

MINUTES
CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING
FREDERICKTOWN, MISSOURI
DAY/DATE: MONDAY, JANUARY 12, 2009
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 Thomas, and Alderman Merriman. Absent was: Alderman Hale. Also present were: Interim City Administrator Dismuke, City Attorney Moore, City Clerk Stevens, Department Heads and visitors.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 1) Minutes of the regular meeting of December 22, 2008. A motion was made by Polete with a second by Thomas to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- 1) Additions or deletions. None
- 2) A motion was made by Polete with a second by Tripp to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

D. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1) None.

E. PRESENTATIONS

- 1) None.

F. REPORTS OF OFFICERS

- 1) **Mayor's report.**

G. REPORT FROM SPECIAL COMMITTEES AND STAFF

- 1) **Interim City Administrator report.** Dismuke began by stating the city has an opportunity to purchase a used leaf vacuum for \$3500 and would like council to consider purchasing the item. He indicated money was available in the budget for this purchase. Council asked if this item would eliminate the need for a burning season. Dismuke said it was a possibility. Then, Dismuke announced John Grotzinger from the MOPEP pool would be speaking to council at a work session scheduled for Thursday, January 22nd. The purpose of the meeting would be the POOL's interest in placing a generator at our Business Park at their expense. Also, Dismuke indicated the city could discuss the rate study proposal. Dismuke went to say he, City Attorney Moore and the utility billing staff met to discuss the implementation of an identify theft policy mandated by the state. In addition, they discussed options for increasing the collection of unpaid utility bills.
- 2) **City Marshal/police reports.** One area of the report discussed the derelict car issues. The City Marshal indicated an extension of time, instead of the present ordinance imposed seven day limit might work better. A motion was then made by Merriman with a second by Tripp to pursue a 30 day limit on derelict vehicles. Motion carried unanimously.
- 3) **Municipal court statistics - December 2008.**
- 4) **Municipal court docket – December (court cancelled due to weather)**

H. OLD BUSINESS

- 1) None.

I. NEW BUSINESS

- 1) **An Ordinance approving and authorizing Change Order No. 2 to a contract between City and R.L. Persons Construction relative to MoDOT Project No. 08-069A 1&2 at the Fredericktown Regional Airport.** A motion was made by Polete with a second by Tripp 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 approving and authorizing Change Order No. 2 to a contract between City and R.L. Persons Construction, Inc., relative to MODOT project No. 08-069A 1&2 at Fredericktown Regional Airport . . ." A motion was made by Polete with a second by Thomas to read the ordinance the second time by title only. Motion carried. **Ordinance 09-01 duly adopted.**
- 2) **Consideration and recommendation of fire truck bids.** Fire Chief John Clark addressed council referring to the two bids received. Clark recommended the truck from Franco Fire Equipment Supply LLC in the amount of \$359,136.00. Tripp asked if the city had considered purchasing an older truck which would decrease the cost. Clark explained the life of a fire truck is generally ten years, if someone wants to get rid of one at five it usually indicates something is wrong with the truck. Financing would be a lease/purchase arrangement. Council asked to consider combining all the purchases under one lease/purchase arrangement. Dismuke will contact CalFirst Financial and the company recommended by Franco Equipment Supply. A motion was then made by Merriman with a second by Thomas to aware the fire truck bid to Franco Equipment Supply LLC. Motion carried unanimously.
- 3) **Consideration and recommendation of "Downtown Substation" bids.** Wasson referred council to the only proposal the city received from B&A Automation and Controls, Inc. which is Ray Blakely's company. The bid proposal was in the amount of \$163,000. Wasson indicated he and his staff could do the project at a cost of no more than \$50,000. Moore recommended council authorize Dismuke to contact Blakeley and see how these changes could be incorporated into his plan. A motion was then made by Tripp with a second by Merriman to discuss this option with Blakely and come up with a new design/build plan for next council. Motion carried unanimously.
- 4) **Discussion concerning the purchase and financing of a new electric bucket truck.** Dismuke referred council to the CalFirst financing sheet. Council indicated they would like to have finance proposals from both CalFirst and the company recommended by Franco Equipment Supply for the fire truck combining all three purchases with one lease/purchase agreement. A motion was made by Merriman with a second by Tripp to purchase the electric bucket truck obtain financing information. Motion carried unanimously.
- 5) **Consideration of proposals for information technology services for the City of Fredericktown.** After reviewing the information sheet included in the packet, it was decided to have each of the company's interested attend the next meeting to discuss their proposals directly with council.
- 6) **Recommendation by Planning and Zoning not to vacate an alley between Marshall and Park Streets (alley vacation requested by Bill Killian).** Council reviewed the information included in the packet. Electric manager Wasson indicated the city had several electric poles running through that alley. He felt it was important to keep the alley accessible to the city. It was noted the alley is not being maintained. A motion was then made by Merriman with a second by Wright to not vacate the alley as recommended by the Planning and Zoning Commission. Motion carried with four ayes and one nay (Tripp).

J. ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

- 1) **Accounts payable I.** A motion was made by Polete with a second by Tripp to pay the bills. Motion carried with all voting aye.

K. REMARKS FROM GENERAL PUBLIC

L. REMARKS OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE BY ALDERMEN

M. CLOSED SESSION BUSINESS (As authorized RSMo Section 610.021) Motion was made by Merriman with a second by Polete to go into Closed Session. Roll call vote resulted in five ayes, zero nays and one absent. 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. Discussion only; no voting actions taken.

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

N. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

O. ADJOURNMENT. Motion by Tripp with a second by Merriman to adjourn. Motion carried.

Danny E. Kemp, Mayor

ATTEST:

Barbara Stevens, City Clerk