

Mitchellville City Council Proceedings
Regular Meeting – July 7, 2014

The Mitchellville City Council met in regular session at 7:00 pm in the council chambers of City Hall, 204 Center Ave. N., pursuant to notice.

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

A motion by Crook to approve the tentative agenda, second by Zook. Motion carried unanimous

A motion by Thomas to approve the consent agenda paying claims of \$140,196.00 includes 2 regular payrolls 6-16-14 council minutes and approval of Dollar General Store's cigarette/tobacco permit, second by Crook. Motion carried unanimous.

Public Audience: None

Patti Wachtendorf, Warden at the ICIW gave the council and audience an update on the construction at the prison. The last phase on the final building should be completed by the end of next year. She met with residents about the complaints they had. The prison is working on adjusting the lights to shine away from nearby resident's homes. But the lights have to stay on. The new road into the warehouse will be used in the daytime only. The noise from the air conditioning unit can't be fixed. She was asked about the construction vehicles using so many different routes into the prison and tearing up so many of the streets in town. She stated they were to be using a designated route and would check into it.

Julie Danner, 105 Arch Ave. NE #15 request for an animal citation to be dropped. Request failed because she did not attend the meeting.

Administrator Norton sent out ten RFPs for the City's audits and received three responses back. Two declined our request and one submitted a proposal. After some discussion Norton was ask to contact the other seven to see why they did not respond. The council would like more than one proposal for consideration.

A motion by Crook to approve Resolution 2014-37 approving a Right of Entry and Indemnity Agreement for a possible underground storage tank at 110 2nd St. NE, second by McGhee. Motion carried unanimous.

A motion by McGhee to approve the second reading of Ordinance 2107 increasing the charge of residential recycling service by 10 cents per month, second by Thomas. Roll call vote, Ayes: Engler, Zook, McGhee and Thomas, Nays: Crook.

A motion by McGhee to waive the third reading of Ordinance 2107, second by Thomas. Roll call vote, Ayes: McGhee, Engler, Thomas, and Zook. Nays: Crook. Ordinance enacted.

A motion by Thomas to fail the third reading of Ordinance 2109, increasing the residential sewer service rate due to a calculation error, second by McGhee. Motion carried unanimous.

A motion by McGhee to approve the first reading of Ordinance 2110, increasing the residential sewer service rate by 4.9% as determined by the CPI, second by Engler. Roll call vote, Ayes: Engler, Zook, McGhee and Thomas, Nays: Crook.

A motion by McGhee to waive the second reading of Ordinance 2110, second by Engler. Roll call vote, Ayes: McGhee, Engler, Thomas, and Zook. Nays: Crook.

A motion by McGhee to waive the third reading of Ordinance 2110, second by Thomas. Roll call vote, Ayes: McGhee, Engler, Thomas, and Zook. Nays: Crook. Ordinance enacted.

The council discussed the City's continued participation in the Eastern Polk Regional Development, Inc. Council member McGhee explained there may be some changes at EPRD. There has been some talk that the City of Altoona may be dropping out of the group. It was decided to continue the 28E agreement at this time.

Council member Zook has requested the City adopt a written policy for Elected Officials to sign. A policy similar to the Boy Scouts or Little League and possibly a code of conduct. Council requested examples be present at the 7-21-14 meeting.

Police Chief Kinmonth asked the Council to reconsider the Government 1033 Humvee free loan program. He felt this vehicle could be used in bad weather, used for city events and an ice breaker for the kids. He stated there were 8 vehicles in Des Moines at Camp Dodge. Council member Crook asked where this would be stored being it was a diesel, what about the cost for paint, lights and insurance. Kinmonth said he would be looking for donations from local business. Council member Thomas asked what he thought the City's costs would be and Kinmonth said he would keep it under \$500. Council approved for him to move forward with it.

Casey Hope, 403 5th St. NW, expressed her concerns with the DCI investigation of Mayor Filbert, stating she felt he was not a good representative or leader for the City of Mitchellville and asked for his resignation.

Amerist Chambers, 103 44th St. NW, expressed her concerns with the DCI investigation of Mayor Filbert, stating even if there were no criminal charged being filed, the mayor used poor judgment, actions and asked for his resignation.

The mayor asked the audience if anyone else wish to speak.

Melissa Bacon, 406 Space Ave. SW, said she and her children didn't feel safe. She asked for the Mayor's resignation.

Connie Schaver, 104 4th St. NE, said people who hold certain position should be held to a higher standard.

Lawrence Bush, 310 3rd St. NW, asked the mayor if he was a resident of Mitchellville, because he was not listed as a registered voter. He needed to consider the betterment of this community.

Justin Powers, 601 6th St. NE, stated the vast majority of the city residents don't know about the investigation and he supported the mayor until something was proven otherwise.

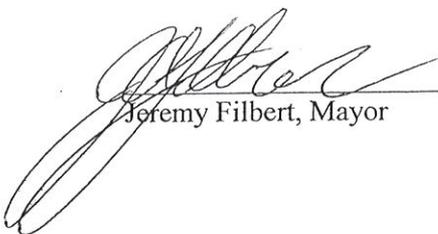
Norman Davis, 202 Space Ave. SW said he had the DCI investigator at his home to discuss the allegations as his 11 year old was involved and he had attended the outing to Incredible Pizza. He agreed with the 2 deep people leadership rule.

Randy Sample, 409 Space Ave. SW, Mayor Filberts' step-father stated this investigation had been very difficult on the entire family and people needed to be careful with their accusations.

Updates from department heads, library director Spitler gave updates on the summer programs. Fire Chief Twohey reminded everyone of the Bike Ride on Saturday July 12th, and that he had been ask about filling swimming pools in the city. This will be tabled until the next meeting. Administrator Norton said the City got the official letter on the CDBG funds being released from HUD and that the employee's insurance for next year had a decline of about 23% and both items would be on the 7-21-14 agenda. Mayor Filbert stated the last couple of weeks had been very difficult, he would not be resigning and he gave his approval for the DCI report to be released to the public.

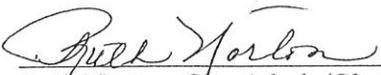
Public Audience: Larry Bush 310 3rd St. NW asked how long the temporary no parking signs on 3rd St. NW would be there. Chief Kinmonth said the signs were installed without pre-notification and he would check on how long they would be posted. Juanita Gibson, 312 Center Ave. N. was looking for a group of volunteers to help with the city cemetery.

Mayor Filbert adjourned the meeting at 8:33 pm


Jeremy Filbert, Mayor

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ATTEST:


Ruth Norton, City Admin/Clerk