

City Council Special Meeting Minutes
Monday, March 11, 2019
6:00 p.m.

The Board of Aldermen met on Monday, March 11, 2019 at 6:00 pm in the Council Chamber at City Hall. Mayor Richard Bodi presided with the following present: Ald. Wade, Chism, Young, and White.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. The Mayor called the meeting to order.

The Minutes from the February 25th meeting were presented. Ald. Wade made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Ald. Chism seconded, all Aldermen voted "yes" and the minutes were accepted.

2. There were no visitors.

3. Mayor Bodi asked to address the Board to inform them about an incident that happened on the City's Main Street parking lot. The Mayor said that a group of young people had parked in the lot and for whatever reason, an incident occurred where trash and broken bottles and other debris was scattered throughout the lot and onto and property of an adjacent attorney's office. The ground in back of the attorney's office was rutted up quite a bit. City workers have cleaned up the lot as well as the adjoining property. The Mayor stated that he had decided to close the lot at dark and to not allow any parking there at night for 30 days. His intent is to open the lot again after the 30 days but if there were any further incidents, to close the lot at night permanently. He asked the Aldermen for their opinion in the matter and they all agreed that would be appropriate. He also said that he had spoken to Chief Higgerson and asked if the patrolmen would keep a close eye on any activity going on in the area and actually speak to anyone attempting to park in the vicinity and let them know what is going on. The Mayor said that in any event, the Patrolmen would be keeping a close eye on Main Street.

4. Bill 19-1303 was presented changing the time of the Council Meetings to 6:00 p.m. from 7:30 p.m.. The Mayor read the bill twice over. Atty. Bock pointed out that the Ordinance had the days listed as the 1st and 2nd Monday's of the month but should be the 2nd and 4th Monday's. The days are not being changed, only the meeting time. Ald. White made a motion that the bill be approved with the title being corrected to show the days as the 2nd and 4th Monday's with the start time changed to 6:00 p.m. Ald. Wade seconded his

motion. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Ald. Wade – yes, Ald. Chism – yes, Ald. Young – yes, Ald. White – yes. The Ordinance was adopted.

5. The next agenda item was a Resolution to renew the City's contract with Gladiator Pyro Fireworks Display for the Independence Holiday. The Contract provides for a one year option as well as a 3 year option that provided an additional 10% product for each of the 3 years and a 5 year option that provides an additional 15% product for each of the 5 years with a 15% discount on the 5th year. Ald. Chism made a motion to approve the 5 year option and Ald. Young seconded. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Ald. Wade – yes, Ald. Chism – yes, Ald. Young – yes, Ald. White – yes. The resolution was approved.
6. City Administrator's Report: Adm. McGill informed the board that Shawn Huggins of Quality Lawn Care and Landscaping had been in town earlier in the day to meet with him and City Street Department staff to finalize his plans for the mowing season. Mr. Huggins had been awarded the contract as the lowest bidder. He said that he is prepared to begin as soon as is needed. At the same time, an Orkin employee arrived to begin the spraying for pests since they had been awarded the contract for Pest Control as the lowest bidder.

Adm. McGill then informed the Council that the Street Improvement Bids would be opened on March 20. Mayor Bodi asked if Delta Asphalt would be able to produce the quantity of asphalt that the City is going to need. Adm. McGill said that he believed that that would not be a problem for them.

He then notified the Council that there were still three businesses that had not submitted their paper work for their Liquor License renewals. Those being Star Mart, M&M Deli and El Braceros. He informed them that the City Clerk had written them each reminders that their license's had expired and that they need to take some action as soon as possible.

Adm. McGill then said that the City's newly updated website would launch this Thursday. He said that he would inform the Council as soon as it happened.

Adm. McGill asked the Council to make a decision as to when the City would celebrate the Independence Day Holiday. A date is needed for planning and in order to complete the firework company's contract. After a discussion, it was decided that June 29th would be the planned date with a rain date chosen for the next weekend if necessary.

Next item of discussion was updated information from the Corps of Engineers regarding flooding potentialities. It is predicted that rain will be back this Wednesday and Thursday

with what appears to be a 10 day clear period following that. The Corps had sent most of their people home but are calling them back for this week's rain event. Mayor Bodi stated that the water is rising at Matthews, especially near the interstate. He said that the City would be ready to help that community if they need it. They then discussed the small sinkhole that had developed on Waters Street. The level of water in the hole has not changed so they feel it may very well be rain water. A possibility that it might be caused by an old cistern or sewer line or any number of things since that is one of the oldest parts of town. In any rate, the City has filled the hole and packed it down. After the water recedes in town, they will dig it up to determine what repairs need to be made.

There being no further business, Ald. Chism made a motion to adjourn and Ald. Young seconded. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Ald. Wade – yes, Ald. Chism – yes, Ald. Young – yes, Ald. White – yes. The meeting adjourned.