

Board of Alderman Minutes
81 S. Orchard Blvd.
May 9, 2017

Draft

Roll call taken by Mayor Tim Smith

Present: Stephen Foley, Samantha Bowman, Stephen Short, Dayna Ault.

Absent: Anthony Miller

Accept resignation of Tom Gourley, Board of Alderman Ward II – Mayor read resignation letter.

Motion by Bowman to accept Tom Gourley's resignation. Second Foley. No discussion.

Foley aye, Bowman aye, Short aye, Ault aye.

Mayor read Roger Miller's, Park Board, resignation letter brought to City Hall by Roger Miller on May 9, 2017 at late afternoon.

Motion by Foley to accept Roger Miller's resignation. Second Ault. No discussion.

Foley aye, Bowman aye, Short aye, Ault aye.

Public Forum

Unfinished Business

Park Board Vacancies – Consensus of Board to leave posted.

Planning and Zoning Vacancy – Consensus of Board to leave posted.

Board of Alderman Ward II Vacancy - Consensus of Board to leave posted and post all vacancy's on City website, social media and in Newsletter. Foley stated that Gourley was on the Sewer and Street Committee's along with himself and Short. Foley and Short would like to continue on with these Committee's as was, before Gourley. Consensus of Board to do so.

Second reading of Bill No 17-08 an ordinance amending Chapter 380 Bicycles and Motorized Bicycles by adding Section 380.075 Harassment of a Bicyclist, Pedestrian or Person in a Wheelchair. Posted 04/20/17.

Motion by Bowman to have second reading of Bill No 17-08 by title only. Second Ault. No discussion.

Foley aye, Bowman aye, Short aye, Ault aye.

Mayor read Bill No 17-08 by title only.

Motion by Ault to approve second reading of Bill No 17-08 and assign it Ordinance No 133. Second Bowman. No discussion. Foley aye, Bowman aye, Short aye, Ault aye.

Sewer encroachment issue at 430 S. Walker Lane - Postpone to May 23, 2017. Mayor asked if Board was in agreement for him to ask for motion on this issue. Board agreed.

Motion by Foley to postpone encroachment issue to May 23 meeting. Second Bowman.

Foley aye, Bowman aye, Short aye, Ault aye.

Ken Hokanson vacation policy - Ault stated the Personnel Committee studied this issue. She then read the notes from that Committee meeting. Hokanson was given a copy of these notes. Ault read from the Committee notes: it is the recommendation of the Personnel Committee that Hokanson take off 48 hours and be compensated for the remaining 40 hours; totaling 88 hours. This also happened in 2015 and it is not to happen again. Ault, addressing Hokanson, stated this time off is for your well-being. You have heavy responsibilities and we don't want you to burn-out. Board reiterated Ault's statements concerning Hokanson's well-being. Hokanson asked who would take his place if he takes off. Ault stated they had talked to Burt and he said he would fill in for Kenny, given a week's notice to do so. Ault said it is her understanding this is included in Burt's contract. Foley and Hokanson not sure. Hokanson stated this position is 24/7 and it is hard not to think about it even when you are off.

Motion by Foley to compensate Hokanson for 40 hours of untaken vacation time and mandate he take the remaining 48 hours ASAP before fiscal year ends. Second Bowman. Discussion: Short thanked the Personnel Committee for their work and gracious wording of the recommendation. Foley aye, Bowman aye, Short aye, Ault aye.

New Business

Approve Chamber of Commerce “Welcome To Fair Grove” signs – Ken Turner present representing the Chamber Of Commerce, stated the Chamber now has the money to do this project; putting up 2 signs along 65 Highway saying “Welcome To Fair Grove”. Turner stated he has been with the Chamber for 4 years and had worked on getting these 2 signs those 4 years. He explained the signs would be put on MODOT right-of-way and must be done through a government entity; therefore, the Chamber would like to ‘gift’ the signs to the City. The City would be under contract with MODOT for the signs, but the Chamber would reimburse the City for any expenses involving the signs. Foley stated he would like to have documentation from MODOT. Short is to contact vender and MODOT

and advice the Board if the process is unacceptable.

Motion by Foley to approve Chamber of Commerce ‘Welcome To Fair Grove’ gifting of signs pending approval of Public Works. Second Bowman. No discussion. Foley aye, Bowman aye, Short aye, Ault aye.

Approve amendment to lease or rental agreement with Springfield Greene County Library District –

Motion by Foley to approve Mayor to sign amendment to lease or rental agreement with Springfield Greene County Library District. Second Ault. Discussion: Short questioned the April 5th date and asked if there were any outstanding bills. There are no outstanding bills. Foley aye, Bowman aye, Short aye, Ault aye.

Reappoint Judge Will Worsham term to April 2018 –

Motion by Foley to reappoint Judge Worsham as Fair Grove Municipal Judge. Second Ault. Discussion: Short stated he had attended a few court sessions and was very pleased with the professional work and how the Judge and Prosecuting Attorney Housley worked together. Foley aye, Bowman aye, Short aye, Ault aye.

Reappoint Jim Ellis to Board of Zoning Adjustments term to expire May 2022 –

Motion by Foley to reappoint Jim Ellis to Board of Zoning Adjustments term to expire May 2022. Second Ault. Discussion: Short asked if this was committee that seldom met. Foley aye, Bowman aye, Short aye, Ault aye.

First reading of Bill No 17-09 an ordinance imposing a use tax for general revenue purposes at the rate of two-point two-five percent (2.25%) pursuant to the authority granted by and subject to the provisions of Sections 144.600 thru 144.761 RSMo.; providing for the use tax to be repealed, reduced or raised in the same amount as any city sales tax is repealed, reduced or raised; and providing for submission of the proposal to the qualified voters of the city for their approval at the general election called and to be held in the City of Fair Grove, Missouri on Tuesday, August 8, 2017. Posted 5/1/17.

Motion by Bowman to have first reading of Bill No 17-09 by title only. Second Foley. Discussion: Ault asked if this was for the way it will be worded for the election. Mayor stated is election declaration. Short questioned the way taxes would be disbursed. Mayor stated same as are disbursed now; parks, streets, etc. Foley aye, Bowman aye, Short aye, Ault aye.

Mayor Report – Mayor suspends this report for reports from Committee’s. Short gave Board FYI: Municipal Bonds are tax exempt for now. Our President has a Bill that will get rid of that tax exemption. Ault – Needs Newsletter deadline and publish date. July 11th was agreed on. Ault will bring for Board approval. Good response from public. Foley gave update on City Hall windows leaking. Were not correctly flashed. Is going to put silicone on himself. If this doesn’t work, will be a much bigger expense as bricks will need to be taken out and replaced. Also, north wall and back door, will need to bring in dirt, seed and landscape it to fix it. Short – WWTP is going to take small yard waste from Helping Hands/United Way program helping seniors eligible to do minor repairs for other seniors. No cost to City. Mayor wants to recognize the Fair Grove Drama Department and Amy Holland, great work. Foley wants minutes to show 5th and 6th grade youth football program to play on Saturday mornings. Not funded by school but school is letting them use their facilities.

Motion to adjournment by Bowman. Second Ault. All ayes.
Adjourned at 7:35pm.