

Minutes April 21, 2015

The City of Dover in Pope County, State of Arkansas, met in regular session April 21, 2015, at the Dover City Hall. The following were present: Mayor Patrick Johnson presiding and the following alderpersons: Chris Loper, Pat McAlister, Roger Lee, Ila Anderson and Attorney Deidre Luker.

Absent: Carl Wetzel and Fred Standridge.

Prayer: Roger Lee

Pledge of Allegiance led by Chris Loper.

The minutes of the March 3, 2015 council meeting were reviewed and there being no corrections, Alderman Loper made motion to accept the minutes. Alderwoman McAlister 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 Loper 2nd. A Voice Vote. Yeas: 4. Nays: 0. Motion Carried.

Mayor Johnson stated we have not received any other bids for the sidewalk repair West of Hwy 7, across from the Assembly of God Church. The council agreed to accept the original bid for \$6,100.00.

Mayor Johnson asks Ron Walker to give an update from the Planning Commission. Mr. Walker stated that Harps had sent the final plat for approval. He stated the city attorney, city engineer and other city officials including the planning commission had approved the final plat. The Planning Commission signed off on it at their last meeting which was held earlier this month. Tonight with the council's approval, the Mayor, city supervisor for water and sewer and the city Treasurer will sign off. Mayor Johnson asks if the council had any questions or concerns about the final plat. Alderman Lee made motion to accept the final plat on recommendation of the Planning Commission. Alderman Loper 2nd. A Voice Vote. Yeas: 4. Nays: 0. Mrs. Hopper, with Harps, stated she will get the copies to Mr. Jones, one of the previous land owners, for signature and then get the plans back for final recording.

Mr. Walker also said the Planning Commission has suggested some changes to the Zoning Ordinance and the Land Subdivision and Development Code. The Commission has announced a public hearing for this Monday, April 27, 2015, at 5:30 pm, at the City Hall.

Mr. Walker stated he wishes eventually the City can hire or designate a Code Enforcement Officer because these codes are worthless if they are not enforced.

Mayor Johnson stated we have a Resolution 2015-4, A Resolution to repeal Resolution 2007-4, and to set a cap on the health insurance benefit premium received by city aldermen and the mayor as compensation for their service to the city. There was a question about the wording of this resolution so it was tabled until Attorney Luker could correct the wording.

Alderman Loper asks the Mayor if this will affect his salary that was voted in to start June 1st. The Mayor said when he starts receiving the salary he will no longer receive the insurance benefit.

Mayor Johnson presented a letter from Alderman Standridge that requests he receive the full \$400 per month as compensation. He currently is getting \$200 per month. The council agreed they had no problem with Alderman Standridge receiving the \$400 per month.

Mayor Johnson asks Jackie Leavell to present her opposition to Clean Line to the council. Mrs. Leavell stated Gordon Milsaps will present it to the council. Mr. Milsaps stated he is in opposition to the Clean Line because of its impact on the Natural Beauty of the area and the federal eminent domain. He said the line will be 720 miles long and 200 feet wide from Western Oklahoma to Tennessee, affecting 8000 acres in Arkansas. He presented a Resolution, drafted from the similar one Pope County enforced. He was asking the council to sign a similar Resolution. Alderman Loper said he did not see why the council would not pass this resolution. He stated the Clean Line would not benefit the citizens of Dover. Alderman Lee stated he is in support of this resolution also. Alderman Lee made motion to pass this Resolution 2015-5, A Resolution addressing the plains and eastern HVDC transmission line being proposed by clean line energy partners, LLC, their request to operate as a public utility in

Arkansas, and their attempt to access federal eminent domain. Alderman Loper 2nd. A Voice Vote. Yeas: 4. Nays: 0. Motion Carried.

Mayor Johnson stated Dover School Dist. has asked the council to close College Street and part of Hill Street Alley for construction of new school building. He stated these are all on school property. The council agreed there is no problem with this. Attorney Luker will write up document concerning this.

Mayor Johnson stated the council should all have received the 2013 Audit. The Audit states the Dover city offices are in substantial compliance with Arkansas fiscal and financial laws. The only comment in the Audit states the recording of transactions should be distributed among appropriate employees. It also states, the city segregates the duties to the extent possible with the current staffing levels.

Mayor stated the Auditor is currently working on the 2014 year and is planning on finishing up next week.

Mayor presented the Resolution 2015-2. A Resolution adopting the Hazard Mitigation Plan for the City of Dover, Arkansas. He stated this is requested from Pope County if we ever need to request money from FEMA. The council agreed we need to follow Pope County's Plan. Alderman Lee made motion to pass the Resolution 2015-2. Alderman Loper 2nd. A Voice Vote. Yeas: 4. Nays: 0. Motion Carried.

