

**MINUTES OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
MARCH 9, 2015
VILLAGE OF CLAYCOMO, MISSOURI**

The recessed Budget Planning Meeting of March 4, 2015 was called to order at 7:00 pm by Chairman Stoufer.

Trustee Barker, seconded by Trustee Harvey, moved to adjourn the Board Meeting of March 4, 2015. All yeas. Motion carried.

The regular meeting of March 9, 2015 was called to order.

Present: Trustees Barker, Harvey and Powell; Chairman Stoufer, Chief Coonce; Chief Stewart, and Clerk King.

Absent: Trustee Cooper

Chairman Stoufer requested that all stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Trustee Barker moved, seconded by Trustee Harvey, to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 23, 2015 with stated corrections. Chairman Stoufer – yea; Trustee Barker – yea; Trustee Harvey – yea; Trustee Powell – nay. Motion carried.

Trustee Barker moved, seconded by Trustee Harvey, to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of March 2, 2015 with stated corrections. Chairman Stoufer – yea; Trustee Barker – yea; Trustee Harvey – yea; Trustee Powell – nay. Motion carried.

Trustee Barker moved, seconded by Trustee Powell, to approve the minutes of the Budget Planning Meeting of March 4, 2015 with stated corrections. All yeas. Motion carried.

Trustee Barker moved, seconded by Trustee Harvey, to approve the Payment of Bills for the period of February 20, 2015 – March 5, 2015. Chairman Stoufer – yea; Trustee Barker – yea; Trustee Harvey – yea; Trustee Powell – nay. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

Chairman Stoufer shared with the audience the details of proposed Senate Bill 5 which would reduce the traffic violations revenue threshold from 30% currently to 10% over the next two years. The impact could mean nearly a \$150,000 revenue impact to the Village if approved in two years. The Board passed a resolution on March 2nd opposing the proposed bill. This resolution was mailed out to nearly 40 MO State Senators and Representatives. Chairman Stoufer shared information he had heard as of today that the proposed bill looks like it will die in committee and not be sent forward. The residents will be kept informed on the status of the proposed bill.

Trustee Powell asked about the status of Star Loans who had submitted a business license at the previous Board meeting. Clerk King replied that their attorney had provided more information about the company. Clerk King will provide the Board a packet with this information to review and discuss.

Trustee Powell asked that the minutes reflect previous discussions regarding the past records removed from City Hall was approved by former Chairman Watkins and not a decision made just by her and Ms. Stallings. The records were removed following a meeting between herself, Ms. Stallings, Chief Stewart, Chief Coonce, Carla Brumitt, and the Village's auditor's assistant, Kathy. Chief Stewart stated he had not been part of that meeting which Chief Coonce confirmed. The meeting was to review the records and

an attempt to confirm if \$50,000 was missing. Following the meeting, Chairman Watkins was called and asked to have the records removed so Ms. Stallings could review which he approved. Trustee Powell asked the minutes reflect she did not personally remove any records.

Trustee Powell asked for clarification on the shredding discussion and if it were Mr. Niffen who was being questioned for possibly shredding documents. Trustee Barker replied it was the previous part-time clerk who she had heard was seen with half of a 55-gal. garbage bag leaving City Hall. Clerk King replied he was not aware of anything other than the recycle materials being hauled away.

Trustee Powell asked that the Car Show Trustee Harvey was planning could be coordinated with the Village newsletter publication date to attract more visitors. Trustee Harvey explained he would do his best but had to select dates which matched the availability of the owners of the cars. Flyers used previously worked well and impacted bringing people to the event.

Trustee Harvey stated he had seen a semi-truck now parking closer to the former Taco Bell building in the Plaza and asked Chief Coonce to have his officer's look into this. He was not opposed to them parking there but not so close to 69 Hwy. as to attract other semis to begin parking in the Plaza lot. He stated there are "No Parking" signs in the plaza lot.

Trustee Harvey stated there was a lot of fill being dumped at Emerson and Park with a good portion of the fill being asphalt and rock. He asked if this fill had gone down into the creek. Mr. Dale Goeller, resident, said the Corp. of Engineers had been out about 6-8 years ago to look at the location but that someone again from their office needed to look at the situation along with someone from the DNR. Clerk King stated he had left messages for both offices to schedule a time for them to visit the site. Trustee Barker suggested we contact Rep. Nick King to see if he could assist.

Clerk King updated the Board on the status of the FY2013-14 audit. Mr. Culley and his staff had been on site for 4 days last week and that the audit was progressing well to date.

Chief Coonce updated the Board on the final cost for the purchase of the new SUV Explorer. The actual cost would be \$28,408 verse the original \$32,000 which had been approved for payment in this fiscal year. The delivery of the vehicle will be in mid-June.

NEW BUSINESS:

Ms. Marg Finley, resident, asked if any utilities were being covered up by the fill being dumped at Emerson and Park. Chairman Stoufer replied ~~there were no~~ **he was not aware of any utilities in that area** so none ~~were~~ **should be** affected.

