

Regular Meeting of the  
Board of Mayor and Council  
July 10, 2007

The Board of Mayor and Council met in regular session on July 10, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building.

Present and presiding: Mayor Gary Norwood.

Council present: Steve Allen, Tommy Nicholson, Dwayne Noe, Rick Johnson, and Chris LaCrosse.

Council absent: Carol Macha.

Others present: Eddie Nichols, Michael Armstrong, R.C. Gossett, Zach McCarver, Lisa R. Cantrell, Tony Young, Rodney Wilson, Chris Cherry, Greg Edrington, CJ Groulx, Tom Salter, Wade A Reed, Yvonne Stinnett, Michelle Ingram-Jones, Leslie Finley, Myrla Sproat, Paul Gupton, Anita Justice, Marc Coulon, Chuck Walker, Murry Hawkins, and Phyllis Schaeffer.

A motion was made by Noe, seconded by Johnson, to approve the June minutes as typed. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Public Forum:

Michelle Ingram-Jones letting the Council know that next Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. the parks board will be having their meeting and invited all to attend. Mayor asked if there was going to be specific items on the agenda and what did the board want for the parks. Ms. Ingram-Jones replied they would like to see organized youth sports but a priority would be to improve the parks. She would like to see the Council attend or at least a representative.

Ms. Noe advised that regarding Ordinance #336 she just wanted to say briefly that Mr. Hamlin has sold his property to Danny Holder and the closing was yesterday. Ms. Noe has spoken with Anita Goldtrap Johnson a property owner behind the property involved in the rezoning, she said if the original project is not going forth she doesn't want the property rezoned at this time. Ms. Noe left a message for the other property owner, Gary Casteel but has not talked to him.

Mayor Norwood said he would entertain a motion for Ordinance #336 to approve rezoning a portion of Frey St on 1<sup>st</sup> reading.

A motion was made by Nicholson, seconded by LaCrosse, to pass Ordinance #336 on 1<sup>st</sup> reading. A discussion ensued on the original project going forth, a representative from Capital Progress, Leslie Finley, said the Towne Center project was definitely going forth as planned. There was discussion on whether to rezone this property. Mr. Allen said it would be a hard decision because after the property was rezoned then the project might not go forth; Ms. Finley again tried to reassure the Council the project was on track to go

forward. Mayor Norwood said maybe this could be rezoned with contingencies to be rezoned only if said project did go forth and possibly put a time limit on the rezoning. Council decided to go forth with the 1<sup>st</sup> reading saying they could make changes if need be at 2<sup>nd</sup> reading and this would give Ms. Noe time to talk with Ms. Anita Goldtrap Johnson Lunn and Gary Casteel the surrounding property owners. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Nicholson-yes, LaCrosse-yes, Johnson-yes, Noe-yes, Allen-yes, and Mayor-yes.

A motion was made by Nicholson, seconded by LaCrosse, to approve Ordinance #337 on 1<sup>st</sup> reading, rezoning a portion of Brookhollow Dr. Mr. LaCrosse said this is the same project as above ordinance and it can be handled the same way. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Nicholson-yes, LaCrosse-yes, Allen-yes, Noe-yes, Johnson-yes, and Mayor-yes.

Ms. Myrla Sproat let the Council know that Senator Rosalind Kurita's office announced grants that were available. Ms. Sproat said she hopes this would help the city. The deadline for turning in the grant request is August 15<sup>th</sup>. There was no stated limit and there is no city match. Most grants were she thinks were for \$5-10,000. These grants can be used for infrastructure. They are to be awarded sometime in the end of September beginning of October, and the funds have to be used by June of 2008. Also, Ms. Sproat advised the city might want to officially petition TDOT to move all grant money into phase I.

Mr. Johnson said he believes that in order for the state to pass the budget the grants had to be spent at home. A motion was made by Noe, seconded by Johnson, to authorize the Mayor to proceed in obtaining the grant. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Ms. Sproat also advised that July 21<sup>st</sup> they would be having Market Celebration Day and invited everyone to attend.

The Ethics training date has been set for the next workshop August 7<sup>th</sup>, Ms. Noe said the training would take about 45 minutes.

A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Noe, to approve the Cook's Pest Control quarterly contract. The motion passed with a roll call vote of: Johnson-yes, Noe-yes, LaCrosse-yes, Allen-yes, Nicholson-yes, and Mayor-yes.

