

City Council (Special) Meeting Minutes
December 11, 2018
7:30 p.m.

The Board of Aldermen met on Tuesday, December 11, 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 November 19th meeting were presented. Ald. Chism made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Ald. Wade seconded, all voted “yes” and the minutes were accepted.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Visitors: There were no visitors in attendance.
2. A Resolution awarding the bid for the Washout/Condition Assessment & Disinfection of the City’s 150,000 gallon Water Tower to Pittsburg Tank & Tower of Henderson, KY for the amount of \$1450.00 was presented. Ald. Chism made a motion to approve and Ald. Wade seconded the motion. All Aldermen voted “yes” and the resolution was approved and the bid was awarded.
3. A Resolution awarding the bid for street repairs to R&K Curtis, Inc., of Sikeston, Mo. for the amount of \$13,639.00 was presented. Ald. Chism made a motion to approve and Ald. Cravens seconded. All Aldermen voted “yes” and the resolution was approved.
4. City Administrator’s Report: Adm. McGill informed the Council that he had been contacted by Semo Health Network asking if the City had any property available for purchase within the City. They wanted to reassure the City that they were not moving their business from New Madrid and were hoping to construct a larger clinic and possibly recreation center within the next 2-3 years. Adm. McGill just wanted the Council to be thinking about the possibilities with this company. They have just built a new clinic in Caruthersville, funded by a federal grant and want to expand their services here in New Madrid. Chief Higginson did mention that if the new clinic was located on the City property along Route U, with the

possible addition of the steel mill, there would be a serious traffic problem at the intersection of Route U and Hwy 61. Mayor Bodi said that he had recently talked to David Wyman of MoDot and he had said that the addition of a stop light at that intersection would cost \$125,000.00, but that if the steel mill comes here, MoDot will definitely put in the light.

Adm. McGill then told the Council that after the start of the New Year, he intended to start work on a 5 year comprehensive development plan for the City. He then reminded the Council that the Christmas Parade would be held this Saturday at 3:00 p.m. He also told them that Candidate Filing for the April election had begun and would run through January 15th.

The Council was told that the City's Christmas Party would take place at 6:30 p.m. at Ms. Sharp's on Friday, December 21st and that he hoped they would attend and bring a guest. Mr. McGill said that he was told that the welding shop behind the old Police Station was available for purchase. A price of \$11,000.00 was quoted.

Ald. Wade asked if there had been any complaints about the new mechanic's shop at the intersection of Virginia and Main. The garage seems to have a lot of cars parked on their lot and one complaint had been made that it was causing a site issue for a driver at that corner. Atty. Bock said that it was a garage and would, of course have vehicles parked there. He has been noting that there is a turnover of the types and number of vehicles. He did suggest that if anyone had a good relationship with the owner, it might be prudent to ask if he could try and have the owner keep the vehicles parked back as far as possible on the property. Ald. Chism said that he would speak to him regarding this suggestion. Ald. Chism said that it was good to have another business in town, to which, all the Aldermen agreed.

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