

The City Council of the City of Mattoon held a regular meeting in the City Hall Council Chambers on August 21, 2012.

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 Bob Becker, YEA Commissioner Randy Ervin, YEA Commissioner Rick Hall, YEA Commissioner Chris Rankin, and YEA Mayor Tim Gover.

Also physically present were City personnel: City Attorney Janett Winter-Black, Community Development Coordinator Kyle Gill, Public Works Director Dean Barber, Deputy Fire Chief Sean Junge, Police Chief Jeff Branson, and City Clerk Susan O'Brien.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Gover seconded by Commissioner Hall moved to approve the consent agenda consisting of minutes of the regular meeting August 7, 2012; Fire Department report for the month of July, 2012; and bills and payroll for the first half of August, 2012.

Bills and Payroll for the first half of August, 2012

General Fund

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| Payroll | | \$ 254,763.95 |
| Bills | | <u>\$ 113,843.08</u> |
| | Total | \$ 368,607.03 |

Hotel Tax Administration

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|---------|-------|---------------------|
| Payroll | | \$ 1,810.91 |
| Bills | | <u>\$ 16,890.24</u> |
| | Total | \$ 18,701.15 |

Festival Management

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|-------|-------|---------------------|
| Bills | | <u>\$ 18,141.51</u> |
| | Total | \$ 18,141.51 |

Mobile Equipment Fund

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| Bills | | <u>\$ 64,452.33</u> |
| | Total | \$ 64,452.33 |

Insurance & Tort Judgment

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| Bills | | <u>\$ 45,945.00</u> |
| | Total | \$ 45,945.00 |

Capital Project Fund

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| Bills | | <u>\$ 30,841.76</u> |
| | Total | \$ 30,841.76 |

Water Fund

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|---------|-------|----------------------|
| Payroll | | \$ 28,689.13 |
| Bills | | <u>\$ 104,895.41</u> |
| | Total | \$ 133,584.54 |

Sewer Fund

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|---------|-------|----|------------------|
| Payroll | | \$ | 28,244.51 |
| Bills | | \$ | <u>33,904.04</u> |
| | Total | \$ | 62,148.55 |

Heath Insurance Fund

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|-------|-------|----|-------------------|
| Bills | | \$ | <u>134,741.49</u> |
| | Total | \$ | 134,741.49 |

Motor Fuel Tax

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|-------|-------|----|------------------|
| Bills | | \$ | <u>33,131.44</u> |
| | Total | \$ | 33,131.44 |

Revolving Loan

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|-------|-------|----|---------------|
| Bills | | \$ | <u>284.43</u> |
| | Total | \$ | 284.43 |

Mayor Gover opened the floor for discussion with no responders.

Mayor Gover declared the motion to approve the consent agenda carried by the following vote: YEA Commissioner Becker, YEA Commissioner Ervin, YEA Commissioner Hall, YEA Commissioner Rankin, YEA Mayor Gover.

PRESENTATIONS, PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

- Public comments/presentations and non-agenda items

There were no public comments.

Mayor Gover commended the Fire Dept., Police Dept., and Public Works Dept. for the outstanding work personnel performed after a major storm's destruction.

Presentation: Blake Leitch – Proposed Veterans Program

Mr. Blake Leitch, a veteran of Operation Iraqi Freedom, addressed the Council with a Veterans Program he sought to implement. The Veterans Program would include financial assistance, employment assistance, educational reintegration, faith-based community, medical assistance, family counseling, and legal assistance. The requested a city proclamation supporting his program, and provided reasons for supporting veterans. Mayor Gover opened the floor for questions. Commissioner Hall inquired what was being requested from the City with Mr. Leitch responding just the proclamation and the City's consent. Mayor Gover and Commissioner Becker complimented Mr. Leitch's presentation.

NEW BUSINESS:

Commissioner Hall seconded by Commissioner Ervin moved to approve Council Decision Request 2012-1364, approving a \$4,300 grant by the Tourism Advisory Committee from hotel/motel tax funds to the Mattoon Arts Council for hosting the Quilters of Gee's Bend to be held October 13-22, 2012; and authorizing the Mayor to sign the agreement.

Mayor Gover opened the floor for discussion. Commissioner Hall elaborated on the event including a statement as the biggest event of the year for Mattoon. Mayor Gover provided additional information on the quilters.

Mayor Gover declared the motion carried by the following vote: YEA Commissioner Becker, YEA Commissioner Ervin, YEA Commissioner Hall, YEA Commissioner Rankin, YEA Mayor Gover.

Commissioner Hall seconded by Commissioner Ervin moved to approve Council Decision Request 2012-1365, approving a \$5,700 grant by the Tourism Advisory Committee from hotel/motel tax funds to the Mattoon High School for hosting the Mattoon Boys Golf Invitational on September 7-8, 2012 and Mattoon Girls Holiday Basketball Tournament December 27-29, 2012; and authorizing the Mayor to sign the agreement.

Mayor Gover opened the floor for discussion with no responders.

Mayor Gover declared the motion carried by the following vote: YEA Commissioner Becker, YEA Commissioner Ervin, YEA Commissioner Hall, YEA Commissioner Rankin, YEA Mayor Gover.

Commissioner Hall seconded by Commissioner Becker moved to approve Council Decision Request 2012-1366, approving a \$4,000 grant by the Tourism Advisory Committee from hotel/motel tax funds to the Mattoon YMCA for hosting the YMCA Last Chance Tri 2012 on October 7, 2012 and the Ghouls in the Pool Swim Meet on October 27, 2012; and authorizing the Mayor to sign the agreement.

Mayor Gover opened the floor for discussion and comments. Commissioner Hall noted the off season events would bring tourism to the City.

Mayor Gover declared the motion carried by the following vote: YEA Commissioner Becker, YEA Commissioner Ervin, Commissioner Hall, YEA Commissioner Rankin, YEA Mayor Gover.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

CITY ATTORNEY – had nothing to report.

CITY CLERK – reported business as usual.

PUBLIC WORKS – updated Council on the sidewalks project, Depot building improvement, and mural lighting installed. Mayor Gover opened the floor for questions with no responders.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – updated the Council on the upcoming demolition of one of the telephone company buildings, permits, nuisances, and Depot remodeling permit. Mayor Gover opened the floor for questions with no responses.

FIRE – noted the Chief's attendance at a grant committee seminar, implementation of Chaplin program with Mark Prevo, and five personnel training for MAVIS Haz-Mat team. Mayor Gover opened the floor for questions with no responses.

POLICE – commented on the Police Department completion of a four-month wellness program. Mayor Gover opened the floor for questions resulting in no public comments.

COMMENTS BY THE COUNCIL

Commissioners Becker, Hall, and Rankin had no further comments.

Commissioner Ervin – had questions involving the removal of boulevard trees, the electrical aggregation, and former Villa Pizza property. City staff responded to the questions.

Commissioner Hall seconded by Commissioner Becker moved to adjourn at 7:04 p.m.

Mayor Gover declared the motion carried by the following vote: YEA Commissioner Becker, YEA Commissioner Ervin, YEA Commissioner Hall, YEA Commissioner Rankin, YEA Mayor Gover.

/s/ Susan J. O'Brien
City Clerk