

Minutes March 3, 2015

The City of Dover in Pope County, State of Arkansas, met in regular session March 3, 2015, at the Dover City Hall. The following were present: Mayor Patrick Johnson presiding and the following Alderpersons: Chris Loper, Pat McAlister, Carl Wetzels, Fred Standridge, Roger Lee and Attorney Deidre Luker.

Absent: Ila Anderson.

Prayer: Rev. Sandy Taylor.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Chris Loper.

The minutes of the February 3, 2015 council meeting were reviewed and there being no corrections, Alderwoman McAlister made motion to accept the minutes. Alderman Loper 2nd.

A Voice Vote: Yeas: 5. Nays: 0. Motion Carried.

The monthly bills were received and signed. Alderwoman McAlister made motion to approve payment of the bills. Alderman Loper 2nd. A Voice Vote: Yeas: 5. Nays: 0. Motion Carried.

Mayor Johnson stated we have a bid for \$6,100.00 to repair the sidewalk on the West side of Hwy 7 across from Assembly of God Church. Alderman Lee stated he has heard from an individual that would like to bid on the work and has not had an opportunity. The Mayor stated this has been in the paper and the minutes of the meetings but we will announce again that we are accepting bids on the repair. We will table this until next meeting.

Mayor Johnson stated AG Barton has asked for a sewer extension for Millard Henry Clinic to hook up to sewer. Mr. Barton will pay all expenses for this extension. Mayor Johnson said eventually he would like to have the shopping center on sewer also.

Council asks if the Mayor has heard from the archeologist about the land for the proposed sewer plant. The Mayor said he has not.

Mayor Johnson said there is a concern about Bayou Bend Drive. A resident is building a house and wants access to that road. Another resident does not want to give access. Mayor stated at one time that was going to be a subdivision. It was not developed. Mayor stated city water is out there but Bayou Bend is not a city street. Water Supervisor Poynter stated there is a water easement there. A lawyer has determined the builder does have access to Bayou Bend. The lawyer asks the city to abandon any claim to Bayou Bend. Attorney Luker said there is nothing for us to abandon. Attorney Luker will look into this further for next month's meeting.

The Council reviewed the Audit Committee Review for Dec. 31, 2012.

The Mayor said the only one thing to discuss per the auditor is Resolution 2007-4. It states City Aldermen and the Mayor may receive individual health insurance coverage at the expense of the City of Dover should they so desire up to a health insurance premium cost of \$400.00. It needs to state that they can receive up to \$400 per month whether it is money or insurance coverage. Some aldermen are receiving the money per month and the auditor was concerned because different amounts are going to different aldermen. There was some question as to how much each alderman was receiving so Alderwoman McAlister stated she could tell what

each one was receiving if that was ok. The council agreed. Alderwoman McAlister said she receives \$310 per month in insurance benefits and Alderwoman Anderson receives \$340 per month in insurance benefits. Mayor Johnson, Alderman Standridge and Lee each receive \$200 per month in lieu of insurance. Alderman Wetzel is receiving \$369 per month in lieu of insurance. Alderman Loper is receiving family health insurance thru the city. Loper pays the city \$590 per month for the difference. Treasurer Kilgore stated the insurance premium has gone up and the difference Loper owes per month should be \$680. Alderman Loper said he was not aware of that and he will start paying the correct amount. The council all agreed. Attorney Luker is going to work on a new resolution to solve the conflicting information. Mayor Johnson stated one more concern from the auditor. Ordinance 2007-4, An Ordinance Permitting Aldermen, Council Members, Officials, and Municipal Employees to Conduct Business with the City of Dover, Arkansas, and prescribing the extent of said authority. The Auditor had stated that the Ordinance needs to state individual(s) involved, relationship to owners of the business(es), and Dollar amount not to exceed before getting council approval. The council stated they do not mind mentioning specifically names but do not wish to put in dollar amounts. Attorney Luker will work on a new Ordinance for this as well. Alderman Lee stated the Mayor is going to retire his fulltime job the end of May. He said the Mayor is going to spend more time at city hall. Lee feels the Mayors compensation will need to be increased. Alderwoman McAlister asks for an idea of what amount to expect. Alderman Loper said if it benefits the city and the Mayor will make his time cost effective for the city he sees no problem in increasing the compensation. Alderman Wetzel mentioned ways to compensate without adding to the Mayors income. Mayor stated he will work 20 to 25 hours per week. Alderman Loper suggested paying the Mayor \$1,000.00 per month. Alderman Lee suggested \$1,200.00. Alderman Lee made motion to pay Mayor Johnson up to \$1,200.00 per month effective June 1, 2015. Alderman Loper 2nd. A Voice Vote. Yeas: 5. Nays: 0. Motion Carried.

