

City Meeting Of July 16, 2013

Vice Mayor Tom Anderson called the meeting of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen to order at 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, July 16, 2013. The meeting was held at City Hall.

Invocation

Stephen Harper offered invocation. Vice Mayor Tom Anderson led the pledge of allegiance.

Roll Call

Present: Alderman Wiley, Vice Mayor Anderson, Alderman Webb, Alderman Johnson, Kelly Rider, City Recorder, Attorney Louis Oliver

Absent: Mayor Denton, Buddy Petty, City Engineer

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of June 18, 2013 were presented for approval or corrections.

Motion made by: Alderman Webb

Second: Alderman Johnson

Voting Aye: All

Voting No: None

Motion Carried.

Commissioners & Department Reports

Utilities

No Report.

Finance:

Vice Mayor Anderson read the bank balances as of the end of June 2013.

Park:

Alderman Webb stated the park board met at the Pioneer Park last month and worked on getting the requirements met to complete the grant. She stated they were purchasing three benches for the Ridgetop Station Park for the Walking Trail. She reported the city has received Level 1, Arboretum status. She stated we have 35 species of trees and have brochures with maps for citizens. She stated they are talking about possibly having a dedication in partnership with the Ridgetop Historical Society at their ice cream social.

Streets:

Alderman Wiley reported she has received several phone calls this month concerning potholes that need repair. Alderman Johnson asked about the three bids the board had discussed getting a month or so ago. Alderman Wiley stated it was her understanding this was done this week. She stated Chief White had taken the contractors around to review the roads.

Fire:

Alderman Johnson read the fire report. He reported the Annual Fire Department Fish Fry will be July 20, 2013 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Police:

No Report.

Planning & Zoning:

Alderman Johnson reported the planning commission had approved a plat for the Seventh Day Adventist.

Business Reports

City Engineer:

No Report.

City Attorney:

Attorney Louis Oliver stated he had spoken with City of Springfield's Attorney Jim Balthrop and presented a gas contract to discuss and possibly approve tonight.

City Recorder:

Kelly thanked all the volunteers, volunteer fireman and police officers who helped to repair Shedden Road bridge in the pouring rain. Kelly stated Belinda Murray's last day with the city will be July 19, 2013.

Mayor Comments

No Report.

Old Business:

Final Review of the Ridgetop Natural Gas System

Attorney Louis Oliver stated he had received a draft contract from City of Springfield Attorney Jim Balthrop regarding the operational aspects of gas system. He stated Springfield is meeting tonight and it is anticipated they will pass the contract as well. He stated this has been addressed with Springfield by Vice Mayor Anderson and Alderman Johnson. What it states is Springfield Gas will offer assistance to us in the maintenance and operation of the gas system and Ridgetop Gas will agree to reimburse Springfield for those cost. He reported either city can cancel the contract upon 30 day notice. The contract will expire in 6 months and can be renewed. He stated there is one issue in the contract he has pointed out to the Alderman previously regarding indemnification. He spoke with Attorney Balthrop and they have agreed to ask the respective cities to pass this contract subject to this provision. He stated they had found out today that the insurance carrier for both cities is the same. He stated they will go to the carrier and explain the situation and try to work something out. He stated they want to make sure there is adequate insurance to cover both parties. Attorney Oliver read the contract.

Final Review Ridgetop Natural Gas System

Alderman Johnson made the motion to cease all talk of negotiations with Navitas and move forward with the gas system. Alderman Wiley seconded.

Vice Mayor Anderson...yes

Alderman Johnson...yes

Alderman Webb...yes

Alderman Wiley...yes

Motion Carried.

Gas Contract with City of Springfield

Alderman Johnson made the motion to accept the contract with the exclusion of line item number # 10 with the City of Springfield and City of Ridgetop. Vice Mayor Anderson seconded.

Vice Mayor Anderson...yes

Alderman Johnson...yes

Alderman Wiley...yes

Alderman Webb...yes

Motion Carried.

New Business:

Police Car Purchase

Alderman Johnson made the motion to seek three bids for a Volkswagen Passat. Alderman Webb seconded.

Voting Aye: All

Voting No: None

Motion Carried.

Workshop

Vice Mayor Anderson scheduled a workshop for July 30, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

Interview Eddie Robertson

Vice Mayor Anderson made the motion to interview Eddie Robertson to see if or how he can assist the City of Ridgetop with the Natural Gas System and to inquire of his rates. Alderman Webb seconded.

Voting Aye: All

Voting No: None

Motion Carried.

Natural Gas Employee Hiring Committee

Alderman Johnson made the motion for Vice Mayor Anderson, Bob Parks and Mike Harris to serve on an employee hiring committee for the Natural Gas System with Josh Reasoner serving as an alternative if Mike Harris cannot serve. Vice Mayor Anderson seconded.

Voting Aye: All

Voting No: None

Motion Carried.

Utility Employee Review Committee

Alderman Johnson made the motion for Vice Mayor Tom Anderson, Stephen Harper and Mike Harris to serve on an utility employee review committee. Vice Mayor Anderson seconded.

Voting Aye: All

Voting No: None

Motion Carried.

Sediment Removal Bid for Shedden Road

Alderman Johnson made the motion to seek emergency bids for sediment removal at Shedden Road. Alderman Wiley seconded.

Voting Aye: All

Voting No: None

Motion Carried.

Engineer Design and Specifications

Vice Mayor Anderson made a motion to have an engineer review water study and create bridge design and specification not to exceed a cost of \$3000.00. Alderman Johnson seconded.

Voting Aye: All

Voting No: None

Motion Carried.

Pothole Repair

Alderman Johnson made the motion for Jeff Kelton to patch potholes when he is caught up on grass mowing. Alderman Webb seconded.

Voting Aye: All

Voting No: None

Motion Carried.

Citizens Comments

Ken Hall
Roger Anderson
David Love
Tony Reasoner
Joe Summar

There being no further business to come before the board, Vice Mayor Anderson moved for adjournment. Alderman Webb seconded.

Vice Mayor Anderson reopened the meeting for Ordinance 2013-106.

Ordinance 2013-106, An Ordinance to Amend Budget and Tax Rate Ordinance 2013-105

Alderman Johnson made the motion to accept Ordinance 2013-106, An Ordinance Amending Budget and Tax Rate Ordinance 2013-105 for Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014. Vice Mayor Anderson seconded.

Vice Mayor Anderson...yes

Alderman Johnson...yes

Alderman Wiley...yes

Alderman Webb...yes

Motion Carried.

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Mayor Denton

Kelly Rider, City Recorder