

The City Council of the City of Mattoon held a regular meeting in the City Hall Council Chambers on August 3, 2010.

Acting Mayor Gover presided and called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Acting Mayor Gover led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following members of the Council answered roll call physically present: YEA Commissioner Randy Ervin, YEA Commissioner Rick Hall, YEA Commissioner Chris Rankin, YEA Acting Mayor Tim Gover.

Also physically present were City personnel: City Attorney & Treasurer J. Preston Owen, Community Development Coordinator Kyle Gill, Public Works Director David Wortman, Fire Chief Tony Nichols, Police Chief Jeff Branson, and City Clerk Susan O'Brien.

Commissioner Hall seconded by Commissioner Rankin moved to approve the consent agenda consisting of minutes of the regular meeting July 20, 2010; bills and payroll for the last half of July, 2010.

Bills and Payroll for the last half of July, 2010

General Fund

Payroll		\$ 257,773.37
Bills		<u>\$ 61,465.28</u>
	Total	\$ 319,238.65

Hotel Tax Fund

Payroll		\$ 3,776.40
Bills		<u>\$ 333.24</u>
	Total	\$ 4,109.64

Festival Management

Bills		<u>\$ 24,700.85</u>
	Total	\$ 24,700.85

Capital Project Fund

Bills		<u>\$ 18,498.12</u>
	Total	\$ 18,498.12

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Bills		<u>\$ 118,219.59</u>
	Total	\$ 118,219.59

I 57 East TIF District

Bills		<u>\$ 10,150.00</u>
	Total	\$ 10,150.00

Midtown TIF District

Bills		<u>\$ 9,319.00</u>
	Total	\$ 9,319.00

Water Fund

Payroll		\$ 25,332.32
Bills		<u>\$ 67,997.96</u>
	Total	\$ 93,330.28

Sewer Fund

Payroll		\$ 26,019.96
Bills		<u>\$ 87,679.07</u>
	Total	\$ 113,699.03

Cemetery Fund

Bills		\$	42.76
	Total	\$	42.76

Motor Fuel Tax Fund

Bills		\$	9,929.95
	Total	\$	9,929.95

Health Insurance

Bills		\$	151,006.32
	Total	\$	151,006.32

Acting Mayor Gover opened the floor for discussion with no responders.

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

Public comments/presentations and non-agenda items:

Mr. Herb Meeker addressed the Council for Mr. Jim Beals concerning the removal of the ponds at Lake Paradise with no maintenance on the banks for fishing.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION: Mowing of IDOT Route 16

Acting Mayor Gover discussed background on the proposal of IDOT Route 16. Director Wortman discussed the search for other mowing alternatives, the advertisement of bids, and bid results of one by Chris Walker for \$170/acre, which was considerably higher than nuisance mowing providers. Director Wortman was to present results at the next Council meeting of an inquiry to Lafayette Township personnel, Greg Elliott, Road Supervisor. Council discussed the situation with a consensus that the area needed to be mowed, but the funding was not available. Further discussion at the next Council meeting was proposed.

Commissioner Rankin seconded by Commissioner Ervin moved to approve Council Decision Request 2010-1128, awarding the bid in the amount of \$15,500 to Wallace Excavating for re-grading of Lake Paradise ponds. [10-00194-00-GE]

Acting Mayor Gover opened the floor for discussion with no responders.

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

Commissioner Rankin seconded by Commissioner Hall moved to approve Council Decision Request 2010-1129, awarding the bid from Curry Construction in the amount of \$276,820 for improvements to Lake Paradise raw water Pump Station. [07-00166-00-PS]

Acting Mayor Gover opened the floor for discussion with no responders.

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

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

CITY ADMINISTRATOR – Absent

ATTORNEY & TREASURER – announced a lawsuit was filed against the former Young’s Radiator property, and the State continues to owe the City \$550,000 from April to current.

CITY CLERK – had nothing new at this time.

PUBLIC WORKS – noted the oil and chip program started yesterday, the waterfowl drawing was held with 41 pairs of hunters; thanked the Police Department, citizens, and Administrator McLaughlin for assisting the City in preventing vandalism in the Parks; presented an update on the bandshell re-varnishing, American Legion Senior Regional Tournament this weekend, and Lytle Park Triathlon. Director Wortman addressed the fishing concern at Lake Paradise by noting the west side offered some areas for fishing and Lake Mattoon also had areas for fishing. Acting Mayor Gover opened the floor for

questions, and welcomed the Tournament attendees and their impact on the City, and noted his ride-along with the police department included several passes through the parks.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – announced Josh Evans’ employment with the City; updated Council on the property maintenance issues, nuisances filed, building permits increased, and Mr. Jones’ progress on his donated demolition of a property located on north 11th Street. Acting Mayor Gover opened the floor for questions with no responders.

FIRE – noted an occupancy inspection, walkthrough pre-plan at Mars Petcare (Kal Kan), fundraiser Operation Sleighride at Buffalo Wild Wings; thanked Chief Branson and Lt. Heuerman for the sale of the surplus fire truck; conducted the 3rd Annual Teacher’s Trek; and promoted the Mattoon/Charleston Battle of the Badges Blood Drive at the Airport.

POLICE - noted the internet auctions ended with five of seven satisfactorily selling; commended Lt. Heuerman’s efforts on the sales; announced the Police Department’s use of RMS (paperless records management system); prepared bid for flooring with Administrator McLaughlin’s assistance; and announced the award of another Crime Scene Investigator trainee with complete reimbursement from the State.

COMMENTS BY THE COUNCIL

Acting Mayor Gover relayed thanks from one of the internet buyers, and announced the anticipated opening of Quality Inn on September 15th.

Commissioner Rankin had nothing at this time.

Commissioner Ervin had nothing at this time.

Commissioner Hall had nothing at this time.

Commissioner Hall seconded by Commissioner Ervin moved to adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

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

/s/ Susan J. O’Brien
City Clerk