

The City Council of the City of Mattoon held a regular meeting in the City Hall Council Chambers on September 15, 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, Police Chief Jeff Branson, Arts & 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 September 1, 2015; bills and payroll for the first half of September, 2015.

**Bills and Payroll for the first half of September, 2015**

	<b><u>General Fund</u></b>		
Payroll		\$	270,817.49
Bills		\$	<u>150,534.00</u>
	Total	\$	421,351.49
	<b><u>Hotel Tax Administration</u></b>		
Payroll		\$	2,436.11
Bills		\$	<u>1,604.31</u>
	Total	\$	4,040.42
	<b><u>Arts Council</u></b>		
Bills		\$	<u>5,756.75</u>
	Total	\$	5,756.75
	<b><u>Festival Management Fund</u></b>		
Bills		\$	<u>15,200.09</u>
	Total	\$	15,200.09
	<b><u>Midtown TIF Fund</u></b>		
Bills		\$	<u>137,654.60</u>
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	<b><u>Capital Project Fund</u></b>		
Bills		\$	<u>2,500.00</u>
	Total	\$	2,500.00
	<b><u>Water Fund</u></b>		
Payroll		\$	32,004.90
Bills		\$	<u>22,998.55</u>
	Total	\$	55,003.45

	<b><u>Sewer Fund</u></b>		
Payroll	\$		32,165.67
Bills	\$		<u>51,112.90</u>
	Total	\$	83,278.57
	<b><u>Heath Insurance Fund</u></b>		
Bills	\$		<u>111,965.41</u>
	Total	\$	111,965.41
	<b><u>Motor Fuel Tax Fund</u></b>		
Bills	\$		<u>128,651.18</u>
	Total	\$	128,651.18

Mayor Gover opened the floor for comments/discussion/questions 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.

**PRESENTATIONS, PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

Mayor Gover opened the floor for Public comments. Mr. Harold Burwell stated a nuisance at 27<sup>th</sup> and Charleston Avenue, and asked the Council what could be done about it. Administrator Gill stated Code Enforcement had contacted the Railroad, since the property was the Railroad's for cleanup and fencing. Mrs. Nancy Carolyn Aper requested a meeting with the City regarding the Lake Mattoon east campground's rules and regulations. Administrator Gill stated a meeting could be set with City Staff. The Mayor suggested coordination after the meeting. Mayor Gover opened the floor for further communications with no response.

Mayor Gover read the following Proclamation:

**PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, September 17, 2015 marks the two hundred and twenty-eighth anniversary of the drafting of the Constitution of the United States of America by the Constitutional Convention; and

**WHEREAS**, it is fitting and proper to officially recognize this magnificent document and the anniversary of its creation; and

**WHEREAS**, it is fitting and proper to officially recognize the patriotic celebrations which will commemorate the occasion; and

**WHEREAS**, public law 915 guarantees the issuing of a proclamation each year by the President of the United States of America designating September 17 through 23 as constitution week.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** that September 17 through 23, 2015 be declared

***CONSTITUTION WEEK***

in the City of Mattoon, and ask our citizens to reaffirm the ideals the Framers of the Constitution had in 1787.

**IN RECOGNITION THEREOF**, I, Timothy D. Gover, Mayor, have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Mattoon, Coles County, Illinois to be affixed this 15th day of September, 2015.

/s/ Timothy D. Gover  
Timothy D. Gover  
Mayor  
City of Mattoon, Illinois

## NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Gover seconded by Commissioner Cox moved to approve Council Decision Request 2015-1638, approving the appointment of John Farrar to regular employment status with the Mattoon Police Department after successful completion of his probationary period effective September 28, 2015.

Mayor Gover opened the floor for comments/discussion/questions. Chief Branson stated both Farrar and Kepley had finished training, were on their own for the past few months, and were outstanding officers.

