

The City Council of the City of Mattoon held a regular meeting in the City Hall Council Chambers on January 20, 2015.

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, Arts and Tourism Director Angelia Burgett, 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 January 6, 2015; fire department report for 2014 year end; bills and payrolls for the first half of January, 2015.

Bills and Payrolls for the first half of January, 2015

	<u>General Fund</u>		
Payroll		\$	275,789.64
Bills		\$	<u>149,741.26</u>
	Total	\$	425,530.90
	<u>Hotel Tax Administration</u>		
Payroll		\$	2,963.94
Bills		\$	<u>1,515.08</u>
	Total	\$	4,479.02
	<u>Insurance & Tort Fund</u>		
Bills		\$	<u>45,433.51</u>
	Total	\$	45,433.51
	<u>Festival Management</u>		
Bills		\$	<u>7,143.15</u>
	Total	\$	7,143.15
	<u>Midtown TIF Fund</u>		
Bills		\$	<u>285.00</u>
	Total	\$	285.00
	<u>Broadway E TIF Dist.</u>		
Bills		\$	<u>2,761.43</u>
	Total	\$	2,761.43
	<u>Water Fund</u>		
Payroll		\$	41,083.53
Bills		\$	<u>22,614.36</u>
	Total	\$	63,697.89

	<u>Sewer Fund</u>		
Payroll	\$		40,922.30
Bills	\$		<u>49,541.67</u>
	Total	\$	90,463.97
	<u>Heath Insurance Fund</u>		
Bills	\$		<u>149,102.42</u>
	Total	\$	149,402.42
	<u>Motor Fuel Tax Fund</u>		
Bills	\$		<u>22,590.60</u>
	Total	\$	22,590.60

Mayor Gover opened the floor for comments/discussion 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.

PRESENTATIONS, PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Gover opened the floor for Public comments/questions for agenda or non-agenda items and requested those who wanted to speak regarding the PADS motion to wait until that time. There were no comments/questions from the Public.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Gover directed the City Attorney to comment on the Mattoon P.A.D.S.’ special use request. City Attorney Winter-Black addressed the research with regard to the special use request and stated her opinion was the special use was not required for the PADS to use the property for a homeless shelter.

Mayor Gover opened the floor for comments/questions of the Council. Council discussed the legal opinion, the motion, the removal of motion, the catch 22 situation, and Mayor’s privilege on the motion. Mayor Gover stated the motion would be removed from the agenda. Mayor Gover opened the floor for Public comment. A number of residents (Clara Kaye, Robert Hardin, Janie Youhas, Scott McDevitt, Tasha Zike, Amanda Cavazos, Kent South, Jonathan Kaye, and Sharon French) near the proposed location were opposed to the location, but supported PADS’ efforts. Members of PADS’ Board and staff (Dora Miller, Susie Coffman, Nancy Cole, and Paul Rilett) spoke on behalf of PADS and addressed some of the concerns of the Public. Mr. McDevitt suggested the City lease property to PADS. Mayor Gover thanked all for their attendance and expressed the City’s willingness to work with PADS.

Commissioner Graven seconded by Commissioner Cox moved to approve Council Decision Request 2015-1564, approving the final 2014 MFT Street Maintenance Expenditure Statement in the amount of \$424,441.03; and authorizing the mayor to sign the expenditure statement. [14-00000-00-GM]

Commissioner Graven seconded by Commissioner Cox moved to amend the motion to change the dollar amount from \$424,441.03 to \$423,851.47.

Mayor Gover opened the floor for comments/discussion with no response.

Mayor Gover declared the motion to amend the dollar amount from \$424,441.03 to \$423,851.47 carried by the following vote: YEA Commissioner Cox, YEA Commissioner Graven, YEA Commissioner Hall, YEA Commissioner Owen, YEA Mayor Gover.

Mayor Gover declared the amended motion carried by the following vote: YEA Commissioner Cox, YEA Commissioner Graven, YEA Commissioner Hall, YEA Commissioner Owen, YEA Mayor Gover.

Mayor Gover seconded by Commissioner Graven moved to approve Council Decision Request 2015-1565, ratifying the re-appointment of Dan Lawrence, and appointments of Carolyn Cloyd and John Covington to the Public Works Advisory Board for terms ending 12/31/17.

Mayor Gover opened the floor for comments/discussion 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.

Commissioner Hall seconded by Commissioner Owen moved to approve Council Decision Request 2015-1566, approving the appointment of Firefighter Tyler Johns to regular employment status with successful completion of his probationary period effective January 1, 2015.

Mayor Gover opened the floor for comments/discussion. Mayor Gover noted the attendance of Firefighter Johns and family.

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.

Mayor Gover congratulated Firefighter Johns and officially welcomed him.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

CITY ADMINISTRATOR/ COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT reported on zoning updates, meetings, ordinance changes, and police arbitration on April 10th. Mayor Gover opened the floor for questions from the Council or Public with no response.

CITY ATTORNEY had nothing new to report.

CITY CLERK noted work on budgets and various reports; otherwise business as usual.

FINANCE reviewed the December 2014 Financial Report and comparisons from the previous year. Mayor Gover opened the floor for questions with no response.

PUBLIC WORKS reported on changing the piping in the former water treatment plant building and Progress Square alleyway. Council inquired as to the water main breaks and issues on Charleston Avenue. Director Barber reported the water main breaks were minor and one service line was repaired on Charleston Avenue.

FIRE Chief Nichols congratulated Firefighter Johns and noted his solid evaluation and asset to the Department; and noted work on budgets and a busy Department. Mayor Gover opened the floor for questions with no response.

ARTS AND TOURISM updated Council on the events held in the Lone Elm Room; and noted work on Bagelfest. Mayor Gover opened the floor for questions. Commissioner Cox inquired as to the possibility of

refurbishing the old advertisements on Downtown brick buildings. Director Burgett stated no communication with the mural artist and suggested contacting the Wall Dogs who perform those services, but would discuss the proposition at the next Arts Council meeting. Mayor Gover called for further questions with no response.

COMMENTS BY THE COUNCIL

Commissioners Cox, Graven, Hall and Owen had no further comments.

Mayor Gover seconded by Commissioner Graven moved to recess to closed session at 7:21 p.m. pursuant to the Illinois Open Meetings Act for the purpose of the discussion of minutes of meetings lawfully closed for purposes of the semi-annual review as mandated by Section 2.06 (5 ILCS 120(2)(c)(21)).

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.

Council reconvened at 7:26 p.m.

Mayor Gover seconded by Commissioner Owen moved to approve Council Decision Request 2015-1567, authorizing the release of all Executive Session minutes from October 14, 2009 through May 20, 2014, except for October 14, 20, 2009; May 18, 2010; August 16, 2011; October 18, 2011; January 10, 2012; February 01, 2012; May 01, 15, 29, 2012; June 12, 2012; July 2, 2013; February 27, 2014; March 18, 2014; April 1, 15, 24, 2014; and May 6, 20, 2014; July 15, 2014; September 02, 16, 2014; November 18, 2014.

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.

Council discussed the lot across from the Salvation Army for Mattoon PADS, potential lease, operating and maintenance expenses and location of PADS.

Commissioner Hall seconded by Commissioner Cox moved to adjourn at 7:29 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