

City Council Meeting Minutes
May 14, 2018
7:30 p.m.

The Board of Aldermen met on Monday, May 14, 2018 in the Council Chamber at City Hall. Mayor Richard Bodi presided with the following present: Ald. Wade, Ald. Young and Cravens.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. The Mayor called the meeting to order.

The Minutes from the March 23rd and March 29th, 2018 meetings were presented. Ald. Wade made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Ald. Cravens seconded, all voted "yes" and the minutes were accepted.

2. Liquor License Renewal: Mr. Malik Lakhani, owner of Star Mart Gas & Deli appeared before the Council to appeal their denial of the renewal of his City Merchant and Liquor License. Ms. Michelle Kirkman appeared with him to assist with interpretation as needed. Star Mart's renewal had been denied by the Council due to the large past new balance on his utility account. Mr. Malik appeared to see if the Council would accept a payment arrangement where he would quickly catch up on his bill and also receive the renewal of his license so that his business could remain open. He had just recently made a \$1000.00 payment which left the balance at \$2372.00. He proposed the continue to pay his monthly bill on time and split the past due amount up in two payments, \$1186.48 to be paid on June 15, 2018 and \$1186.48 to be paid on July 15, 2018. Ald. Cravens made a motion to accept the arrangement and renew Mr. Lakhani's licenses. Ald. Wade seconded. The Mayor conducted a roll call vote as follows: Ald. Wade – yes, Ald. Cravens – yes and Ald. Young – yes. Mr. Lakhani was directed to come in to see the City Clerk at his earliest convenience to sign the payment agreement and to pick up his City License. Mr. Lakhani thanked the Council for their willingness to work with him.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Mayoral Appointments – a list of appointments and boards and committees had been presented to the Council for consideration at the previous meeting. The Mayor asked for any discussion on the appointments. There being none, Ald. Wade made a motion to accept the Mayor's appointments as presented and Ald. Young seconded. All roll call vote

was taken as follows: Ald. Wade – yes, Ald. Chism – yes, Ald. Cravens – yes and the appointments were approved.

2. The New Madrid Historical Museum presented an application for a Picnic License to operate a Wine and Beer Garden for 1 day on June 5, 2018 for the Ride the Faultline Bike Tour. Ald. Young made a motion to approve and Ald. Wade seconded. A Roll Call vote was taken as follows: Ald. Wade – yes, Ald. Cravens – yes and Ald. Young – yes. The Picnic License was approved.
3. A Resolution was presented to award the bid for the City's Independence Day Fireworks Display to Gladiator Pyro of Poplar Bluff, Missouri for the amount of \$5600.00. It was the only bid as the other 5 Display Companies, declined to bid as they were booked for the June 30th date. Two others did phone for a copy of the bid specs but declined since they participate in much larger shows that typically start at \$15,000.00. The City's Budget was \$5000-\$6000 for a 20 minutes show. Ald. Cravens made a motion to approve and Ald. Wade seconded. All voted "yes" and the resolution was approved. Ald. Wade remarked that they had done an outstanding job last year and were glad that we would get to use them again. Clerk Chapman, directed the Council to their bid contract that a 3 year and a 5 year contract option that would increase the display by 10% each year for the 3 year contract and 15% each year for the 5 year contract. Mayor Bodi directed the Clerk to present those options at the next meeting to be decided on for next year.
4. A Resolution to transfer ownership of two vehicles to the New Madrid R-1 School District was presented. Ald. Wade made a motion to approve and Ald. Cravens – seconded. A roll call vote was taken with Ald. Wade voting yes, Ald. Young – yes and Ald. Cravens yes. The resolution was approved.
5. A Resolution to award a bid for appraisal services to Medlin Real Estate Services, Inc. for the amount of \$3000.00 (2 parcels of land at \$1500.00 each). City Adm. McGill stated that this was a part of the Project America CDBG. He notified that there would be another appraisal resolution at the next meeting for a firm to check the appraisal of the first firm.
6. A Resolution to award the bid for the purchase of a 750 KVA Three Phase Transformer to GE Grid Solutions, LLC of Charlotte, NC for \$15,347.00. It was explained this was to replace a transformer that the City was storing for NMCC. There was an emergency need for this transformer at the Water Plant by the City. We used the school's and now need to replace it. This was a single source bid as it had to be exactly like the other transformer that the

school purchased. Ald. Cravens made a motion to approve and Ald. Chism seconded. All Voted “yes” and the resolution was approved.

7. A resolution was presented to authorize the Solicitation of Bids for Financial Investment Services to make suggestions about how best to handle the City’s investments. Ald. Cravens made a motion to approve and Ald. Young seconded. All voted “yes” and the resolution was approved.

The Mayor informed the Council that the City had received the go ahead from the Corps of Engineers for the DesCyprie Project. The tractor has been moved to the South side and the road has been opened up.

City Administrator’s Report: Adm. McGill said the he and the Mayor had recently met with Chris Lambert and that the street improvements should begin the end of May or sometime next month.

He said that he and Steve Etcher would be doing interviews determine qualifications for appraisers to do the road, dock and rail spur. He said that they would most likely do them by phone. He said that 1 company could do them all or different companies for each. However, Steve feels that the best solution would be to have 1 company do them all. He also mentioned that Union Pacific highly recommended that they use one company that does it all. He stated that he had no idea what it would cost. He did say that Steve said the only concern would be to see that they stayed within the parameters of the grants. TranSystems had been recommended. Ald. Wade asked if they were talking about a barge or fixed dock? He stated that in high water a fixed dock would be safer. Adm. McGill said that Steve would be available for a phone consultation to answer any questions they may have. He said that they had to approve the qualifications before they could move to the next step. Atty. Bock said that he would call the City Engineer in Memphis to see who they might recommend. Ald. Cravens said that Nucor in Sedalia had chosen TranSystems for that job.

Adm. McGill said that he would be looking at our remaining assets in the Industrial Park to see what we might need or want to do with them. He stated that some individuals had mentioned that they would like to secure some of those assets to help with eligibility for grants.

Ald. Wade made a remark that the gate at the Dock was open the last time he was down there.

There being no further business, Ald. Cravens made a motion to adjourn and Ald. Young seconded. All Voted "yes" and the meeting adjourned.