

Minutes February 16, 2016

The City of Dover in Pope County, State of Arkansas, met in regular session February 16, 2016 at the Dover City Hall. The following were present: Mayor Patrick Johnson presiding and the following alderpersons: Pat McAlister, Chris Loper, Roger Lee, Ila Anderson, and Fred Standridge.

Absent: Carl Wetzel and Attorney Deidre Luker.

Prayer: Fred Standridge.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Pat McAlister.

The minutes of the January 19, 2016 council meeting were reviewed and there being no corrections, Alderman Loper made motion to accept the minutes. Alderwoman Anderson 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 presented the Resolution 2016-1 to the council. A resolution to Amend the General and Street Budget 2016. Alderman Loper made motion to accept Resolution 2016-1. Alderman Lee 2nd. A Voice Vote: Yeas: 5. Nays: 0. Motion Carried.

Mayor Johnson presented the Resolution 2016-2, a Resolution to Amend the General and Street Budget 2015. Alderman Lee made motion to accept Resolution 2016-2. Alderwoman McAlister 2nd. A Voice Vote: Yeas: 5. Nays: 0. Motion Carried.

Alderwoman McAlister stated she is wanting to drop the insurance with Municipal Health that the city carries on her and just get \$250 per month in lieu of insurance. This would save the city \$50 per month. The council agreed on this.

Mayor Johnson stated that this month 3 positions on the planning commission expire. They are Dennis Edwards, Linda Smith and Carl Wetzel. Ron Walker stated these individuals are willing to serve another 4 year term. Alderman Lee made motion to reappoint Dennis Edwards, Linda Smith and Carl Wetzel to another 4 year term on the planning commission, which would expire February 2020. Alderwoman McAlister 2nd. A Voice Vote: Yeas: 5. Nays: 0. Motion Carried.

Jerry Turner presented a request to the council to do something about the drainage that comes off Maple Street to the lot behind his laundromat. He stated this has been a problem for years and continues to get worse. Wayne Strickland and Merrill Shoptaw were citizens at the meeting agreeing with Mr. Turner. After some discussion, Alderman Loper stated the city should put in drainage to help with the problem but he would like to have it fixed correctly so there would be no further problems. Alderman Standridge and Alderman Lee both stated that yes the problem is from a city street and therefore the city should fix the problem. Alderman Loper suggested we have the city engineer look at the problem and see how to fix it correctly. Council agreed. Mayor Johnson is going to get with the city engineer on this.

Mayor Johnson presented the council with a council ward map from Pope County Courthouse. He stated some were under the impression the dividing line between Ward 1 and Ward 2 was Hwy. 27. According to Pope County, the dividing line for these two wards is Hwy. 164. Council agreed the city should go by what Pope County has marked.

Ward 1 constitutes the area north of Hwy 164 from Dover's eastern boundary to its intersection with Hwy 7 and north of Hwy 7 to the western city limits.

Ward 2 is the territory south of Hwy 164 and east of Hwy 7 to the southern city limits at Round Rock Road.

Ward 3 is south and west of Hwy 7 from the western city limits to Round Rock Road.

Mayor Johnson stated the city has received a grant for \$185,000 to resurface Elizabeth Street all the way from Valley Street to the Elementary School Entrance.

Alderman Loper stated that at a board meeting for Dover Housing, he was asked if the city could expand Elizabeth Street as the Housing needs more parking area. Mayor Johnson stated there is just not enough room for that.

Yancy Poynter gave the Utility Report:

WATER DEPT.

- REPLACED 1 SHUT OFF.
- REPAIRED 1 LEAK.
- REPLACED PROBES ON CHLORINE ANALYZER.
- FRED ATTENDED BASIC & APPLIED MATH AND PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM COMPLIANCE CLASSES.

SEWER DEPT.

- REPAIRED TWO SERVICES.
- SEALED 20 MANHOLE LIDS.
- REPAIRED 1 MANHOLE.
- FILMED SECTION OF HEIGHTS.
- REPAIRED 1 BOLT ON MANHOLE COVER.
- PLUGGED 1 SERVICE.

STREET DEPT.

- REPLACED 1 CULVERT.
- CLEANED DITCHES.

Fire Chief Teague gave the Fire Report. He stated they had 10 fire calls and 3 drills.

Mayor Johnson said they have located a 2004 Fire Truck in Alabama to replace the 1984 Fire Truck. Fire Chief Teague has seen the truck and would like the city to purchase it. The truck sells for \$129,000, the fire dept. has \$85,290 in Act 833 money and the city would need to take out a loan for \$44,000. Mayor Johnson said Rivertown Bank will do the loan with the city for 60 months at 4.5%. It will be a monthly payment of approximately \$820 that will be paid out of the Fire Dept Act 833 money.

Alderman Loper made motion the city purchase the 2004 Fire Truck. Alderwoman McAlister 2nd. A Voice Vote: Yeas: 5. Nays: 0. Motion Carried.

Alderman Lee made motion the city take the loan with Rivertown to purchase the fire truck. Alderman Loper 2nd. A Voice Vote: Yeas: 5. Nays: 0. Motion Carried.

Police Chief Walker gave the monthly report. He stated there were 372 total calls, 196 contacts, 427 property checks and 283 extra patrols. He stated Officer Leo Young is doing very well at the Police Academy and he is half way thru the course.

Alderwoman McAlister made motion to adjourn. Alderman Standridge 2nd. 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, at 6 pm, on February 16, 2016.