

Minutes March 15, 2016

The City of Dover in Pope County, State of Arkansas, met in regular session March 15, 2016 at the Dover City Hall. The following were present: Mayor Patrick Johnson presiding and the following alderpersons: Chris Loper, Roger Lee, Ila Anderson, Fred Standridge and Attorney Luker.

Absent: Pat McAlister and Carl Wetzel.

Prayer: Chris Loper.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Fred Standridge.

The minutes of the February 16, 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: 4. Nays: 0. Motion Carried.

The monthly bills were received and signed. Alderman Lee made motion to approve payment of the bills. Alderman Loper 2nd. A Voice Vote. Yeas: 4. Nays: 0. Motion Carried.

Mayor Johnson stated the 2004 Fire Truck should be delivered later this month. The check has been mailed.

Mayor Johnson ask the city Engineer to give an update on the drainage in back of the laundry mat. Jeremy stated at best 50% of the water collecting behind the laundry mat could be taken care of. There was discussion of putting in culverts instead of ditches for the drainage, but Jeremy said that would be expensive. Yancy Poynter stated there is a water line in the area and a gas line. Poynter said this makes putting a ditch there questionable. Alderman Lee suggested we find exactly where those lines are and if possible make a ditch to help the drainage.

Mayor Johnson ask Jeremy to address the council on a drainage problem on Water Street around the end of the football field. Jeremy explained the existing storm drain in the area is not big enough to handle the water drainage from the school.

Mayor Johnson presented the proposed ordinance concerning Door to Door Solicitation to the council again. Attorney Luker stated there are some items in the Ordinance that she left blank. The cost for the permit, if the council chooses to charge for this and the amount of the fine for not registering with City Hall. The Council decided to review the Ordinance and discuss it again next month. Alderman Loper said he did not want to make a law the does not serve a purpose. Mayor stated this Ordinance is for the safety of the residents.

Mayor presented Ordinance 2016-1 to the council. He stated this Ordinance has to be done every year according to the auditor. This Ordinance Authorizes the City to Contract with Specified Employees and Elected Officials for Business Purposes. Alderman Lee made motion to have the first reading of the Ordinance. Alderman Loper 2nd. A Voice Vote. Yeas: 4. Nays: 0. Motion Carried. Attorney Luker read the Ordinance. Alderman Lee made motion to accept the Ordinance 2016-1 as read. Alderman Standridge 2nd. A Voice Vote. Yeas: 4. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Mayor Johnson stated the business called CheckFree Pay has ask city hall to accept payments for them from residents for utility bills etc. The Supermarket in town used to accept these payments and closed down. Alderman Loper stated that Harps accepts these payments but for a different company. So it was decided to be checked into and if Harps does accept the payments then City Hall will not enter into contract with this business.

City Engineer gave an update on the proposed Sewer Plant. He said everything has been turned in from the engineers that needed to be turned in.

Mayor Johnson ask Ron Walker if he has any update from the Planning Commission and Ron said he did not have anything new to report.

Mayor Johnson ask Donna Elliott to give a Library Report. She stated everything is good and the library has about 1500 monthly customers. She stated there are 6 public computers.

Yancy Poynter gave the Utility Report:

WATER DEPT.

- REPLACED PROBE PH 700.
- J.J. TOOK THE CLASS 4 TREATMENT EXAM. (RESULTS PENDING)
- REPAIRED LEAK WATER STREET.
- RE WORKED BACKFLOW PREVENTORS AT BALLPARK.

SEWER DEPT.

- REPLACED BATTERIES ON TELEMETRY SYSTEM.
- SEALED 48 MANHOLE LIDS.
- REPLACED THREE MANHOLE LIDS.

STREET DEPT.

- REPLACED 1 CULVERT.
- CLEANED DITCHES.

Fire Chief Teague gave the Fire Report. He stated they had 5 grass fires, 3 drills, 3 burn ban violations and 3 structure fires. He stated he is very pleased with the fire truck that was recently purchased.

Police Chief Walker gave the monthly police report. He stated there were 291 total calls, 171 contacts, 375 property checks and 232 extra patrols. He stated Officer Leo Young will be graduating from the Police Academy in three weeks and that he is in the top 5 of his class out of 86.

Alderman Loper made motion to adjourn. Alderwoman Anderson 2nd. A Voice Vote. Yeas: 4. 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 and 2 are true and correct copies of the meeting of the City Council at Dover City Hall, at 6 pm, on March 15, 2016.

