

The City Council of the City of Mattoon held a special meeting in the City Hall Council Chambers on February 27, 2014.

Mayor Gover presided and called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

Mayor Gover led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following members of the Council answered roll call physically present: YEA Commissioner Dave Cox, YEA Commissioner Sandra Graven, YEA Commissioner Rick Hall, YEA Commissioner Preston Owen, and YEA Mayor Tim Gover.

Also physically present were City personnel: City Administrator Kyle Gill, City Attorney Janett Winter-Black, Finance Director/Treasurer Beth Wright, Public Works Director Dean Barber, and City Clerk Susan J. O'Brien.

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Cox seconded by Commissioner Hall moved to approve Council Decision Request 2014-1492, approving an Illinois Department of Natural Resources Bike Trail Program grant application for a project to connect the City's Bike Trail to Douglas Hart Nature Center, and authorizing the Mayor to sign the Certification Statement.

Mayor Gover opened the floor for discussion comments or questions which was followed with no response.

Mayor Gover declared the motion carried by the following vote: YEA Commissioner Cox, YEA Commissioner Graven, YEA Commissioner Hall, YEA Commissioner Owen, YEA Mayor Gover.

DISCUSSION ITEM:

Long-Term Planning for the Midtown TIF District from the TIF Advisory Committee. Discussion of a Capital Improvements and Property Owner Grant funding options for the remaining 14 years of the TIF District.

Director Barber reviewed potential Midtown TIF projects, funding for next 14 years, maps of parking lots behind deBuhrs and Villa Pizza, Broadway Avenue Streetscaping, YMCA and Depot Parking Lots, alleys between 15th and 16th Streets and 14th and 15th Streets, Bike Trail extension, eligibility of TIF funds, a spreadsheet containing TIF fund revenues, project costs, shared revenues, existing grant obligations, future TIF applications process, and new grants (Lumpkin Family property, Thrifty Building west wall, Broadway Alley 15-16th Street, Broadway Alley 14th – 15th Street, Library Alley, Bike Trail Extension ROW, Bike Trail Extension 10th-16th Streets, parking lot behind deBuhr's to Villa Pizza, United Way Parking Lot, and Broadway Avenue Streetscaping). Council discussed the Streetscaping project over seven years and alleyways. Director Barber proposed an \$110,000 budget and priorities for alleys to enable sewer replacements and Streetscaping; and would accept comments on priorities which would depend on budgets and available grants. Mayor Gover thanked Director Barber for his presentation and for other attendance by the TIF committee and Public. Administrator Gill noted receipt of a TIF application for roof work and anticipated applications with several identified projects.

Mayor Gover seconded by Commissioner Owen moved to recess to closed session at 4:02 p.m. pursuant to the Illinois Open Meetings Act for the purpose of discussing the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the City (5ILCS/20 (2)(C)(1)).

Mayor Gover declared the motion carried by the following vote: YEA Commissioner Cox, YEA Commissioner Graven, YEA Commissioner Hall, YEA Commissioner Owen, YEA Mayor Gover.

Council reconvened at 5:14 p.m.

Mayor Gover opened discussion on a proposed facility which could be located in Mattoon. Council discussed the possibility, options, and real estate with a consensus to obtain more information.

Commissioner Hall seconded by Commissioner Cox moved to adjourned at 5:29 p.m.

Mayor Gover declared the motion carried by the following vote: YEA Commissioner Cox, YEA Commissioner Graven, YEA Commissioner Hall, NAY Commissioner Owen, YEA Mayor Gover.

/s/ Susan J. O'Brien
City Clerk