

**REGULAR MEETING  
CITY OF MCLEANSBORO  
December 9, 2014 – 6:00 P.M.  
CITY HALL**

Mayor Deitz called the meeting to order. Roll call: Mark Beck, Don Cox, Richard Lasswell, Jim Mason, Dennis Crain, present. Mike Stanart, absent

Mr. Beck made the MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF LAST REGULAR AND SPECIAL MEETINGS (November 12th and 20<sup>th</sup>), second Lasswell. Roll call: Beck, Lasswell, Cox, Crain, Mason. Ayes – 5. Nay – 0.

Mr. Beck made the MOTION TO ACCEPT THE COLLECTOR'S AND TREASURER'S REPORTS AS PRESENTED, second Mr. Mason. Roll call: Beck, Mason, Cox, Beck, Lasswell. Ayes – 5. Nay – 0.

Mr. Lasswell made the MOTION TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS AND TRANSFERS, second Mr. Beck. Roll call: Lasswell, Beck, Cox, Mason. Ayes – 5. Nay – 0.

Mr. Bryan Waier addressed the Council in regard to Ordinance 14-991, the Truck and Weight Ordinance, and his use of Douglass Street as a travel point in his transport of grain by semi-trucks to Illinois Route 14. Waier requested information as to whether there would be dates for the posting of weight limits, and how the permit application process would be handled. Waier stated he had been using Douglass Street for the past 12 years, and that he did not think his use had been detrimental to the road. Ruben Flannigan was asked by the Mayor to clarify concerns regarding any other street in the City, and it was pointed out that Fairground Road was heavily used by the farming community to access Illinois Route 14; therein followed a discussion regarding the need for clarification of the permit process, the enforcement of the ordinance, and whether additional truck routes should be identified to allow for farm to market transport.

The Council directed the City Clerk to contact McLeansboro Township officials and arrange a meeting for further discussion on this matter so that recommendations for improving the ordinance could be acted on at the next Council meeting.

Mr. Beck made the MOTION PROCLAIMING THE MONTH OF DECEMBER 2014 AS DRUNK AND DRUGGED DRIVING PREVENTION MONTH IN ILLINOIS, second Mr. Mason. Roll call: Beck, Mason, Cox, Crain, Lasswell. Ayes – 5. Nay – 0.

Mr. Lasswell made the MOTION TO APPROVE THE ACCEPTED USE POLICY FOR ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS, second by Mr. Cox. Roll call: Lasswell, Cox, Crain, Beck, Mason. Ayes – 5. Nay – 0.

Mr. Mason read a letter from the McLeansboro Golf Club inviting the City Council to approve a corporate membership with the club. Mr. Beck made the MOTION TO

TABLE THE REQUEST FOR FURTHER REVIEW BY LEGAL COUNCIL, second Mr. Crain. Roll call: Beck, Crain, Cox, Mason, Lasswell. Ayes – 5. Nay – 0.

Officer Nathan Taylor appeared before the Council and presented an update on the condition of the police fleet. A discussion followed regarding how best to deal with the aging fleet and how past purchasing from Missouri was no longer possible. Mr. Deitz expressed his gratitude for Chief Filkins' and Officer Taylor's work and reminded the Council that Chief Filkins was near completion of a grant to assist with the purchase of a police vehicle. Mr. Mason made the MOTION TO SEEK SEALED BIDS FOR THE PURCHASE AND/OR LEASE OF A POLICE VEHICLE, second by Mr. Beck. Roll call: Mason, Beck, Cox, Crain, Lasswell. Ayes – 5. Nay – 0.

The Council reviewed the property specs for the possible purchase of a property on Market Street. Various cost issues were discussed. The Mayor requested Alderman Crain to continue researching viable additional further.

Mr. Mason made the MOTION TO ADJOURN, second Mr. Crain. Roll call: Mason, Crain, Cox, Beck, Lasswell. Ayes – 5. Nay – 0.

Respectfully submitted,

Frederic Vallowe, City Clerk