

The City Council of the City of Mattoon held a regular meeting in the City Hall Council Chambers on March 4, 2014.

Mayor Gover presided and called the meeting to order at 6:30 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, Fire Chief Tony Nichols, Police Chief Jeff Branson, Arts and Tourism Director Angelia Burgett and City Clerk Susan J. O'Brien.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Gover seconded by Commissioner Hall moved to approve the consent agenda consisting of minutes of the regular meeting February 18, 2014 and special meeting February 27, 2014; bills and payroll for the last half of February, 2014.

Bills and Payroll for the last half of February, 2014

General Fund

Payroll		\$	237,422.85
Bills		\$	<u>96,614.76</u>
	Total	\$	334,037.61

Hotel Tax Administration

Payroll		\$	2,345.24
Bills		\$	<u>2,591.64</u>
	Total	\$	4,936.88

Festival Management

Bills		\$	<u>22,000.00</u>
	Total	\$	22,000.00

Insurance & Tort Judgment

Bills		\$	<u>44,425.00</u>
	Total	\$	44,425.00

Water Fund

Payroll		\$	40,619.83
Bills		\$	<u>37,125.39</u>
	Total	\$	77,745.22

Sewer Fund

Payroll		\$	320,036.25
Bills		\$	<u>14,927.48</u>
	Total	\$	334,963.73

Heath Insurance Fund

Bills		\$	<u>121,244.86</u>
	Total	\$	121,244.86

Motor Fuel

Bills		\$	<u>14,261.41</u>
	Total	\$	14,261.41

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

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

Mayor Gover opened the floor for Public comments or questions with no response from the Public.

Mr. Steve Thompson of the Coles County Historical Association Advisory Council made a presentation on the proposed Mattoon Civil War Memorial Ellipse – Camp Grant by reviewing the location of Camp Grant, project elements, three phases, 150th anniversary of the Civil War, and contact information. Council discussed the Mattoon Pride’s Softball Lease and Tourism assistance. Director Barber noted a modification to the Mattoon Pride’s Softball Lease on the next agenda. Director Burgett noted Tourism assistance with the project. Mr. Thompson also noted an additional marker to be placed in Wolf Pocket Park in the future. Mayor Gover thanked Mr. Thompson for his presentation.

Mr. Donny Pierce of DeAngelo Brothers, Inc. stated his interest in helping with the Bike Path project.

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Cox seconded by Commissioner Graven moved to adopt Resolution 2014-2907, approving the Department of Natural Resources PARC Grant application for connecting the City’s Bike Trail and Douglas Hart Nature Center; and authorizing the Mayor to sign the PARC-3 Resolution of Authorization grant application.

CITY OF MATTOON, ILLINOIS

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-2907

STATE OF ILLINOIS / IDNR

PARC-3 RESOLUTION OF AUTHORIZATION

PARC PROJECT APPLICATION

1. Project Sponsor: City of Mattoon

2. Project Title: Douglas Hart Bike Trail Connection

The City of Mattoon hereby certifies and acknowledges that it has 100% of the funds

(local project sponsor)

necessary to complete the pending PARC project within the timeframes specified herein for project execution, and that failure to adhere to the specified project timeframe or failure to proceed with the project because of insufficient funds or change in local recreation priorities is sufficient cause for project grant termination which will also result in the ineligibility of the local project sponsor for subsequent Illinois DNR indoor or outdoor recreation grant assistance consideration in the next two (2) consecutive grant cycles following project termination.

ALL Projects

It is understood that the project should be completed within the timeframe established in the project agreement and the Final Billing reimbursement request must be submitted within one year of the expiration date. Failure to do so will result in the Project Sponsor forfeiting all project reimbursements, and relieves DNR from further payment obligations on the grant.

The City of Mattoon further acknowledges and certifies that it will comply with
(local project sponsor)

all terms, conditions and regulations of 1) the Park and Recreational Facility Construction Grant Program (PARC) (17 IL Adm. Code 3070) 2) the federal Uniform Relocation Assistance & Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970 (P.L. 91-646) and/or the Illinois Displaced Persons Relocation Act (310 ILCS 40 et. seq.), as applicable, 3) the Illinois Human Rights Act (775 ILCS 5/1-101 et.seq.), 4) Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, (P.L. 83-352), 5) the Age Discrimination Act of 1975 (P.L. 94-135), 6) the Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1988, (P.L. 100-259) and 7) the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (PL 101-336); and will maintain the project area in an attractive and safe condition, keep the facilities open to the general public during reasonable hours consistent with the type of facility, cease any farming operations, and obtain from the Illinois DNR written approval for any change or conversion of approved outdoor recreation use of the project site prior to initiating such change or conversion; and for property acquired with PARC assistance, agree to place a covenant restriction on the project property deed at the time of recording that stipulates the property must be used, in perpetuity, for public indoor or outdoor recreation purposes in accordance with the PARC programs and cannot be sold or exchanged, in whole or part, to another party without approval from the Illinois DNR.

BE IT FURTHER PROVIDED that the City of Mattoon certifies to the best of its knowledge that the information provided within the attached application is true and correct. This Resolution of Authorization has been duly discussed and adopted by the City of Mattoon at a legal
(local project sponsor)

meeting held on the 4th day of March, 2014.

/s/ Timothy D. Gover, Mayor

(Authorized Signature and Title)

ATTESTED BY:

/s/Susan J. O'Brien, City Clerk

(Name and Title)

Mayor Gover opened the floor for discussion or comments 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.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

CITY ADMINISTRATOR/ COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – noted several meetings on developments within Mattoon, continued work on the budgets, labor negotiations, potential special budget work session in the near future, and code enforcement activities. Mayor Gover opened the floor for questions with no response.

CITY ATTORNEY – noted consultation with staff members regarding the non-taxpaying local hotels and actions forthcoming. Mayor Gover opened the floor for questions with no response.

CITY CLERK – noted business as usual with the addition of 25 absentee/early voters in the primary election of March 18, 2014. Mayor Gover opened the floor for questions with no response.

FINANCE – reviewed a projected year end spreadsheet. Mayor Gover opened the floor for questions with no response.

PUBLIC WORKS – announced the date of May 31st for the Citywide Cleanup, forward progress of the Douglas Hart / Bike Trail project, and receipt of two loads of salt. Mayor Gover opened the floor for questions with no response.

FIRE – noted work on budgets and preparation for the ISO inspection. Mayor Gover opened the floor for questions with no response.

POLICE – noted work on budgets and business as usual. Mayor Gover opened the floor for questions with no response.

ARTS AND TOURISM – noted Bagelfest vendors and sponsors, Smithsonian Exhibit preview at Cobden and upcoming Gee’s Bend Quilters’ visit. The Smithsonian Exhibit is to be in Mattoon from April 19 – June 1, 2014. Mayor Gover opened the floor for questions with no response.

COMMENTS BY THE COUNCIL

Commissioner Cox acknowledged several Downtown businesses celebrating 30-100+ years in business as hidden treasures in Mattoon and the value of proceeding with Streetscaping Plans.

Commissioner Hall recounted his father’s employment with DeBuhrs. Mayor Gover recounted another good experience with DeBuhrs.

Commissioners Graven and Owen had nothing further.

Commissioner Hall seconded by Commissioner Cox moved to adjourn at 7:01 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