Yancy Poynter gave the Utility Report:

WATER DEPT.

- REPLACED SEVERAL METERS.
- HARP'S MAIN EXTENSION TESTED AND APPROVED.

SEWER DEPT.

- SOUTH EXTENSION AT HARP'S COMPLETED BUT NOT TESTED.
- BROKEN CLEANOUT REPAIRED.
- REPAIRED FILTER ASSEMBLIES ON LIFT STATIONS.
- REPLACED POWER SUPPLY L.S. #4 TELEMETRY.

STREET DEPT.

PATCHED SEVERAL STREETS.

- WORKED ON DITCH SOUTH ELIZABETH AND WATER.

Yancy stated we have had 15 manholes refurbished.

Fire Chief Tristan Teague gave the monthly Fire Report. He reported 3 drills, 3 fires and 1 alarm. He stated they are looking at finance options for a new fire truck. USDA Grant was used for the last truck purchased. He said there is about \$80,000 to put down and about \$4,000 quarterly to go onto the payments. Alderwoman McAlister said Centennial Bank has called and wants to give finance options.

Police Chief Pfeifer gave the Police Report. He reported 813 total calls, 156 contacts, 426 property checks and 592 extra patrols. Pfeifer stated he has been taking vacation days and April 10th will be his final full day before retirement. He said he loves the City of Dover and the people here. He would like for the city to advertise hiring for another full time police since they only have one month before he retires. He suggested maybe hiring another part time officer also. Mayor Johnson said the council appreciates Rod and what all he has done during his time here at the City. Alderman Standridge said it has been an honor working with Chief Pfeifer. Mayor Johnson ask Ron Walker if he had any comments from the Planning Commission. Mr. Walker said he had been contacted the engineering group for Harps and the final plat should be here soon. Planning Commission will have to sign off on it and then the council will have to sign off. The next Planning Commission meeting is scheduled for April 13th.

Mayor Johnson asks if there were any more comments concerning moving the council meetings to the 3rd Tuesday of the month. Alderman Loper made motion to move the council meetings to the 3rd Tuesday of the month starting with next meeting, which would be April 21. Alderman Standridge 2nd. A Voice Vote. Yeas: 5. Nays: 0. Motion Carried.

Alderman Lee said he has received complaints on the house on 27 that needs to be torn down. Attorney Luker said owners are working on it. Alderman Standridge said the empty trailer behind Jericho Motors still needs to be moved. Treasurer Kilgore stated the building beside the supermarket is in very bad condition. The roof that extends over the sidewalk is falling in. Alderwoman McAlister made motion to adjourn. Alderman Loper 2nd. A Voice Vote. Yeas: 5. Nays: 0. Motion Carried. Meeting Adjourned.

Regina Kilgore, Recorder/Treasurer

Patrick Johnson, Mayor

The undersigned certification of the City of Dover, Arkansas, hereby certifies the foregoing pages 1, 2 and 3 are true and correct copies of the meeting of the City Council at Dover City Hall, at 6:00 pm, on March 3, 2015.

