

Board of Aldermen Meeting Minutes Monday, January 8, 2018

Mayor Blum called the Board of Aldermen Meeting to order at 5:59 p.m.

Roll Call:

City Clerk called the roll. Present were Mayor Blum, Administrator Dierker, Alderman Art Viehland, Alderman Barb McGlenn, Alderman Greg Talleur, Alderman Janet Viehland and Attorney Voss.

Mayor Blum led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consent Agenda:

Mayor Blum asked for approval of the Council Report for December 15, 2017 through January 4, 2018 and the Board of Alderman Minutes dated December 18, 2017. Mayor Blum asked if everyone had a chance to review the Consent Agenda and if there were any questions, corrections or comments.

Alderman Barb McGlenn made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda as submitted, and Alderman Janet Viehland provided the second. Motion carried by voice vote.

<u>Business of the Month:</u> Alderman Art Viehland presented Jamie Keen of Dollar Plus the award of Business of the Month.

<u>Community Pride Award:</u> Alderman Greg Talleur presented Cathy Jobe, 815 E. Gravois the award for Community Pride.

Ordinance & Resolution Public Participation: Administrator Dierker explained this ordinance gets us in complete compliance with the new regulations set forth by Senate Bill 5 and other items handed down by the Missouri Supreme Court. He said this was a collaboration effort of Attorney Voss and Court Clerk Dana Collins-Messex who worked on this together, made some changes and got it to where it is now. Mayor Blum opened the meeting to any public participation regarding the ordinances being discussed. There were none.

Ordinances & Resolutions:

1. Bill No. 2018-01: An ordinance repealing and replacing the entire Chapter 15 of the Code of Ordinances regarding Municipal Court, to meet new requirements and guidelines.

Alderman Janet Viehland introduced Bill No. 2018-01 for first and second reading by title only. Mayor Blum read Bill No. 2018-01 twice by title only.

Alderman Greg Talleur made the motion to approve Bill No. 2018-01 as read, and Alderman Art Viehland provided the second.

Board polls as follows:

Alderman Janet Viehland Aye Alderman Barb McGlenn Aye Alderman Greg Talleur Aye Alderman Art Viehland Aye

Bill No. 2018-01 is now Ordinance 1918

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business: None.

<u>City Attorney</u>: Attorney Voss announced that the court did quiet title action on the Poll Property and it is now the property of the city and that there is no doubt about the vestiture of that property. He said the Judge signed the order today.



Departmental Reports:

- 1. City Administrator: Travis Dierker Mr. Dierker reminded there was a request for procedures to be put in place for street closures, for the parks and different events and festivals. He said we are nearing completion of that and hopes to have a draft to the board by the next meeting for review and to be bring for future discussion.
- 2. Public Works Director: Jason Ivie: Report provided. Alderman Talleur said he wanted to commend Mr. Ivie and his staff. He said he was out and about the night they stopped the leak at the school. He said it was a miserable evening and those guys got out there and got if fixed quickly. He thanked them for what they do and said it is amazing. Mayor Blum said he agreed. Alderman Art Viehland said a resident brought this to his attention regarding Lay Street going up the hill from Commercial across from the Armory. He said it turns to gravel just past Hibbard on the curve. He said there is a lot of water caused by a berm on one side of the road and asked what could be done to help the issue. Mr. Ivie said the only thing we can do is build it up. He said he would go by there and look to see exactly what the issue is.
- 3. Police Department: Chief Hammack-nothing at this time.
- 4. Court Clerk: Dana Collins-Messex-report provided. Absent.
- 5. Planning & Zoning: Greg Talleur: The schedule meeting will follow this meeting tonight at 7:00 p.m.
- 6. Parks: Barb McGlenn nothing at this time.

Other Business: Mayor Blum said he wanted to inform the public that he thinks it is very important for all governments whether city, county, municipal, state or federal to conduct business in open meetings. He said this past year, we had one closed session meeting and it was only eight minutes long. He said he takes pride in the fact that we do conduct all our business in open session and he feels it should be the norm for all governments in the country to discuss their business in open session. He said he thinks that is a milestone that is hard to reach and he thinks we have reached that and do a very good job in conducting all business in open session. He said thank you to everyone and said he appreciates that.

Public Participation: Mr. David Langly, 765 Virginia Street. Mr. Langly said he has been a resident for about 18 years and has never had a problem with their water freezing. He said he did talked to Jason Ivie about this and explained his water line comes from Ferdinand Street and goes fifty feet on someone else's property and crosses the creek and then comes to his house. He said the plastic water line is exposed in the bottom of the creek and he poured hot water on it to thaw it and then put some pipe insulation on it. He said he doesn't know what else he can do to prevent it from re-freezing. Mayor Blum asked if there was an easement acquired to run that line across the property? Mr. Langly said he had no idea. Mayor Blum stated that typically our ordinances state that we are responsible from the main to the meter. Attorney Voss said what needs to be determined is if you have an easement and said the land records could offer the answer. Attorney Voss said the answer to that is a civil question and suggested to begin with the title insurance policy when the property was bought. He suggested looking into that and said that usually lists every easement that affects your property. He again said that is a civil issue and you would need to contact your attorney to obtain legal advice.

Next Scheduled Meeting: Monday, January 15, 2017 Regular Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Adjournment: Mayor Blum called for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:15 p.m.

Alderman Art Viehland made the motion to adjourn, and Alderman Barb McGlenn provided the second. Motion carried by voice vote.

Ron Blum, Mayor

Date Approved:

Attest:__

French City Clerk