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 seconded by Commissioner Hall moved to approve Council Decision Request 2015-1639, approving the appointment of Chris Kepley to regular employment status with the Mattoon Police Department after successful completion of his probationary period effective September 28, 2015.

Mayor Gover opened the floor for comments/questions/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 Cox seconded by Commissioner Graven moved to adopt Resolution No. 2015-2944, verifying the City of Mattoon is constructing a sanitary sewer project (CSO) with the use of City funds as required by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency for funds borrowed from said agency.

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## **CITY OF MATTOON, ILLINOIS**

### **RESOLUTION NO. 2015-2944**

#### **A RESOLUTION VERIFYING THAT THE CITY INTENDS TO CONSTRUCT A SANITARY SEWER PROJECT WITH CITY FUNDS**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Mattoon intends to construct a series of sanitary sewers to connect certain Combined Sewer Overflows (CSO's) to a proposed treatment facility on the north side of town; and

**WHEREAS**, said project is being designed by Crawford, Murphy, & Tilly (CMT), and that said project is known as the CSO Conveyance Sewer Project.

**WHEREAS**, a construction permit is required from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) to construct sanitary sewers; and

**WHEREAS**, the IEPA requires that the City Council verify that said project is indeed a City of Mattoon construction project, and that said project is to be constructed from City Funds, and

**WHEREAS**, the CSO Conveyance Sewers are to be constructed with funds borrowed from the IEPA Loan Program, and said funds will be considered City Funds at the time that the project is constructed.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council for the City of Mattoon, Coles County, Illinois,

that the CSO Conveyance Sewer Project is a City Project, and that said project is intended to be constructed with funds borrowed by the City of Mattoon from the IEPA Loan Program.

Upon motion by Commissioner Cox, seconded by Commissioner Graven, adopted this 15<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2015, by a roll call vote, as follows:

AYES (Names): Commissioner Cox, Commissioner Graven,  
Commissioner Hall, Commissioner Owen,  
Mayor Gover

NAYS (Names): None

ABSENT (Names): None

ABSTAIN (Names): None

Approved this 15<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2015.

/s/ Timothy D. 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/ Janett S. Winter-Black  
Janett S. Winter-Black, City Attorney

Recorded in the Municipality's Records on September 15, 2015.

Mayor Gover opened the floor for comments/questions/discussion.

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.

#### DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

CITY ADMINISTRATOR/ COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT noted communicating with Attorney Beal regarding the Police arbitration, reviewing budgets, and business as usual. Mayor Gover opened the floor for questions with no response.

CITY ATTORNEY had nothing to report. Mayor Gover opened the floor for questions with no response.

CITY CLERK noted business as usual. Mayor Gover opened the floor for questions with no response.

FINANCE distributed and reviewed the August 2015 Financial Report; reported the receipt of the second installment of property taxes, distribution of annual TIF payments, processing of the 2015 Treasurer's Report and TIF Reports, and unclaimed property filing. Mayor Gover opened the floor for questions with no response.

PUBLIC WORKS updated Council on Street crews projects, Camp Grant memorial, bike trail to Douglas Hart progress, CSO facility contract, Public Works Building plans to review and prep work at the site. Mayor Gover inquired as to the house on Douglas Hart property and completion of that area. Director Barber stated affirmatively on Douglas Hart's purchase of the property and their maintenance of the property upon completion in October. Mayor Gover opened the floor for questions with no response.

FIRE had nothing to report – business as usual. Mayor Gover opened the floor for questions with no response.

POLICE had nothing to report. Mayor Gover opened the floor for questions with no response.

ARTS AND TOURISM reported on information to distribute on Lightworks with planning in the works, announced a lending library at the Depot, and Depot activities of EIU's Lifetime of Learning workshop and the performance of Dracula in October with a dinner and theatre option. Mayor Gover opened the floor for questions with no response.

#### COMMENTS BY THE COUNCIL

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

Commissioner Hall seconded by Commissioner Cox moved to adjourned at 6:49 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