

**REGULAR MEETING
CITY OF MCLEANSBORO
November 12, 2014 – 6:00 P.M.
CITY HALL**

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

Mr. Cox made the MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES OF LAST REGULAR / SPECIAL MEETINGS, second Mr. Beck. Roll call: Cox, Beck, Lasswell, Mason, Stanart. Ayes – 5. Nay – 0.

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

Alderman Crain entered the meeting at 6:05 P.M.

Mayor Deitz read a Thank-you letter from the family of Jack Campbell, deceased.

Mr. Bill Reed addressed the Council with an update on the McCoy Library’s Christmas Open House planned for December 7th. It will coincide with the 50th Anniversary celebration of the Hamilton County Historical Society. Tours of the library will be given by society members dressed in period costume. He also informed the council that the proposed change to an on-line card catalog was moved back to later in 2015, and as a member of the Kiwanis, he wanted to express his appreciation for all the support the City had given during the recent Fall Festival.

Mrs. Lovella Craddock addressed the Council in regard to concerns shared by several citizens living in Meadow Hills. She asked Bryce Currie to speak for her about those concerns. He stated that the malodorous conditions generated by the City’s Sewage Treatment Plant was unacceptable in that it was 1) devaluing their property values, 2) limiting there outdoor activities, and 3) raising concerns about health issues resulting from the methane and hydrogen sulfide gasses being emitted. He hoped a plan could be in place by January of 2015 to deal with these issues, before several citizens would investigate other options through the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency.

The Mayor told them he appreciated their well stated concerns, and he assured them the situation has been closely monitored by the Water Department using the IEPA guidelines the City follows to ensure safe wastewater treatment. He went on to explain the situation with the way in which the aerators had been installed and how that is being

corrected. Although, he felt the major cause of odor was a result of the time of the year when the lagoons turn over, and the sediment load in the facility.

A report submitted by Sam Wilson, Secretary of the Zoning Board of Appeals, was read regarding the public hearing on November 6th, 2014 and the subsequent decision by the Zoning Board of Appeals to amend the zoning map to make the block on Marshall Street between West St. Charles and West Cherry Streets to be zoned as Highway Business (B-2). Mr. Crain made the MOTION TO ACCEPT THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS REPORT AND TO PASS ORDINANCE NO. 14-994, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING MAP TO MAKE MARSHALL STREET BETWEEN WEST ST. CHARLES AND WEST CHERRY STREETS HIGHWAY BUSINESS, second by Mr. Cox. Roll call: Crain, Cox, Beck, Lasswell, Mason, Stanart. Ayes – 6. Nay – 0.

The Mayor recognized and asked Assistant Fire Chief Jim Morris and volunteer fireman Tom Martello to speak to the Council regarding opportunities and goals to achieve a higher ISO fire rating. Morris explained that the recent purchase of two (2) fire rescue saws meet several of the ISO criteria and that he hoped the City would support the Fire Department as they continued to work at upgrading their equipment and training opportunities. Morris notified the Council of his desire to have better documentation with Carbon Monoxide calls, and that the Department was looking into grants to assist with the purchase of hand-held detectors. He submitted a list of fire crew members who have completed training and are now certified in special areas.

Following the requests from the utility superintendents for updating the City Code to reflect current costs and practices, Mr. Stanart made the MOTION TO PASS ORDINANCE 14-988 AMENDING SECTION 38-4-10 (A) (B)(WATER) AND SECTION 38-4-36 (A) (SEWAGE) OF THE REVISED CITY CODE, seconded by Mr. Mason. Roll call: Stanart, Mason, Lasswell, Crain, Beck, Cox. Ayes – 6. Nay – 0.

Mr. Cox made the MOTION TO PASS ORDINANCE 14-989 AMENDING SECTION 14-4-1 (GAS) OF THE REVISED CITY CODE, second by Mr. Mason. Roll call: Cox, Mason, Lasswell, Crain, Beck, Stanart. Ayes – 6. Nay – 0.

Mr. Mason made the MOTION TO PASS ORDINANCE 14-990 AMENDING SECTION 11-2-6 (A) (ELECTRICITY) OF THE REVISED CITY CODE, second Mr. Crain. Roll call: Mason, Crain, Cox, Lasswell, Beck, Stanart. Ayes – 6. Nay – 0.

Mr. Crain made the MOTION TO PASS ORDINANCE 14-991 SETTING FORTH ESTABLISHED TRUCK ROUTES AND WEIGHT LIMITS WITHIN THE CITY OF MCLEANSBORO, second by Mr. Beck. Roll call: Crain, Beck, Cox, Lasswell, Mason, Stanart. Ayes – 6. Nay – 0.

Mr. Crain made the MOTION TO PASS ORDINANCE 14-992 ANNEXING THE ROGERS-DeWITT CITY PARK, second Mr. Cox. Roll call: Crain, Cox, Beck, Lasswell, Mason, Stanart. Ayes – 6. Nay – 0.

Mr. Crain made the MOTION TO PASS ORDINANCE 14-993 MAKING THE ANNUAL TAX LEVY FOR THE CITY OF MCLEANSBORO, ILLINOIS FOR THE

FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING MAY 1, 2014 AND ENDING APRIL 30, 2015, second by Mr. Mason. Roll call: Ayes – 6. Nay – 0.

There was discussion for an ordinance requiring demolition permits in the City revolving around the cost of such a permit, who would have oversight of issuing and monitoring the permits, what would be considered as allowable time for demolition projects, and whether contractors not in compliance would be included in any fines along with the property owner. The clerk was directed to compare permits which have been used effectively in surrounding communities.

Discussion on an accepted use policy regarding electronic communications was tabled for the December meeting.

Mr. Crain made the MOTION TO PROVIDE FULL TIME CITY EMPLOYEES WITH ONE HUNDRED, TWENTY-FIVE DOLLAR (\$125.00) CHRISTMAS BONUSES, second by Mr. Beck. Roll call: Crain, Beck, Cox, Lasswell, Mason, Stanart. Ayes – 6. Nay – 0.

Mayor Deitz read the resignation letter of Police Chief Robert Crow, effective December 1, 2014, who has been elected to serve as the Sherriff of Hamilton County. The Council expressed its appreciation for Chief Crow’s 28 years of service with the City Police Department, and his commitment to our community. Mr. Beck made the MOTION TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF POLICE CHIEF ROBERT CROW, second by Mr. Cox. Roll call: Beck, Cox, Crain, Lasswell, Mason, Stanart. Ayes – 6. Nay – 0.

Mr. Cox made the MOTION TO APPOINT DAVID FILKINS AS CHIEF OF POLICE FOR THE CITY OF MCLEANSBORO, second by Mr. Lasswell. Roll call: Cox, Lasswell, Mason, Crain, Beck, Stanart. Ayes – 6. Nay – 0.

Mr. Crain made the MOTION TO ADJOURN, second Mr. Cox. Roll call: Crain, Cox, Beck, Stanart, Lasswell, Mason. Ayes – 6. Nay – 0.

Respectfully submitted,

Frederic Vallowe
City Clerk