

Minutes May 19, 2015

The City of Dover in Pope County, State of Arkansas, met in regular session May 19, 2015, at the Dover City Hall. The following were present: Mayor Patrick Johnson presiding and the following alderpersons: Ila Anderson, Fred Standridge, Carl Wetzel, Roger Lee and Attorney Deidre Luker.

Absent: Pat McAlister and Chris Loper.

Prayer: Rev. Roy Beth Kelley.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Carl Wetzel.

The minutes of the April 21, 2015 council meeting were reviewed and there being no correction, Alderwoman Anderson made motion to accept the minutes. Alderman Lee 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 Standridge 2nd. A Voice Vote. Yeas: 4. Nays: 0. Motion Carried.

Alderman Lee made motion to have the 2nd reading, by title only, of the Ordinance 2015-1, An Ordinance Authorizing the City of Dover to contract with Specified Employees and Elected Officials for Business Purposes. Alderwoman Anderson 2nd. A Voice Vote. Yeas: 4. Nays: 0. Motion Carried.

Attorney Luker read the Ordinance by Title Only. Alderman Lee made motion to accept the 2nd reading of the Ordinance 2015-1. Alderwoman Anderson 2nd. A Voice Vote. Yeas: 4. Nays: 0. Motion Carried.

Mayor Johnson stated Dover City Engineers, Civil Engineering Associates, were asked to come give a report. They could not make it to meeting. They stated in an email, the archaeological investigation is going to have to be completed on the proposed land for the sewer plant. They have contacted an archaeologist and are finalizing their scope and associated cost to do the necessary work.

Mayor Johnson stated that back in October 2014, when the City purchased the new Ford Truck for the Water/Sewer Dept., the council had approved selling the old 89 GMC Street Truck to Perry Whitby, Owner of Full Moon Automotive. The Auditor had said we neglected to put this in the minutes. The truck was sold for \$252.12, which was the scrap price. Alderman Lee made motion that we sell and remove from inventory the 89 GMC Truck to Perry Whitby. Alderman Standridge 2nd. A Voice Vote. Yeas: 4. Nays: 0. Motion Carried.

Mayor Johnson stated that in March 2014, the City purchased a Kubota Tractor and traded in the old Massey Ferguson Tractor. The Auditor said we neglected to put this in the minutes as well. Alderman Lee made motion we trade in the Massey Ferguson Tractor and therefore remove it from inventory. Alderman Wetzel 2nd. A Voice Vote. Yeas: 4. Nays: 0. Motion Carried.

Ron Walker approached the council, representing the Planning Commission. Mr. Walker stated that at the last meeting of the Planning Commission on May 11, 2015, the commission had approved and passed wording changes in the Zoning Code 2013-2 and also in the Land Subdivision and Development Code 2013-3. The council approved the wording changes and Attorney Luker will do amendments to the Ordinances for the next meeting.

Mayor Johnson stated there will be a public hearing June 8, 2015, 5:30 pm, at Dover City Hall for the street closing of College Street lying west of Elizabeth Street and the entire 20 ft. alley running South from College Street to Davis Street, to allow expansion of school facilities on the property.

Mayor Johnson stated the Planning Commission has ask the council to approve a variance, waiving public notice for a house being moved in the city limits by Donald Robinson. Mr. Ron Walker, with the

Planning Commission, stated the commission had passed the motion at their last meeting to approve this variance and therefore are asking the council to do the same. Mr. Robinson has purchased the house from the school district and needs to have the house moved as soon as possible for the construction. The Planning Commission suggested Mr. Robinson get signed statements from all the surrounding neighbors of the lot that the house is going to be put on. The neighbors need to state that they have no problem with the house being moved there. Alderman Lee made motion the council grant the variance. Alderwoman Anderson 2nd. A Voice Vote. Yeas: 4. Nays: 0. Motion Carried.

Mayor stated that according to the Ordinance, Mr. Robinson should get a \$3,000 bond to the City of Dover, to ensure payment for any damage which applicant may cause to any public property, streets, sidewalks, trees or shrubs in the moving of the building. The Mayor stated that again, because the house needs to be moved soon, would the council approve a certified check from Mr. Robinson instead of a bond. Alderman Lee made motion that in this individual case, the city accepts a certified check instead of a bond from Mr. Robinson. Alderwoman Anderson 2nd. A Voice Vote. Yeas: 4. Nays: 0. Motion Carried.

Police Chief Barry Walker approached the council and presented a Payroll Schedule for the Marshals Office. He stated that he had discovered two part time officers had been neglected in the past in receiving their step raise. He would like to correct that. Alderman Lee made motion to accept the payroll schedule. Alderman Wetzel 2nd. A Voice Vote. Yeas: 4. Nays: 0. Motion Carried.

Mayor Johnson stated the auditor just finished with the 2014 audit. Along with the financial side, we had a complete IT Audit. The IT auditor stated there were some concerns with the city's computer systems such as password and security issues. The Mayor stated we are working on the issues. Tristan Teague, the IT person for the city, stated the auditor did not say the city had to have a server but recommended we get one in the future if possible.

Mayor stated the weather is holding up the progress on the sidewalk repair on Market Street.

Mayor Johnson stated that Harps will have an Open House on Wednesday, May 20th.

Yancy Poynter gave the Utility Report:

WATER DEPT.

- NOTHING MAJOR TO REPORT.

SEWER DEPT.

- FILMED APPROXIMATELY 2,200 FEET OF MAIN.
- REPAIRED SIX LEAKS.
- DELETED ONE TAP.
- REPAIRED FOURTEEN MANHOLE LEAKS.
- REPLACED DOGHOUSE SWITCH ON LIFT STATION #1.

STREET DEPT.

- PATCHED SEVERAL STREETS.
- CLEANED DITCH AT LIBRARY

Fire Chief Tristan Teague gave the fire report to the council. He stated they had a couple of calls last month.

Police Chief Walker gave the police report to the council. They had 371 total calls, 244 contacts, 416 property checks and 275 extra patrols. Chief Walker stated he has had several people in the community compliment the new officer Leo Young.

Mayor Johnson stated he is going on vacation for the first part of June. He will be out of town on June 16, which is the next scheduled meeting. He stated for the month of June he will receive the \$200 that he has been receiving and starting in July he will get the pay raise of \$1200. He asks if the council would be ok with having the June meeting on Tuesday, June 23rd. The Council agreed.

Alderman Standridge asks if anything had been done about the empty trailer behind Jericho Motors. The Mayor stated he will contact the owner. There was a discussion about the places in town that have high grass and unsanitary conditions. The Council agreed that as complaints come into city hall, the city attorney will mail out letters addressing the conditions.

Alderman Anderson made motion to adjourn. Alderman Standridge 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 May 19, 2015.