**Regular Board Meeting Minutes – May 11, 2015 – 6:30 p.m.**

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

Guests: Dennis Williams, Troy Renner, Eric Scott and Emalee Pryor

Mayor Watson called the meeting to order at 6:27 pm.

Eric Scott and Emalee Pryor addressed the Board concerning a letter they had received concerning the past due account at 410 W. Elm Street. It had been reported that the residents (David Beshears family) from 410 W. Elm had moved in with Scott and Pryor, leaving a past due amount at the Elm Street address. The letter had notified Scott and Pryor that they would be responsible for the bill since Beshears were receiving utility service at their home. Mr. Scott assured the board that Beshears were not living at his home. It was decided that since the Beshears family were not living at the Scott/Pryor residence, no further collection actions would be taken with Scott and Pryor.

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

Alderman Hoffman moved, with a second by Alderman McLelland to approve the minutes of the April 13, 2015 regular and closed session meetings. On voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

The treasurer’s report was given as follows:

Balance Brought Forward: $1,252,870.80

Deposits: $132,320.51

Checks: $103,791.59

Ending Balance: $1,281,399.72

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

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

A building permit application from John Laye concerning moving the shipping container next to the existing metal building on his property and enclosing the container into an extension of the existing building. The Planning and Zoning Commission had unanimously recommended the approval of this application. Alderman McLelland moved, with a second by Alderman Lathrom, to approve the application pending payment of the fine and costs plus any legal fees incurred by the City to date for the pending court case within 60 days. On voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

The Liquor license application from Danny and Darla Hays, Hometown Restaurant, was reviewed. Alderman McLelland moved, with a second by Alderwoman Lanpher, to approve the application for 5% Beer and Wine liquor license pending approval by the State. On voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

The City Administrator report was reviewed next. Certificates of appreciation for various individuals were discussed.

Alderman Hoffman moved, with a second by Alderman Lathrom, to waive the camping permit fees for Danny Johnson, who will be performing at the homecoming, during the Clarence Homecoming. On voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Alderman Hoffman moved, with a second by Alderman McLelland, to bill the meter deposits for Hometown Restaurant and allow payments on the water and gas deposits. On voice vote, the motion carried 3-1, Lanpher.

The City Superintendent’s report was reviewed. Alderman McLelland moved, with a second by Alderwoman Lanpher, to pay up to $100.00 per year for steel toed boots for the utility workers. On voice vote, the motion carried 3-1, Hoffman.

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

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

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

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:46 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Bowman

City Clerk