

Mitchellville City Council Proceedings
Regular Meeting – June 1, 2015

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

Mayor Pro Tem Zook requested amending the agenda, changing item 16 to include swearing in mayor, second by Thomas. Motion carried unanimous.

Motion made by Crook to approve the amended tentative agenda, second by Engler. Motion carried unanimous

A motion by Thomas to approve the consent agenda paying claims of \$402,106.78 including 1 regular payroll and yearly loan payments, 5-18-15 Council minutes, accepting Sharon Payne's resignation from the Mitchellville Library Board of Trustees, Library Board of Trustees 4-27-15 minutes, bills for May 2015, April stats and Library Director's May report. Motion was seconded by McGhee. Motion carried unanimous.

Public Audience: Byron Johnston, 306 4th St. NW, gave updates on this year's Habitat for Humanity, June 19th and 20th starting a 9:00 am both days. They will be doing work on three houses this year. Volunteers are NEEDED or this maybe the last year for Habitat. If unable to volunteer donation can be sent to Habitat and specify it is for Mitchellville.

Don Berkey, 113 2nd St. NW, handed out Polk County assessor's papers on property located between 112 and 212 First St. NW owned by Jon Woods. His concern was the property was classed as residential since 1994. Before that it was commercial and this person was being considered for the Mayor's open seat. McGhee stated the assessor's office determined the class and the City Council had no control of the classification. Jon Woods state the property was for his own personal use and he did not do any kind business on it.

Angie Rheuport, 213 4th St. NW asked why no flags were flying on Center Ave. for Memorial Day. There were flags at the cemetery. She suggested asking for donations if the City could not afford flags. She stated summer is almost here and people have been walking their dogs a lot this spring, they have been allowing them to do their business on other people's property and not picking it up. City ordinance stated dog owner can be fined for not cleaning up after their dogs. The cat situation is bad again; they are roaming all over town.

A motion by McGhee to set June 15, 2015 as the date to hold Public Hearing to provide public information on the status of the 2014 CDBG sanitary sewer rehabilitation project, second by Thomas. Motion carried unanimous.

A motion by McGhee to approve resolution 2015-27 authoring the CFO to transfer water cash fund to debt service, second by Engler. Motion carried unanimous.

A motion by McGhee to approve resolution 2015-28 authoring the CFO to transfer road use cash fund to debt service, second by Thomas. Motion carried unanimous.

A motion by McGhee to approve resolution 2015-29 authoring the CFO to transfer EMS cash fund to debt service, second by Engler. Motion carried unanimous.

A motion by McGhee to approve resolution 2015-30 authoring the CFO to transfer water cash fund to water sinking, second by Crook. Motion carried unanimous.

A motion by McGhee to approve resolution 2015-31 authoring the CFO to transfer sewer cash fund to sewer sinking, second by Thomas. Motion carried unanimous.

A motion by McGhee to approve resolution 2015-32 approving the 3% pay increase for City employees as approved in the 2015-2016 budget. Discussion, Crook requested employees be given 1 ½ % in July and 1 ½ % in January 2016. McGhee stated the 3% was approved during budget talks, all the City employees were under paid and all of it needed to be applied in July 2015. Zook stated it private industry this would not be much of a raise, second by Thomas. Ayes: McGhee, Thomas, Zook and Engler. Nays: Crook. Motion carried.

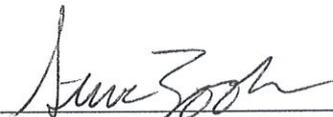
A motion by McGhee to approve Ordinance 2112 authoring a CPI water rate increase of 5.4 % per 1,000 gallons of usage. Discussion, Crook stated he would like to be able to tell residents how much their utility bill would be increasing and he felt 3% was a better increase. Norton explained he could inform residents the water rate was going to increase by 5.4 % or 42 cents per 1,000 gallons of usage. Zook explained yearly rates increases are necessary to make the payments on the City's loans obligations. To be able to qualify for loans in the future a City must have rate procedures in their ordinances and they have to charge enough money to cover the cost of providing the water, second by Zook. Motion carried unanimous. A motion by McGhee to waive the second reading of Ordinance 2112, second by Thomas. Motion carried unanimous. A motion by McGhee to waive the third reading of Ordinance 2112, second by Zook. Motion carried unanimous. Ordinance 2112 is enacted upon publication

A motion by McGhee to approve Ordinance 2113 authoring a CPI sewer rate increase of 5.4 % per 1,000 gallons of usage. Discussion, Crook asked what the increase would be. Norton state sewer rate was going to increase by 5.4 % or 40 cents per 1,000 gallons of usage, second by Zook. Motion carried unanimous. A motion by McGhee to waive the second reading of Ordinance 2113, second by Thomas. Motion carried unanimous. A motion by McGhee to waive the third reading of Ordinance 2113, second by Zook. Motion carried unanimous.

A motion by Engler to nominate Jon Woods to fill the Mayor's open seat until 12-31-2015, second by Zook. Motion carried unanimous. Mayor Pro Tem Zook administered the oath of office to Jon Woods.

Updates from Department Heads and Council Members.

Mayor Pro Tem Zook adjourned the meeting at 8:00 pm


Steve Zook, Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:


Ruth Norton City Admin/Clerk

NOTICE:

DUE TO A SCHEDULING CONFLICT THE SECOND CITY COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE HELD JUNE 22, 2015 INSTEAD OF JUNE 15, 2015. THE PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE CDBG SANITARY SEWER REHABILITATION PROJECT WILL BE HELD ON JUNE 22, 2015.