Mayor Johnson presented Resolution 2015-3. A Retroactive Resolution Amending Resolution 2013-4, A Resolution to establish the General and Street Budget for the City of Dover, for the year January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014. The Mayor stated the expenditures increased because of the grants we received during the year. Alderman Lee made motion to pass the Resolution 2015-3. Alderwoman McAlister 2nd. A Voice Vote. Yeas: 4. Nays: 0. Motion Carried.

Alderman Lee asks if we would look closer and adjust the 2015 budget before year ending. Mayor Johnson said yes we will.

Mayor Johnson presented Ordinance 2015-1. An Ordinance Authorizing the City Dover to contract with specified Employees and Elected Officials for Business Purposes. He stated this was discussed at last month's meeting. The Auditor felt we needed this for clarification purposes. Alderman Lee made motion to have the first reading of Ordinance 2015-1. Alderman Loper 2nd. A Voice Vote. Yeas: 4. Nays: 0. Motion Carried.

Attorney Luker read Ordinance 2015-1. Alderman Loper made motion to accept the 1st reading. Alderman Lee 2nd. Alderwoman McAlister stated she is not voting on this as she is mentioned in the Ordinance. A Voice Vote: Yeas: 4 (including the Mayor). Nays: 0. Motion Carried.

Yancy Poynter gave the Utility Report:

WATER DEPT.

- REPLACED SEVERAL METERS.
- INSTALLED 1 SERVICE.
- RE-WORKED VALVE HWY 27.
- SERVICED GENSETS.
- REPLACED EJECTOR PRE CHLORINE FEED.

SEWER DEPT.

- SOUTH EXTENSION AT HARP'S COMPLETED AND PASSED TESTS.
- PARSHALL FLUME CALIBRATED. GOOD.
- REPLACED BLOCK AND BAR ASSEMBLY L.S. #4 TRANSFER SWITCH.
- SERVICED GENSETS.

- REPLACED 14 FT. OF COLLAPSED MAIN ON RUSS. STEEL EXT.
- REPLACED FLOAT L.S. #1.
- FILMED APP. 12,525 FT. OF MAIN, FOUND 6 TAPS LEAKING.
- REPAIRED 7 MANHOLES LEAKS.

STREET DEPT.

- PATCHED SEVERAL STREETS.

Fire Chief Tristan Teague was absent but had sent a report via text. He stated the Fire Dept. had 3 drills and 3 calls last month.

Assistant Police Chief Barry Walker gave the police report. The total calls for the month were 334, contacts 201, property checks 427 and extra patrols 490. He stated he is waiting to hear from the TARGET grant for \$59,000 which would be used to replace our 2 oldest police cars. Alderman Lee reported he has received a complaint from a resident who lives on Ozarka Street about speeding on that street. The individual has volunteered to let police park in their drive to catch speeders. Officer Todd Steffy requested to give the council a report on Leads on Line. He said the council made a great decision to purchase the program. He stated in the last 3 months, by mailing warrants, the city has collected \$6,268.00 in fines. Alderman Lee and Alderwoman McAlister both said Thank You Very Much for the Report.

Donna Elliott, Branch Manager of the Dover Library spoke to the council. She said Thank You to the Mayor for giving attention to the ditch/drainage problem at the library. She also thanked the Mayor for the Proclamation concerning Library Week.

At 7:04 pm Alderman Loper made motion for the council to go into executive session. Alderman Lee 2nd A Voice Vote. Yeas: 4. Nays: 0. Motion Carried.

At 7:41 the council came out of executive session.

Mayor Johnson asks if Attorney Luker had corrected the wording on Resolution 2015-4 while they were in executive session, and she said yes. Attorney Luker read Ordinance 2015-4. A resolution to Repeal Resolution 2007-4 and to set a cap on the health insurance benefit premium received by City Aldermen and the Mayor as compensation for their service to the city. Alderman Lee made motion to accept the resolution as read. Alderman Loper 2nd. A Voice Vote: Yeas: 4. Nays: 0. Motion Carried.

Mayor Johnson asks Officer Barry Walker to come before the council. He ask Barry Walker to be the Chief of Police for the City of Dover, Arkansas. Officer Walker accepted. Mayor Johnson thanked Walker for his service.

Alderwoman McAlister made motion to adjourn. Alderwoman Anderson 2nd. A Voice Vote. Yeas: 4. 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 April 21, 2015.