

Mitchellville City Council Proceedings  
Regular Meeting – July 20, 2015

The Mitchellville City Council met in regular session at 7:02 pm in the council chambers of City Hall, 204 Center Ave. N., pursuant to notice.

Mayor Woods called the meeting to order, roll call, members present: McGhee, Crook, Thomas, Zook and Engler.

A motion by Crook to approved the tentative agenda, second by Thomas. Motion carried unanimous.

A motion by Engler to approve the consent agenda approving paying claims of \$145,340.65 includes 1 regular payroll and the 7-6-15 council minutes, second by Crook. Motion carried unanimous.

Public Audience: None

Brandon Miller, 215 5<sup>th</sup> St. NW requested permission from the council to place a new sidewalk 20 feet west of his property line on Elm Ave NW. A motion by Thomas approving Mr. Miller's request, second by McGhee. Motion carried unanimous.

A motion by Thomas approving the second reading of Ordinance 2114 that replaces 145.01 Definition, under swimming pools; increasing the height from 18 inches to 30 inches for pools in unfenced yards, second by Crook. Ayes: Thomas, Crook, Zook and Engler. Nays: McGhee. Motion carried. A motion by Crook to waived the third reading of Ordinance 2114, second by Zook. Ayes: Thomas, Crook, Zook and Engler. Nays: McGhee. Motion carried.

A motion by Zook approving Resolution 2015-34 the transferring of \$13,011.45 from the Emergency Fund to the General Fund, second by Engler. Motion carried unanimous.

A motion by Crook approving Resolution 2015-35 the transferring of \$3.17 from Cemetery Perpetual Care interest to General Fund, second by Thomas. Motion carried unanimous.

A motion by Zook approving Resolution 2015-36 the transferring of \$925.00 from the Special Assessment Fund to General Fund, second by McGhee. Motion carried unanimous.

A motion by McGhee approving Resolution 2015-37 the transferring of \$38,081.35 from the General Fund to the Fire Truck Replacement Fund, second by Thomas. Motion carried unanimous.

A motion by McGhee to approve the September 2015 renewal of the grandfathered Wellmark Health Plan for the City employee's health insurance, second by Engler. Motion carried unanimous.

The Mayor and council members reviewed and selected three pictures that will be used for the advertising in the ia magazine.

At 7:20 pm a motion by McGhee to open the Public Hearing on the City's continued participation the DART program, second by Thomas. Mayor Woods ask if anyone wished to speak, Skip Conkling the eastern Polk County Dart Commission Representative gave background on Dart in Mitchellville, went over the services offered and the raising cost to the city, \$25,465.00 or 0.531cents per \$1000.00 of property valuation in 2015. He noted that DART is the only tax levy that can be declined by cities. Member Thomas stated she felt there may not be a lot of participation within the city due lack of information and ask for suggestions on how and what we should do. Member Crook suggested a

presentation at the Wednesday citizen's lunch. Skip Conkling said he would check with DART for suggestions and volunteered to speak at the lunch.

Don Berkey 113 2<sup>nd</sup> St. NW stated he had ridden the bus a few times but he has never seen anyone else riding it so why continue with it. At almost \$500.00 a week the cost does not justify the usage. No other comments.

At 7:55 a motion by Zook to close the Public Hearing, second by Engler. Motion carried unanimous.

Public Works Director Patterson discussed with council his street asphaltting plans for the City and the cost estimates. The council went over his priority list and possible financing options. Other city streets will need to be maintained, repairs and seal coating with begin in the next week or so.

Fire Chief Mike Twohey made a request to council to transfer his 2015 unspent funds of approximately \$10,000 to the Fire Truck Replacement Fund. There was some discussion on the outstanding debt for the new ambulance and the raising need for a new pumper fire truck. A motion by McGhee to approve the transfer of the unspent funds to the fire replacement fund, second by Thomas. Ayes: McGhee and Thomas Nays: Crook, Zook and Engler. Motion failed.

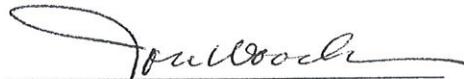
A motion by Engler to approve transferring 50% of the unspent funds to the ambulance debt and 50% to the fire replacement fund, second by Crook. Motion carried unanimous.

Updates were given by Department Heads and Council Members.

Mayor Woods gave a reminder that the Heart Reach Mobile Lab will be in Mitchellville on August 5<sup>th</sup>, more information is available at City Hall. Mayor Woods thanked the Lyons Club for the efforts in helping to beautifying the City with their "Yard of the Month Campaign". He stated there is a real need for volunteers for our local organization like the Lyons Club and city boards and commissions.

Public Audience: None

A motion by McGhee to adjourn the meeting, second by Crook, all in favor, meeting adjourned at 8:52 pm.

  
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Jon Woods, Mayor

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Ruth Norton City Admin/Clerk