

**COMMON COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 2, 2013**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ferman Yearby, Connie Hargis, Chris Brown, Bob Mack, Carol Huff, Mayor Harold Goffinet, Clerk Treasurer Susie Roberts and City Attorney, John Hargis

PLEDGE: The *Pledge of Allegiance* was said by all.

MINUTES APPROVAL: Bob made a motion to approve the minutes; Connie seconded the motion. All were in favor and the minutes were approved.

Chris made a motion to approve the minutes from the special meeting on December 31, 2012; Bob seconded the motion. All were in favor and the minutes were approved.

HANDBOOK UPDATE: Everyone has looked over the revised handbook that Carol put together for the City. She stated that she will have the signature page done for the next meeting and with some minor changes it should be ready for approval at the next meeting.

REDEVELOPMENT COMMISSION: It was mentioned that we should do a tax impact study before we proceed with the Redevelopment Committee. Chris made a motion to have John Hargis look at the costs from Steve Brock and Umbaugh for an impact study; Carol seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion was approved.

AUTO PARTS BUILDING CONTINUATION: Ferman made a motion to finish getting the windows in place at the Auto Parts Building; Connie seconded the motion. Ferman, Connie and Bob were in favor, Chris opposed and Carol abstained from voting. Motion passed.

CHARLIE FINECY: Charlie reported that the Museum is now closed until May, 2013. In December, 2012 he received a model of Lincoln's cabin. He said it would be good for him to take to the area schools for presentations. He will have one or two high school students doing internships this winter. He is also working with Brescia College to get some interns for the summer.

OLD BUSINESS: John Wetzel, from Midwestern Engineers, appeared before the council with an update on the **CSO project**. He told the council that all pipe is in the ground and a lot of concrete work has been completed. The final cleanup will depend on the weather. The pay request for JBI is \$172,577.32 and Midwest is \$3,960 and \$9,159.48.

Chris made a motion to accept the invoices from John Wetzel for payment to JBI and Midwestern Engineers; Connie seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed.

DuWayne Johnson and the mayor will get with IDEM to report on our CSO project.

Police Ordinance 2013-1 (Repealing previous policies on police training reimbursement). The new Ordinance states that if an officer leaves in the first year they

would have to repay 80% of their salary received during their time at the academy; second year 60%; third year 40%; fourth year 20% and the fifth year 10%. They would have sixty days for repayment. It also has provisions that the Mayor can make exceptions, if needed. Carol made a motion to suspend the rules and vote on the night of reading; Ferman seconded the motion. All were in favor and motion passed. Ferman made a motion to approve the Ordinance as presented; Bob seconded the motion. All were in favor and Ordinance passed.

Update on **former DJ's Café**: Harold and Butch Corne met with the owner, along with a representative from the Health Dept., for an inspection of the property. He has started supporting the basement. He is planning on taking out the north wall and rebuilding it. He plans to have the work completed by the spring.

We need to change our February meetings, Board of Public Works and City Council, from February 5th to February 4th. Chris made a motion to change the February meetings to February 4th; Ferman seconded the motion. All were in favor and motion approved.

NEW BUSINESS: The question was raised regarding the annexation of the **City Park**. John Hargis stated that he would be meeting with Region 15 on Tuesday. He cannot find where five of the exceptions have been platted anywhere.

Wastewater Operator Wages: The Mayor proposed that we change the current Salary Ordinance to reflect a new pay schedule. Tech A, would be \$31,000; Tech B, \$29,000 and Tech C \$27,000. Chris made a motion to amend the Salary Ordinance based on the new pay schedule; Carol seconded the motion. All were in favor and motion passed.

CLAIMS SIGNED: All claims were signed.

ADJOURNMENT: Carol made a motion to adjourn; Bob seconded. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned.