

City Council Meeting Minutes
August 27, 2018
7:30 p.m.

The Board of Aldermen met on Monday, August 27, 2018 in the Council Chamber at City Hall. Mayor Richard Bodi presided with the following present: Ald. Wade, Chism, Young, Cravens and White.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. The Mayor called the meeting to order.

The Minutes from the August 13th meeting were presented. Ald. Chism made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Ald. Young seconded, all voted “yes” and the minutes were accepted.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Visitors: Mr. Bryan Courtney from Missouri Public Safety was present to address the Council regarding the communication needs of New Madrid County and specifically the City of New Madrid. Mr. Courtney stated that 180 local agencies have full time access to the MOSWIN network and 1400 have part time access. As local agencies come on they point out gaps in service. A strong usable signal is needed but they have seen gaps in strength out to the west and along river. He said that Portageville has the closest repeater but that is not close enough to alleviate the gaps in coverage. He is proposing that his agency install two antennas on the new Water Tower, a repeater and a receiver. They would come in and pour a pad and experiment to see what works best. If it does work, they would ask for an extended lease from the city. He asked for questions. Ald. White stated that he knows how great the need is. Mr. Courtney said that the State of Emergency Management would have access for a contingency plan if there was a major disaster. If they find that the Water Tower would serve the purpose, a MOU would be drawn up then get an engineer down to make the final plans. Mayor Bodi said that this sounded like a major benefit to our city. Ald. Wade asked if the Council could see the construction drawings and then consider. He asked what the desired timetable would be. Mr. Courtney said that it would be as soon as possible. The needed funds have been set aside. Richard McGill stated that he would connect with the engineers that build the tower and get the construction drawings. Ald. Chism asked what the time frame would be. Mr. Courtney said that they could get the documentation done in 2 weeks and break ground in 2-3 weeks and finish soon thereafter.

2. A resolution was presented awarding the bid for the construction of the North Substation Feeders and Transmission Line to Kiowa Line Builders, Inc. of Kiowa Line Builders of Tipton, Missouri in the amount of \$597,606.20. Ald. Chism made a motion to approve. Ald. Young seconded. A Roll Call vote was taken with all voting "yes".
3. A resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign an agreement with CPU, Inc. of Cape Girardeau, Mo. to provide Server Upgrade, Incode Support & 6 SSD Drives for \$26,815.00. The City Clerk explained that the Finance Officer Kristy Taylor had asked that she inform the Council that this upgrade had been planned for and money set aside for some time to cover the expense. It is necessary in order to use our financial software "Incode". The version we are currently using will no longer be available at the end of the year and we will have to upgrade in order to use the Version X that will be available for all of our financial needs. Ald. Chism made a motion to approve. Ald. White seconded. A roll call vote was taken and all voted "yes" the resolution was approved.
4. The Resolution to approve the Memorandum of Understanding as it pertains to Project America was tabled. It will be taken up at a later date. Ald. Chism made a motion to table and Ald. Wade seconded. A roll call vote was taken and all voted "yes".
5. City Administrator's Report: Adm. McGill informed the Council that about a week and a half ago, SEMA conducted another of their community meetings as relate to the remapping for the flood maps. He stated that the newest version left areas of town that were in the flood zone completely out and others that were not in, are now in. He reminded the group that were are still about 2 years away from this project being complete. As the City completes more and more drainage projects, there will be a positive impact on the remapping for the City. We will continue to be involved and there will be public meetings as the project nears completion.

He then told the Aldermen that Civic Plus will be completing a redesign of our Web Site. Jan Farrenburg has informed him that she no longer wishes to be involved with the website. Adm. McGill said that he would be assuming that duty. A discussion was held about the need to replace the welcome sign coming into town. Adm. McGill said that he would be getting prices for this and encouraged the Aldermen to let him know what they would like to see on the sign. He will also be getting a sign for the skate park and wants to have it installed up high to keep it from being vandalized.

He then stated that Chris Lambert has received the marker for each of the grave sites in the new cemetery expansion area. He said that Ald. Riley has said that he will be willing to disc up the area another time for that it can be leveled.

Street Project: The contractor has milled the streets Wednesday and the asphalt company is expected to be in town on Friday. It is expected to go quickly.

Ald. Wade asked if there had been any work on the Corps project on the levee. Atty Bock that that the road will absolutely be open by October 1st.

Ald. White asked if we could put trash cans at the dam and if so, could they be the metal ones like we have at the City Dump?

Ald. White made a motion to move to closed session pertaining to "B" Leasing, purchase or sale of real estate where public knowledge of the transaction might adversely affect the legal consideration there for (RSMo 610.021.2). Ald. Wade seconded. A Roll Call vote was taken as follows: Ald. Wade – yes, Ald. Chism – yes, Ald. Young – yes, Ald. Cravens – yes, Ald. White – yes. The meeting adjourned to a closed session

Ald. White made a motion to return to open session. Ald. Chism seconded. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Ald. Wade – yes, Ald. Chism – yes, Ald. Young – yes, Ald. Cravens – yes, Ald. White – yes.

There being no further business. Ald Chism made a motion to adjourn and Ald. Wade seconded. All Aldermen voted "yes" and the meeting was adjourned.