

The City Council of the City of Mattoon held a regular meeting in the City Hall Council Chambers on July 5, 2011.

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, YEA Mayor Tim Gover.

Also physically present were City personnel: City Administrator Sue McLaughlin, Fire Chief Tony Nichols, Police Chief Jeff Branson, and City Clerk Susan O'Brien.

Mayor Gover seconded by Commissioner Hall moved to approve the consent agenda consisting of minutes of the regular meeting June 21, 2011; bills and payroll for the last half of June, 2011.

**Bills and Payroll for the last half of June, 2011**

<b><u>General Fund</u></b>		
Payroll		\$ 234,977.92
Bills		<u>\$ 994,987.94</u>
	Total	\$ 1,229,965.86
<b><u>Hotel Tax Fund</u></b>		
Payroll		\$ 2,282.40
Bills		<u>\$ 2,046.66</u>
	Total	\$ 4,329.06
<b><u>Festival Management Fund</u></b>		
Bills		<u>\$ 6,374.33</u>
	Total	\$ 6,374.33
<b><u>Insurance &amp; Tort Judgment</u></b>		
Bills		<u>\$ 3,841.16</u>
	Total	\$ 3,841.16
<b><u>Mid-town TIF Fund</u></b>		
Bills		<u>\$ 5,690.65</u>
	Total	\$ 5,690.65
<b><u>Capital Project Fund</u></b>		
Bills		<u>\$ 6,258.80</u>
	Total	\$ 6,258.80
<b><u>Water Fund</u></b>		
Payroll		\$ 28,980.59
Bills		<u>\$ 22,620.41</u>
	Total	\$ 51,601.00
<b><u>Sewer Fund</u></b>		
Payroll		\$ 34,695.36
Bills		<u>\$ 414,682.86</u>
	Total	\$ 449,378.22
<b><u>Motor Fuel Tax Fund</u></b>		
Bills		<u>\$ 307.17</u>
	Total	\$ 307.17
<b><u>Health Insurance Fund</u></b>		
Bills		<u>\$ 122,817.28</u>

Total \$ 122,817.28

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 & COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Gover opened the floor for other public discussion with no responders.

NEW BUSINESS:

Commissioner Becker seconded by Commissioner Hall moved to approve Council Decision Request 2011-1229, awarding Line-Stop equipment bid in the amount of \$38,495 from IMCO.

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 Rankin seconded by Commissioner Ervin moved to approve Council Decision Request 2011-1230, approving the expenditure of \$25,000 for the City's portion of the Playground Equipment at Lawson Park supplied by the Kiwanis Club.

Mayor Gover opened the floor for discussion. Commissioner Rankin thanked the Kiwanis Club for their efforts. Mayor Gover added thanking all service clubs for their work.

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

Mayor Gover seconded by Commissioner Ervin moved to adopt Special Ordinance 2011-1442, approving a variance from front-yard setback requirements in the zoning ordinance at 701 Lafayette Avenue. Ray & Valerie Gibson –Applicants.

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**CITY OF MATTOON, ILLINOIS**

**SPECIAL ORDINANCE NO. 2011-1442**

**AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A VARIANCE FROM BUILDING SET BACK REQUIREMENTS TO ENABLE CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCE AT 701 LAFAYETTE AVENUE.**

**WHEREAS** there has been filed a written Petition by Ray and Valerie Gibson for a variance, respecting the property legally described as:

Lot one (1), Block five (5) of Clark's Addition to the City of Mattoon, Coles County, Illinois; commonly known as 701 Lafayette Avenue, Mattoon.

**WHEREAS**, said petition requests that a variance be granted pursuant to applicable ordinances of the municipality to allow construction of a new single family residence, which will reduce the front yard setback on South 7<sup>th</sup> Street; and

**WHEREAS** the zoning code requires a 10-foot front yard setback from South 7<sup>th</sup> Street on the corner lot of 701 Lafayette which is currently zoned R1, Single Family Residence Zoning District; and

**WHEREAS** the Planning Commission held a properly-noticed public hearing on June 28, 2011 regarding petitioners' request for said variance; and

**WHEREAS** the Planning Commission for the City of Mattoon, Coles County, Illinois, has recommended that the requested variance be granted; and

**WHEREAS** the City Council for the City of Mattoon, Coles County, Illinois, deems that the recommended variance is in the public interest.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF MATTOON, COLES COUNTY, ILLINOIS**, as follows:

**Section 1.** Pursuant to enabling authority provided at Section §159.05 of the Mattoon Code of Ordinances, the property legally described as aforesaid, be and the same is granted a variance of the front yard setback requirement to enable construction of a new single family residence with a 5 foot setback from the east property line.

**Section 2.** This ordinance shall be deemed published as of the day of its adoption and approval by the City Council.

**Section 3.** This ordinance shall be effective upon its approval as provided by law.

Upon motion by Mayor Gover, seconded by Commissioner Ervin, adopted this 5<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2011, by a roll call vote, as follows:

AYES (Names): Commissioner Becker, Commissioner Ervin  
Commissioner Hall, Commissioner Rankin,  
Mayor Gover

NAYS (Names): None

ABSENT (Names): None

Approved this 5<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2011.

/s/ Tim Gover  
Tim Gover, Mayor  
City of Mattoon, Coles County, Illinois

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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

/s/ J. Preston Owen  
J. Preston Owen, City Attorney

Recorded in the Municipality's Records on July 19, 2011.

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 Becker, YEA Commissioner Hall, YEA Commissioner Rankin, YEA Mayor Gover.

Mayor Gover seconded by Commissioner Becker moved to approve Council Decision Request 2011-1231, approving the Request for Proposals (RFP) to update the City's Comprehensive Plan; and authorizing the City Administrator to distribute the RFP.

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.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

CITY ADMINISTRATOR – reviewed WCIA's news spot "Our Town – Mattoon" which will be reported during Bagelfest; the 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks were good; and opened the floor for questions with no responders. Council with Administrator McLaughlin expressed their opinions on a successful parade. Mayor Gover thanked all who participated in the parade.

CITY CLERK – noted work on variety of reports and all continuing liquor license holders had renewed and business as usual.

PUBLIC WORKS – Debbie Crean reported on the sewer line progress behind the YMCA.

FIRE – reported on 4<sup>th</sup> of July activities, walkthroughs in schools, inspections, community awareness events, tours, and training. Mayor Gover opened the floor for questions with no responders.

POLICE – reported on 4<sup>th</sup> of July activities, thanked the Auxiliary, landscaping projects at MPD, thanked Blaw Knox Credit Union for their assistance with the landscaping project as well as the volunteers, community service workers and Kurt Stretch. Mayor Gover opened the floor for questions with no responders.

Mayor Gover opened the floor for public questions of any of the management staff with no responders.

#### COMMENTS BY THE COUNCIL

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

Mayor Gover seconded by Commissioner Hall moved to recess to closed session at 6:42 p.m. to discuss the purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body (5 ILCS 120/2(c)(5)).

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.

Council reconvened at 6:53 p.m.

Commissioner Hall seconded by Commissioner Rankin moved to adjourn at 6:54 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