

Minutes September 15, 2015

The City of Dover in Pope County, State of Arkansas, met in regular session September 15, 2015, at the Dover City Hall. The following were present: Mayor Patrick Johnson presiding and the following alderpersons: Fred Standridge, Pat McAlister, Chris Loper, Roger Lee and Attorney Deidre Luker. Absent: Carl Wetzel and Ila Anderson.

Prayer: Rev. Aaron Elmore

Pledge of Allegiance led by Fred Standridge.

The minutes of the August 18, 2015 council meeting were reviewed and there being no correction, Alderwoman McAlister made motion to accept the minutes. Alderman Loper 2nd. A Voice Vote: Yeas: 4. Nays: 0. Motion Carried.

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

Mayor Johnson presented a Finance report to the council. He reported actual revenue for the year to date is up some; however, actual expenses for the year to date are also up. He also stated for the month of August 2015, all departments' expenditures were under budget.

Mayor Johnson said recently we have had some calls concerning door to door salesmen in our city. It was discussed for city hall to possibly get contact information from anyone doing door to door sales in the area. It was decided to table this until Mayor can research it more and gets some idea from other cities how they handle this.

Mayor Johnson stated Pope County has asked if there is a change in the City of Dover's millage.

Alderman Standridge made motion to leave it as is so the City has no millage tax. Alderwoman McAlister 2nd. A Voice Vote. Yeas: 4. Nays: 0. Motion Carried. Alderwoman McAlister said we should consider ½ cent increase next year.

Mayor Johnson said we started the WEX – gas card – in April 2015. Since that time we have saved a total of \$704 in gas tax.

Planning Commission spokesman Ron Walker told the council there is a man looking at purchasing the land on Center Street that is for sale. His intentions are to build some duplexes there. The Commission meets Monday, October 12, for the quarterly meeting. He hopes to have an update at next council meeting.

Donna Elliott gave the monthly report for the library. She said Storytime for preschool age starts back Monday. It begins at 10 am. She said the funds have been cut and the library is asking for donations.

Yancy Poynter was out for training and no water/wastewater or street report was available.

Lewis Dixon gave the monthly Fire Report. There were 3 drills and 1 structure fire in Dardanelle for the month.

Mayor Johnson handed out the police report and stated Chief Walker was out due to surgery.

There were 368 actual calls, 223 contacts, 811 property checks and 215 extra patrols.

Mayor Johnson stated a resident had called concerned about the proposed sewer plant. Mayor stated it is more like a large septic tank. It will consist of one building, and will have no odor. The lines will go out under the ball park. There will be no ponds or tanks. He said he appreciates the good article the Dover Times did on this project.

Mayor Johnson stated he had been to a meeting at Pope County on Uncommon Communities. It is a project to use volunteers to spruce up towns and to enhance the quality of life in rural Arkansas. There is no cost to the city. It involves a 5 county area. Arkansas Tech and Winrock Farms are involved in this project also. The Mayor asks the council to drive in the city of Dover with eyes of strangers and notice things that could be done to improve the city.

A resident ask has anything been done to remove the farm animals on Water Street. She said there are fowl roaming around the area and the smell is bad. Mayor stated the animals are to be removed or the police department will issue tickets.

Mayor Johnson stated the Municipal League Winter Conference will be held in Springdale, December 2-4, 2015. He would like to attend. Alderman Standridge made motion the city pay for the Mayor to attend the Conference. Alderman Lee 2nd. A Voice Vote. Yeas: 4. Nays: 0. Motion Carried.

Mayor wanted to remind everyone Ozark Memories Day will be held September 26, 2015.

Mayor handed out a proposed personnel policy handbook to all the council. He would like the council to preview the handbook and give their input at next meeting. He would like to implement the handbook by the first of next year.

Mayor stated the city hall is planning on being open during lunch. In the past, city hall closed down from 12-1.

Alderwoman McAlister stated there will be a change in her insurance. The Blue Cross Policy she had will be canceled and she would like to accept the \$200 per month from the city in lieu of her insurance payment. Everyone agreed.

Alderwoman McAlister made motion to adjourn. Alderman Loper 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 6:00 pm, on September 15, 2015.