

The City Council of the City of Mattoon held a regular meeting in the Council Chambers at City Hall on January 4, 2005 at 7:03 p.m. after a 6:30 p.m. caucus session.

Mayor Carter presiding.

Mayor Carter led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America.

The following members of the Council answered roll call: YEA Commissioner Mark Donnell, YEA Commissioner Harold Gambill, Absent Commissioner Jerrold Hesse, YEA Commissioner David Schilling, YEA Mayor David E. Carter.

Commissioner Donnell seconded by Commissioner Schilling moved to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held on December 21, 2004.

Mayor Carter opened the floor for discussion. No discussion.

Mayor Carter declared the motion carried by the following vote: YEA Commissioner Donnell, YEA Commissioner Gambill, Absent Commissioner Hesse, YEA Commissioner Schilling, YEA Mayor Carter.

Commissioner Schilling seconded by Commissioner Gambill moved to approve the reports of the Police Department for the month of November and Library Board for the month of December, 2004.

Mayor Carter opened the floor for discussion. No discussion.

Mayor Carter declared the motion carried by the following vote: YEA Commissioner Donnell, YEA Commissioner Gambill, Absent Commissioner Hesse, YEA Commissioner Schilling, YEA Mayor Carter.

Commissioner Schilling seconded by Commissioner Donnell moved to approve bills and payroll for the last half of December.

Bills and Payroll for the last half of December

General Fund

Payroll		\$	215,891.04
Bills		\$	202,189.47
	Total	\$	418,080.51

Hotel Tax Fund

Payroll		\$	1,343.23
Bills		\$	15.44
	Total	\$	1,358.67

Capital Project Fund

Bills		\$	134.60
	Total	\$	134.60

Water Fund

Payroll		\$	37,520.22
Bills		\$	112,401.13
	Total	\$	149,921.35

Sewer Fund

Payroll		\$	28,852.53
Bills		\$	329,174.33
	Total	\$	358,026.86

Cemetery Fund

Payroll		\$	2,267.94
Bills		\$	145.81
	Total	\$	2,413.75
 <u>Health Insurance Fund</u>			
Bills		\$	73,503.23
	Total	\$	73,503.23
 <u>Revolving Loan Fund</u>			
Bills		\$	490.05
	Total	\$	490.05

Mayor Carter opened the floor for discussion. No discussion.

Mayor Carter declared the motion carried by the following vote: YEA Commissioner Donnell, YEA Commissioner Gambill, Absent Commissioner Hesse, YEA Commissioner Schilling, YEA Mayor Carter.

Commissioner Gambill seconded by Commissioner Schilling moved to approve Council Decision Request 2005-399, authorizing increased compensation not to exceed \$11,570 to the Upchurch Group for surveying services for the platting of the proposed Lake Paradise Subdivision.

Mayor Carter opened the floor for discussion. No discussion.

Mayor Carter declared the motion carried by the following vote: YEA Commissioner Donnell, YEA Commissioner Gambill, Absent Commissioner Hesse, YEA Commissioner Schilling, YEA Mayor Carter.

Commissioner Gambill seconded by Commissioner Donnell moved to approve Council Decision Request 2005-400, ratifying an administrative decision pertaining to procurement of permanganate chemical for the water treatment plant. (CDR 2005-400 rejected the bid from Advanced Environmental Chemistry & Biology and to authorized a procurement of powdered activated carbon from NORIT Americas, Inc. in the amount of \$15,200.)

Mayor Carter opened the floor for discussion. No discussion.

Mayor Carter declared the motion carried by the following vote: YEA Commissioner Donnell, YEA Commissioner Gambill, Absent Commissioner Hesse, YEA Commissioner Schilling, YEA Mayor Carter.

Council discussed whether to initiate a boundary revision of the Mattoon Enterprise Zone deleting some residential areas in favor of adding some areas with manufacturing and/or distribution use potential near the interchange of Interstate Route 57 with U.S. Route 45 and the proposed interchange of Interstate Route 57 and County Road 1000. Manufacturing and distribution uses located in the Enterprise Zone are eligible for tax abatement and worker training economic development incentives to create good jobs. Acceptable revisions were to expand east of interstate and County Road 1000 and retain City farm area north of 1100N, and a portion of the Lump Trust land on the west side of SR45. Areas to be removed included south of the southern boundary of the east side TIF district, older residential areas, areas on the south side that are not commercially useful, Old State Village, a portion north of 1100N, and a portion southeast of Route 45 and I-57.

Mayor Carter opened the floor for discussion. Community Development Coordinator Kyle Gill informed the Council of the need to update the sewer tap fees which have expired on the south end of the city, and requested the new sewer tap fees to be lower which would be significant savings for plumbers.

Pat Nester of Nester Home Improvements addressed the Council with his concerns over the decline in business opportunities, low employment, and what was being done to bring work to town. Mayor Carter noted the enterprise changes discussed at this meeting, City working with Coles Together to market and attract businesses, TIF districts, and Revolving Loan Fund to encourage gap financing for new or expanding businesses. Commissioner Donnell noted that Blaw-Knox was being redeveloped; expansions of Rural King, United Graphics, U.S. Soy Plant; Coles Together promoting Mattoon; and that the City was doing everything to provide a "homerun" in economic development. Public Works Director David Wortman added that the water treatment plant has a larger capacity, infrastructure was growing, and a number of things in the background that could not be discussed due to confidentiality restrictions. City Administrator Richard Underkofler explained the Kmart situation, where the owner was in default, property could not be sold until the title could be cleared, and public auction to be conducted. Council's number one goal was economic development, since being elected.

Commissioner Schilling seconded by Commissioner Gambill moved to adjourn at 7:23 p.m.

Mayor Carter declared the motion carried by the following vote: YEA Commissioner Donnell, YEA Commissioner Gambill, Absent Commissioner Hesse, YEA Commissioner Schilling, YEA Mayor Carter.

/s/ Susan J. O'Brien
City Clerk