Mr. Noe said he would like to defer the John's Park Contract. Mayor Norwood thought the contract was high, too high, since it was for only one park. Mr. LaCrosse said they know what they want at the park if they need actual plans Hart Freeland Robert's could probably do that. Mr. Wilson said you need to get public involvement but if you know what you want you can do it that way too. Mayor said he would like to hold off for this month for Tony to look for the other plans. We can take baby steps and do it as we can afford it. A motion was made by Noe, seconded by Johnson, to defer to next month. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Mr. Cherry requested to advertise bid request for a mower. Mr. Cherry said this is an attachment for the mower. A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by LaCrosse, to approve placing this item out for bid. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

A motion was made by Johnson,, seconded by LaCrosse, to approve advertising the pumper truck for the public works dept. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by LaCrosse, to advertise the chemical bids. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Ms. Noe said she had some concerns about the IEC alarm monitoring contract wording in that they are not liable for anything and would only pay up to \$250. A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Noe, to have Jennifer review this contract and put on agenda for next month. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

A motion was made by Noe, seconded by Johnson, to accept the Terry's Rides Contract. Ms. Noe said this contract was okay. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Noe-yes, Johnson-yes, LaCrosse-yes, Nicholson-yes, Allen-yes, and Mayor-yes.

A motion was made by Noe, seconded by LaCrosse, to approve both invoices from Lose & Associates in the amounts of \$2,531.32 and \$95.16. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Noe-yes, LaCrosse-yes, Johnson-yes, Nicholson-yes, Allen-yes, and Mayor-yes.

A motion was made by Noe, seconded by Johnson, to approve all 3 invoices from Gibb's Brother's Construction. Mr. Cherry said Batson Street was not done yet and not ready to be paid. Mr. Johnson withdrew his second and Mr. Noe withdrew his motion. A new motion was stated to pay 2 of the invoices for Gibb's Brother's Construction in the amounts of \$9,900. and \$182,205.75. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Noe-yes, Johnson-yes, Nicholson-yes, Allen-yes, LaCrosse-yes, and Mayor-yes.

Mayor Norwood said he spoke with Mr. Hawkins concerning the D.L. Mackenzie & Associates invoice and this is going to be sent directly to Mr. John Rankin for payment.

A motion was made by Noe, seconded by Johnson, to approve pay request #20 from W&O Construction in the amount of \$157,555.26. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Noe-yes, Johnson-yes, LaCrosse-yes, Allen-yes, Nicholson-yes, and Mayor-yes.

Mr. Cherry gave an update on the raw water flow meter and said Attaboy is working on the telemetry. Mr. Cherry still thinks the project is 2 months behind schedule. Mr. Wilson said they are behind but they are diligently working at it.

A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by LaCrosse, to approve Hart Freeland Roberts pay request in the amount of \$4,895.61. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Johnson-yes, LaCrosse-yes, Allen-yes, Nicholson-yes, Noe-yes, and Mayor-yes.

Mr. Hawkins advised as per Congressman Coopers' request there has been placed \$100,000 for the Corp. of Engineers to do a study on the creek.

Mr. Cherry said they are trying to get the erusain milfoil (aquatic vegetation) under control. The water quality is poor and it is only going to get worse; the repair on the dam is going to take 7 years the water flow is going down to nothing. The water temperature is 82 degrees this is the warmest water they have ever had to treat.

A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by LaCrosse to approve W&O construction's pay request for odor control in the amount of \$7,501.07. This amount includes the change order. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Johnson-yes, LaCrosse-yes, Nicholson-yes, Allen-yes, Noe-yes, and Mayor-yes.

Other:

Mr. Johnson asked Mr. Cherry how much water is back water and how much is used from Marrowbone? Mr. Cherry replied that it is hard to say it depends on the movement of the water. We are at the Dam's mercy. If the water is not moving it is going to stagnate, rain helps aerate the water.

Going back to the vegetation a one time treatment to kill the erusain milfoil for 23-56 acres is \$10,000.

Mr. LaCrosse talked about the silt and said he does not think the Corp of Engineers is in favor of dredging the creek.

Mayor Norwood asked Ms. Noe to look into a yard sale ordinance concerning the same yard sale day after day. Ms. Noe said she would track the ordinance down or come up with a new one. Mr. LaCrosse said he found one on the internet for the city of Columbia that was pretty good. Ms. Noe said she would take a look at it.

A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by Noe, to pay the bills. Motion passed with a roll call vote of: Johnson-yes, Noe-yes, Allen-yes, Nicholson-yes, LaCrosse-yes, and Mayor-yes.

A motion was made by Johnson, seconded by LaCrosse, to adjourn. Motion passed with 5 ayes and 1 nay from Mr. Noe. The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

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Gary Norwood, Mayor

Phyllis Schaeffer, City Recorder