

NOTES OF COUNCIL MEETING

October 18, 2016

(Subject to Approval at the November 1, 2016 Council Meeting)

Attendance

CALL TO ORDER

Roll Call

Mayor Dennis Watz called the council meeting to order in the Council Room at City Hall, 210 West Washington, Sullivan, Missouri at 7:00 p.m. Roll call was taken and attending the meeting were Alderman Ward Two Jason Alexander, Alderman Ward Three Paul McCulloch, Alderman Ward One Mike Ryan, Jr., Aldermen Ward Two T.J. Carey, Alderman Ward Three Bobby Maupin and Alderman Ward One Mark Dalton. Also attending were City Administrator J.T. Hardy, City Attorney Justin Head, City Engineer Robert Schaffer, and City Clerk Jan Koch.

Pledge

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

At this time, the Pledge of Allegiance was recited by everyone present. The Pledge was followed by a moment of silence.

Agenda

AGENDA APPROVAL

Alderman Alexander made a motion to approve the agenda as submitted. Alderman McCulloch seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Minutes

MINUTES APPROVED

Notes from the council meeting held October 4, 2016 were presented. Alderman Ryan made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Alderman Carey seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Watson Road
Water Leak

REQUESTS & PETITIONS

Water Leak - Watson Road

Karen Goddard appeared before the Board regarding a water leak on an unoccupied residence she owns on 321 Watson Road which resulted in a utility bill amounting to about \$1,200 which normally ran around \$50. She noted that the city placed a door hangar on the property which indicated high water consumption. However, she stated she would have really appreciated a courtesy phone call. Ms. Goddard reported she's currently doing some maintenance work on the residence—noting that she plans on selling it. She stated concerns for other residents that might experience the same thing and felt that the city should adopt a better policy. She then thanked the Board for their time and left the meeting. A rather lengthy discussion ensued regarding property owners' responsibilities as well as the city's potential liability. Administrator Hardy stated that a remote meter reading system might assist the city in detection. He also reported that some cities require vacant homes to be registered. The Board asked Administrator Hardy to investigate different avenues.

Annual Audit
Proposal

CITY ADMINISTRATOR

Annual Audit

The contract with K DeLuca Audit Services, LLC expires with the completion of the Fiscal Year 2016 audit. Staff contacted the firm about future audits and they proposed to extend their service

for Fiscal Years 2017 thru 2019 with no increase. Their proposal for FY2017 & FY2018 audits were at \$12,000 each, with \$12,500 for FY2019. Should a single audit be conducted pursuant to the OMB's *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance) an additional fee of \$2,000 would be incurred. The single audit is required if the city receives any Federal Grant funds. Some discussion ensued with Alderman Carey stating he felt it would behoove the city to seek RFPs from other firms. Staff noted that the contract with DeLuca for Fiscal Years 2014 thru 2016 which was the result of RFP solicitation. Staff also contacted other firms and while some weren't interested, others offered their services for around the same price as DeLuca and perhaps a bit more for the single audit. Alderman McCulloch stated while he wasn't opposed to extending the DeLuca agreement, he also felt that perhaps the next contract should be precluded by formal RFPs. The Board generally agreed and Alderman McCulloch offered to sponsor an ordinance extending the agreement with K DeLuca Audit Services, LLC which will be presented at the next regular council meeting.

Collector
Compensation

City Collector - Code Change

During Fiscal Year 2017 budget development discussion was held on increasing the compensation of the City Collector's position from \$35,000 to \$36,000. It was the general consensus to budget this amount. The last time this position received an increase was in the year 2007. It was noted that this is an elected position and the increase would have to be passed by ordinance prior to filing for office but wouldn't take effect until after the April 2017 election. An ordinance was drafted for Board consideration. Alderman Dalton offered to sponsor it for the next regular council meeting.

October 2016
Monthly Bills Paid

FINANCE COMMITTEE

October 2016

Alderman Alexander reported he reviewed the monthly bills for October 2016 and made a motion to approve payment in the amount of \$1,495,924.40. Alderman Ryan seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Trash Burning

ALDERMEN INPUT

Burning Trash

Alderman McCulloch reported he was asked about burning trash, particularly burning in trash barrels. Administrator Hardy reported that burning is generally prohibited but that it falls under the jurisdiction of the Missouri Department of Natural Resources which is enforced by the Fire Department.

SRO Service

SRO Redd

Alderman Carey reported that he has observed the new SRO (Tiffany Redd) on the job and feels she is doing a great job and is engaging rapport with both parents and children alike.

Soccer

Soccer Association

Alderman Carey reported that he has been involved with the Sullivan Soccer Association and has been gathering info regarding their ideas and expectations.

High School
Softball
Championship

Sullivan High School
Alderman Carey reported that the Sullivan Lady Eagles High School softball team qualified to compete in State Conference. He urged citizens to acknowledge them during their departure on Thursday morning (10/20/16) at 11:30 a.m. with a police escort to the edge of the city limits on their way to the Final Four Championship games.

CITY CLERK

FCML 10/19/16

Franklin County Municipal League
City Clerk Jan Koch reminded the Board of Aldermen that the city will be hosting the FCML meeting on October 19, 2016 at the Fraternal Order of Eagles.

ADJOURN

Adjourn

Being no further business at this time, Alderman McCulloch made a motion to adjourn. Alderman Alexander seconded the motion and it carried unanimously with a roll call vote as follows: Alderman T.J. Carey, aye; Alderman Jason Alexander, aye; Alderman Paul McCulloch, aye; Alderman Mike Ryan, Jr., aye; Alderman Bobby Maupin, aye; and Alderman Mark Dalton, aye. The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:10 p.m..