclose potential conflicts of interest, by title. Alderman McLelland moved, with a second by Alderman Hoffman, to approve the first reading of Bill No. 2014-009. On roll call vote, the motion carried as follows:

AYES: 4-Lanpher, Lathrom, McLelland and Hoffman

NOES: 0

Mayor Watson read Bill No. 2014-009, an ordinance to establish a procedure to disclose potential conflicts of interest, by title a second time. Alderwoman Lanpher moved, with a second by Alderman Lathrom, to approve the second reading of Bill No. 2014-009. On roll call vote, the motion carried as follows:

AYES: 4-McLelland, Lanpher, Lathrom and Hoffman

NOES: 0

Bill No. 2014-009 was assigned Ordinance 570.

Brian Benson had requested authorization to purchase items for fire prevention week. The Clarence Rural Fire Association has agreed to pay half of the approximate $250.00 for these items. Alderman Hoffman moved, with a second by Alderman McLelland, to authorize this purchase. On voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Alderman Hoffman moved, with a second by Alderman McLelland, to authorize the school to make Beech Street one way during afternoon the dismissal period on a temporary basis. On voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Alderman Hoffman moved, with a second by Alderman McLelland, to charge the truck driver for the cleanup of dumped grain at the truck lot. On voice vote, the motion carried 3-1(Lanpher).

Alderman McLelland moved, with a second by Alderman Hoffman, to move the October meeting to Tuesday, October 14th, due to the Columbus Day holiday. On voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

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

Alderman McLelland moved, with a second by Alderman Hoffman, to pay reserve officers $10.00 per hours while Police Chief Barton is on medical leave. On voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

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

City Superintendent Carothers stated that a request had been made about installing additional culvert at Pearl and Walnut. Alderman McLelland moved, with a second by Alderwoman Lanpher, to authorize the installation if Advantage Metals is willing to pay for the culvert and gravel. The City would provide installation. On voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Discussion was held regarding the sewer problem at the school last week. Superintendent Carothers was instructed to contact Shafer, Kline and Warren concerning any warranty of the work from the sewer project. Alderman Hoffman moved, with a second by Alderman McLelland, to pay the bill from Elsen Plumbing for the repairs made. On voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent Carothers stated that he and Curtis Melson had met with Administrator Wood concerning the bill for street grinding. They had agreed to adjust the bill down $294.00 for the overtime caused on the incident with the water line on South Center Street. Alderwoman Lanpher moved, with a second by Alderman McLelland, to accept the adjusted bill. On voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Alderman Lathrom moved, with a second by Alderwoman Lanpher, to go in to closed session pursuant to RSMo 610.021 subsection 2 – Leasing, purchase or sale of real estate 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, Lathrom and McLelland

NOES: 0

Regular session ended at 7:55 pm. A five minute recess was held before beginning the closed session.

**CLOSED SESSION MINUTES** (recorded elsewhere)

The meeting returned to open session at 8:17 pm.

Alderman McLelland moved, with a second by Alderman Hoffman, to allow City Administrator Wood to serve as the Clarence Community Advancement Corporation Director in addition to his duties as City Administrator. On voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:22 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Bowman

City Clerk