

City Council Meeting Minutes
April 10, 2017
7:30 p.m.

The Board of Aldermen met in regular session on Monday, March 13, 2017 in the Council Chamber at City Hall. Mayor Richard Bodi presided with the following present: Ald. Chism, Young, Wade, Riggs and Cravens.

1. The Mayor called the meeting to order.
2. The minutes from the March 13, 2017 meeting were presented. A motion to approve was made by Ald. Chism with Ald. Wade seconding. All Aldermen voted “yes” and the minutes were accepted as presented.
3. **Visitors:** There were no visitors.
4. **Resolution:** A resolution was presented to award the bid for the Riley Street Pump Station Generator to CK Power of St. Louis, Mo in the amount of \$50,090.00. Recommended to the Council as the lowest and best bid. Ald. Chism made a motion to approve the resolution and Ald. Cravens seconded. All aldermen voted “yes” and the resolution passed.
5. **Resolution:** A resolution to award the bid for the construction and installation of the control panel for the Riley Street Pump Station Project to Vandevanter Engineering of Fenton, Mo. In the amount of \$33,637.00. Ald. Chism made a motion to approve and Ald. Wade seconded. A vote was taken and all Aldermen voted “yes”. The resolution was approved.
6. **Resolution:** A resolution for a change order was incorrectly presented to award a bid for a change order for the additional gate for the Lagoon Fence Project when it should have been for the Substation Pole Yard. This item was scratched and will be resubmitted correctly at the next meeting.
7. **Resolution:** A resolution for a change order was presented for the board’s approval of the extension of the Sidewalk Project along Main Street to connect to Route U for the cost of \$12,000.00. Ald. Chism made a motion to approve the sidewalk extension. Ald. Young seconded the motion. All Aldermen approved and the resolution was approved.

8. **Resolution:** A resolution was presented to the Council to approve a change order for the Main Street Lighting Project to add an additional 3 street lights to continue the lighting through the last block of Main to Route U for the cost of \$30,000.00. Ald. Young stated that he felt the cost of \$30,000.00 was too much to spend on 3 lights and that he had discussed it with others in the community and they felt the same. Ald. Riggs said that he felt that it would look better with the additional extra lights. Ald. Wade asked if we could order the lights ourselves and if City staff could install. Ald. Young agreed that that might be an option if the City could do the installation. Ald. Chism suggested that the Council wait and see what the City could do on their own before making the decision to spend that amount of money. Ald. Cravens agreed that we should see if the City could do it, but he hates not finishing the lighting all the way out. Atty. Bock stated that the City very well could do it for a lot less since we would not be held to the wage restrictions when dealing with a federal project. The Council agreed to table this resolution and revisit it later.

9. **Resolution(s):** The next agenda item were three contracts that were being presented as negotiated by MidSouth for Emergency Utility Restoration to be used in the event of a utility outage that required outside assistance. These contracts would only give the City the option to call upon these companies in the event of such an event. Until and/or if that was done, there would be no cost to the City. The Companies are as follows: Kiowa Line Builders, Inc. of Tipton, Mo, Ald. Wade made a motion to approve and Ald. Chism seconded. All Aldermen voted “yes”; Power Line Consultants, LLC of Farmington, Mo., and Ald. Chism made a motion to approve and Ald. Cravens seconded. All Aldermen voted “yes” and the resolution was approved; Davis H. Elliot Construction Company Inc. of Lexington, KY. Ald. Chism made a motion to approve and Ald. Wade seconded. All Aldermen voted “yes” and the resolution was approved.

10. **Bill #17-1271:** An ordinance to accept the transfer of real estate for the Cemetery Expansion Project. The Mayor read the title of the bill twice and then conducted a roll call vote as follows: Ald. Wade – yes, Ald. Riggs – yes, Ald. Young – yes, Ald. Cravens – yes, and Ald. – Chism. The ordinance was adopted.

11. **M&M Deli Liquor License Renewal:** The Mayor asked if any board members had received any complaints regarding this business. All Aldermen stated that they had no knowledge of any problems and Adm. McGill agreed. The Mayor then

conducted a roll call vote as follows: Ald. Wade – yes, Ald. Riggs – yes, Ald. Young – yes; Ald. Cravens – yes, Ald. Chism – yes. The license is renewed.

12. **City Administrator's Report:** Construction of the water plant is underway. Water Superintendent, Udo Bodi has said that the company is really good to work with.

Work on the substation is progressing as well. Adm. McGill said that there was a small issue regarding an easement for an anchor which might be questionable but everything else is proceeding well.

The Boot heel Regional Planning Commission had their Hazard Mitigation 5 Year Plan Update with the City and County being very involved in this process. The next two meetings will be held at the Community Building on April 27th and May 25th. This update is crucial in order for communities in New Madrid County to be eligible for FEMA grants.

A new Animal Control Officer/Code Enforcement Officer has been hired. Dana Perry started last week and is doing a very good job. Pictures of dogs available for adoption are being shared on the City's Facebook page and one has been placed in a new home.

The City has been advertising for applicants for 2 positions in the electrical department and have accumulated quite a few. Even though there have been lots of applicants, the number of experienced candidates may be small. Adm. McGill stated that we might have to pay more to get the individuals that we really need.

AMI project is going well. There have been 3 conference calls and trainings for the electric crew and MLP staff. The meters should be arriving within the next six weeks and should be installed shortly after that. They are very pleased with Honeywell/Elster.

The Missouri Partnership is receiving more interest in us for economic development. We have had contacts from 1 large and 2 smaller potential companies.

July 4th Celebration: Adm. McGill has spoken with a fireworks company in Poplar Bluff regarding putting on a show for us. They furnish and shoot off all the fireworks, carrying all the insurance and assuming all the liability. There would be no liability for the City. They have packages from \$5500.00 to \$8500.00. We could choose to have the event any day from July 1st thru the 4th. Mayor Bodi suggested that it might be good to have a BBQ cookoff. Suggestions were made to contact all the organizations and businesses in town to get them involved.

Adm. McGill informed the Council that the Relay for Life event will take place at the Davis Street Walking Track on May 20th for the whole county. The Fire Department will be grilling with profits going to the Relay for Life.

Ald. Wade asked about the Faultline Bike Tour. He had heard that the Methodist Men were going to be cooking for them. Adm. McGill said that he would check with Christina and get back to them at the next meeting.

Ald. Wade made a motion to adjourn to a closed session relative 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). A roll call vote was taken as follows: Ald. Wade – yes, Ald. Riggs – yes, Ald. Chism – yes, Ald. Cravens – yes, Ald. Young – yes. The meeting adjourned to closed session

The meeting returned to open session.

There being no further business, Ald. Chism made a motion to adjourn and Ald. Cravens seconded. All Aldermen voted “yes” and the meeting adjourned.