

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
FREDERICKTOWN, MISSOURI
DAY/DATE: MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2008
CITY HALL
6:30 PM

A. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Mayor Kemp called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Those present on roll call were: Alderman Polete, Alderman Wright, Alderman Tripp, Alderman Hale, Alderman Thomas and Alderman Merriman. Also present were: Interim City Administrator Dismuke, City Attorney Moore, City Engineer Baer, City Clerk Stevens, Department Heads and visitors.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 1) Minutes of the regular meeting of October 27, 2008. A motion was made by Merriman with a second by Polete to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- 1) Additions or deletions.
Add one (1) litigation item to Closed Session.
- 2) A motion was made by Tripp with a second by Hale to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried.

D. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1) **Ken Tomlinson, representing the Boy Scouts, to discuss Christmas parade and use of JayCee Park for Christmas displays.** Tomlinson along with several members of the Boy Scouts took this opportunity to present to Mayor Kemp and the Council an additional flood light to be installed at Teen Town. The donation represented the Scouts' appreciation for the City's free use of Teen Town each week for their meetings. After the presentation, Tomlinson announced the Christmas parade is scheduled for December 5th.

E. PRESENTATIONS

- 1) None.

F. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

- 1) **Mayor's report.**
 - a) Announced notable events and meetings taking place in the community.

G. REPORT FROM SPECIAL COMMITTEES AND STAFF

- 1) **Interim City Administrator report.**
- 2) **City Marshal/police reports.**

H. REMARKS FROM GENERAL PUBLIC

I. OLD BUSINESS

- 1) **Re-consideration of the warning siren bids to meet with USDA approval. (Clark)** Fire Chief Clark explained to council the issues leading up to this point. Clark said the USDA had several lawsuits from northern Missouri cities over the warning siren bids. The lawsuits stem from the interpretation of which configuration of siren is better (i.e. fiberglass over aluminum and multi-amplifiers over a single amplifier). Clark went on to say he spoke with representatives of both systems, and he felt comfortable with either one. A motion was then made by Hale with a second by Merriman to reconsider the original bid award dated October

13, 2008. Motion carried unanimously. A motion was made by Hale with a second by Merriman to accept the bid of SafetyCom, Inc., North Little Rock, AR in the amount of \$21,835.10. Motion carried unanimously.

- 2) **Re-consideration of an Ordinance authorizing the City to enter a lease-purchase transaction with Missouri Association of Municipal Utilities for certain public improvements.** (Ordinance provided in last packet) (Moore) Moore explained to Council the importance of re-considering the re-finance proposal. The City has fifteen (15) years remaining of a twenty (20) year lease. MAMU has the opportunity to offer us a refinancing proposal which could result in a savings of \$96,000 over the life of the loan. In addition, any new financing the city might be considering for infrastructure upgrades must be part of this pool of refinancing. The next pool opening for financing would not be until next November. A motion was made by Polete with a second by Merriman that as the ordinance was made available prior to the meeting it be read the first time by title only. Motion carried. Moore read: "An Ordinance authorizing the City of Fredericktown to enter into a lease-purchase transaction with the Missouri Association of Municipal Utilities for certain public improvements . . ." A motion was made by Polete with a second by Merriman to read the ordinance the second time by title only. Motion carried. **Ordinance 08-59 duly adopted.**

J. **NEW BUSINESS**

- 1) **Discussion concerning the Fredericktown electric distribution system upgrade review.** (Ray Blakely) Blakely referred to the information included in the packets. He went on to explain this report was an estimate to bring the city's electric system up to standard. Blakely proceeded to review to council the findings. He explained he drove each of the city's streets looking over poles, lines and transformers. He said a project of this magnitude would take an experienced electric crew approximately one year to complete. The cost range was \$3,779,559 to \$3,756,559 depending on whether the city used some of the equipment from the Cap A site. Blakely then reviewed funding options which would be available with MAMU. The resulting electric increase was determined to be about \$.005 per kwh.
- 2) **Request by the Wastewater Department to purchase a grinder pump.** Plant manager Vince Grieshaber explained the pump had to be replaced as the present one was no longer working. He explained a re-built one with a limited warranty would cost \$2000 while a new one would cost only \$700 more. A motion was then made by Hale with a second by Tripp to authorize the purchase of the new grinder pump as opposed to a re-built. Motion carried.
- 3) **Consideration of a request to designate \$3000 for a second VISTA volunteer from the Federal Home Loan Bank award.** (Dismuke). Dismuke explained he had already met with the Budget, Finance and Personnel committee on this recommendation. This expenditure would be the first to use the funding under the \$15,000 Federal Home Loan Bank award. The additional volunteer (Katie Cox) would be working on the Main Street program. A motion was then made by Hale with a second by Tripp to approve the request of \$3000 for an additional VISTA volunteer. Motion carried.
- 4) **Consideration of an additional audit proposal.** Dismuke explained this additional proposal is informational only as the late bid proposal came in at \$21,000 which is significantly higher than Boyer and Associates.
- 5) **Recommendation to Planning and Zoning Commission to consider rezoning property recently annexed into the City Limits (Madison Village) from R-2- to C-1.** Moore explained to council when property is annexed into the city limits it comes in as R-2. The surrounding property in the Madison Village subdivision is C-1, so Moore indicated the newly annexed piece would have to be changed. Moore also said council, with a motion, could send this to Planning and Zoning for their approval and recommendation. A motion was then made by Hale with a second by Merriman to recommend the zoning change to Planning and Zoning for the approval. Motion carried.

K. **ADDITIONAL BUSINESS**

- 1) **Accounts payable I.** A motion was made by Tripp with a second by Merriman to pay the accounts payable. Motion carried with all voting aye.
- 2) **Accounts payable II. (Gifford only)** A motion was made by Hale with a second by Polete to pay the Gifford invoices. Motion carried with five voting aye and Thomas abstaining.
- 3) **Accounts payable III. (DLB only)** A motion was made by Tripp with a second by Merriman to pay the DLB invoice. Motion carried with five voting aye and Polete abstaining.

L. REMARKS OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE BY ALDERMEN

M. CLOSED SESSION BUSINESS (As authorized RSMo Section 610.021) Motion was made by Polete with a second by Tripp to go into Closed Session. Roll call vote resulted in six ayes and zero nays. The account of the Closed Session is exempt from the public record and is on file in the office of the City Clerk pursuant to RSMo 610.024. The following motions and votes were taken in Closed Session:

- 1) Personnel matter (two combined) After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Tripp with a second by Merriman to hire Jeremy Hopkins as the meter reader pending no inner city applicants apply. Motion carried with all voting aye.
- 2) Personnel matter – Discussion only, no voting action necessary.
- 3) Contract matter (two combined) – Discussion only, no voting actions taken at this time.
- 4) Litigation matter – After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Merriman with a second by Tripp to agree to the proposal from O’Gara’s attorney. Motion carried with all voting aye.

Motion was made by Tripp with a second by Merriman to return to Open Session. Motion carried.

N. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

O. ADJOURNMENT. Motion by Tripp, seconded by Polete to adjourn. Motion carried.

Danny E. Kemp, Mayor

ATTEST:

Barbara Stevens, City Clerk