

Minutes July 18, 2017

The City of Dover in Pope County, State of Arkansas, met in regular session July 18, 2017 at the Dover City Hall. The following were present: Mayor Patrick Johnson presiding and the following alderpersons: Pat McAlister, Chris Loper, Roger Lee, Carl Wetzel, Fred Standridge and Attorney Luker.

Absent: Ila Anderson.

Prayer: Fred Standridge.

Pledge of Allegiance: Pat McAlister

The minutes of the June 20, 2017 meeting were reviewed and there being no corrections, Alderman Loper made motion to accept the minutes. Alderman Standridge 2<sup>nd</sup>. 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 2<sup>nd</sup>. A Voice Vote. Yeas: 5. Nays: 0. Motion Carried.

Cassie Elliott with Visionary Milestones is working on a grant with the city for equipment for the fire department. It is a 90-10 matching grant, with a maximum amount of \$75,000.00. The fire department is hoping to purchase radios and thermal imaging camera with this grant.

Mayor Johnson presented Resolution 2017-6 to the council, A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to apply for a grant on behalf of the City of Dover, for a project entitled: Fire Equipment Grant. Alderman Lee made motion to accept the Resolution. Alderwoman McAlister 2<sup>nd</sup>. A Voice Vote. Yeas: 5. Nays: 0. Motion Carried.

Mayor Johnson gave update on the Dover Housing Authority Construction Project. He stated they are redoing sewer and water lines, redoing inside and outside of apartments and working on drainage issues. They have asked the city to help fund the drainage issue. The Mayor stated that Davis Street is a city street. Alderman Loper suggested holding off on appropriating funds until the council knows the amount of money they are asking for. This was tabled for later.

Mayor Johnson stated the person who was working animal control for the city is very ill and can no longer perform the duty. He stated the utility guys that work for the city can step in as dog catcher but the city needs some land donated that can have dogs pens put on it. Steve Leavell said he would put in the newspaper that the city is looking for someone to donate some land.

Mayor Johnson stated the Bridge on Hwy 27 is completed. He stated the paving of Valley Street and Elizabeth Street should be done next week.

Sheri Simpson is the new librarian at Dover Branch of Pope County Library. She told council she wants to advertise that the library is here. She feels like a lot of people don't even know about the library. The Mayor said the city will help all it can.

Ron Walker with the planning commission stated the commission had a public hearing June 26<sup>th</sup> to discuss the change of text for Zoning Code 2013-2. The Planning Commission approved the following changes and is recommending the council amend the ordinance with these changes.

#### ARTICLE V – SPECIAL PROVISIONS, SECTION 15 – MOVING OF STRUCTURES

##### C. – APPLICATION FOR PERMIT (p.35)

(3) Proposed location....and physical address). "If the proposed location is outside of the city limits, a public hearing requirement is waived, but notification in a public newspaper and posting on the structure is required."

(12) The moving company will determine the soundness of the structure as to decay and pest infestation.”

I. NOTICE OF HEARING (p. 36-37)

The Planning Commission shall cause the applicant to post, “fourteen (14)” days prior ....

(4) .....must run in a local newspaper at least once no later than “fourteen (14)” days ....

Paragraph:

...by certified letter no later than “fourteen (14)” days.....

L. REMOVAL CLEANUP (p. 38)

....shall be cleaned up within “sixty (60)” days from time.....

N. BOND DAMAGE TO STREETS OR PROPERTY (p. 38)

Eliminate because it is redundant. The moving company is bonded.

Alderman Lee made motion we amend the ordinance with these recommended changes. Alderwoman McAlister 2<sup>nd</sup>. A Voice Vote. Yeas: 5. Nays: 0. Motion Carried.

Ron Walker said the next quarterly meeting for the commission will be Oct. 11, at 5 pm.

Ron Walker said he wanted to ask the council about West Walker Drive, if there is any way the city can repair that street. The roots from trees along that street are what have damaged the street. The Mayor said there is a water line that runs along that street and he will have to look into any problems that could cause. Also if the street is repaired it will probable kill the trees along that street and those are on personal property. Ron said he will get permission from the residents if the city wants him to. Mayor Johnson said he has applied for another street repair grant and hopefully we can do something to repair this street.

Mayor stated he would like to get a sidewalk put in from the city park to the Clinic.

Yancy Poynter gave the Utility Report:

**WATER DEPT.**

- BACKFLOW TESTING UNDERWAY.
- SANITARY SURVEY COMPLETED.
- REPLACED OVERFLOW SCREEN ON 120K TANK AND DRAIN SCREEN ON 50K TANK.

**SEWER DEPT.**

- GRINDER PUMP #2 OUT OF SERVICE FOR REPAIRS.

**STREET DEPT.**

20 MPH SPEED LIMIT SIGNS INSTALLED ON MAPLE STREET.

- WHALE SPRING RIDER AT CITY PARK OUT OF SERVICE FOR REPAIRS.
- BRIDGE COMPLETED ON HWY 27.
- WORK IN PROGRESS ON VALLEY AND ELIZABETH STREETS.

Fire Chief Tristan Teague gave the fire report. There were 4 drills, 1 fire alarm, 1 meeting, 1 inspection, 1 structure fire, 1 grass fire and 1 medical assist.

Chief Barry Walker gave the police report. He stated there were 461 total calls, 332 contacts, 583 property checks and 105 extra patrols.

Alderwoman McAlister made motion to adjourn. Alderman Standridge 2<sup>nd</sup>. A Voice Vote. Yeas: 5. Nays: 0. 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, 6 pm, July 18, 2017.