She asked that a street sign be put in place at Longfellow & Bryant as there was not one there. Also that the Village look at a water leak at Whittier & Riley which has been there for a while. Ms. Finley stated the property at 425 E. Park has dirt from the fill put it which is now running into the street. Apparently the silt fence originally in place to hold back the dirt was no longer there. The Village will address it.

Mr. Jeff Carter, resident, asked with the weather warming up if a message could be put in the upcoming Spring newsletter alerting residents to be extra careful and aware of children now playing outside. Clerk King replied this would be placed in the newsletter.

The bids for the replacement of the carpeting to the Fire Station were reviewed. Trustee Powell moved, seconded by Trustee Harvey, to approve the Option 2 bid from Flooring & More for the Mohawk Ground Nylon carpet at a price of \$4,246.68 and charged to the funds allocated for the Fire Station remediation project. All yeas. Motion carried.

Clerk King read Bill No. 2961 to become Ordinance No. 2960, "AN ORDINANCE CHANGING THE DATE IN SEC. 2-22(A) (DEPARTMENT HEAD EMPLOYMENT EVALUATIONS) FROM OCTOBER TO JANUARY EACH FISCAL YEAR IN THE VILLAGE OF CLAYCOMO, MISSOURI". There was a second reading, by title only. Trustee Powell moved, seconded by Trustee Harvey, to approve Bill No. 2961 to become Ordinance No. 2960. All yeas. Motion carried.

A letter from Beth Stevens was discussed requesting reimbursement for a coat which had been damaged while on the job. The coat had been damaged by tearing it on some shelving in the Police Station garage closed while retrieving City Hall documents stored there. She provided the Board with 2 options for replacement.

Trustee Barker moved, seconded by Trustee Harvey, to approve the replacement purchase of a new winter coat for Beth Stevens which had been damaged during the course of her workday at City Hall not to exceed \$80.00 and funded from budget line item #601240 (Office Supplies). Chairman Stoufer – yea; Trustee Barker – yea; Trustee Harvey – yea; Trustee Powell – nay. Motion carried.

Trustee Powell asked if a re-schedule date could be set to complete Chief Stewart's evaluation. Chairman Stoufer stated a time would be set at the end of the Board meeting. She asked that for the next Budget review session that justification for any line item adjustments be provided to the Board. She asked what the length of the snow removal contract was with B&T Services. Mr. Benton will need to claim his income on his candidate disclosure application. Chairman Stoufer responded the contract was through this winter season.

Trustee Barker asked a few questions on behalf of Ms. Roxie McClure, resident, who could not attend the meeting. Ms. McClure wanted to know what business was going into the former MoJo Motors location. She had seen work going on there. Clerk King stated no business license application had been received. She asked to look at a few signs of business owners which have come down with the recent wind and asked that they be put back up. She asked about the status of the sheet rock being purchased for the new walls in the Fire Station. Chief Stewart stated the current remediation would still be another couple weeks before the Village volunteers would be able to begin this work. She asked about an Open House once the remediation was completed. Chief Stewart stated a date would be set once all the work was completed and the employees could have time to settle back into the station. A request for a Volunteer Day to have residents assist with a park work day. Saturday, April 18 with April 25 as a "rain" date was agreed to and the announcement would be placed in the upcoming release of the Village newsletter.

Clerk King informed the Board that BC Hardscapes had submitted a building permit application (**not on the agenda**) to build a new garage located on their property at 15 Poe Street. Currently this property is zoned as residential so discussion was held with the Board and Mr. Doug Grego, BC Hardscape owner, & Kody Downing, GM. Mr. Grego was asking for ways to expedite the process as he needed to confirm with the building contractor soon otherwise the project could be delayed. Chairman Stoufer stated the current Ordinance requires the property owner to have a hearing and approval from the Zoning Board to re-zone a property not currently zoned as commercial. Mr. Grego stated he had been at a Board meeting several years ago and was told that this property was already zoned commercial since a portion of the property fell within the 200 foot line of 69 Hwy. Research will be done to locate any supporting Board minutes for this understanding. Discussion continued on what type/size building could be constructed with the current residential zoning. Decision was made to research the project further and present a recommendation at the Special Board meeting scheduled for Thursday, March 12 (see below).

Clerk King informed the Board he would be traveling to Jefferson City on Wednesday, March 11. He had been invited to meet with Floor Majority Leader Todd Richardson and Dist. 17 Representative Nick King for a question and answer session on Claycomo. Clerk King asked if the Board had any questions which he could ask on their behalf.

The Board agreed to have a budget ~~planning~~ session on Thursday, March 12, 2015 at 11:00 am to discuss the proposed budget for FY2015-16; further discuss BC Hardscape's building permit application and enter into Executive Session for Department Head evaluations.

There being no further business with the Board, Trustee Powell moved, seconded by Trustee Barker, to recess the meeting subject to the call of the Chairman. All yeas. Motion carried. Recessed at 9:04 pm.

Dennis W. King, Village Clerk

Jim Stoufer, Chairman
Board of Trustees