

The City Council of the City of Mattoon held a regular meeting at Riddle Elementary School Auditorium, 4201 Western Avenue on November 3, 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 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 October 20 and Special Meeting October 28, 2015, and bills and payroll for the last half of October, 2015.

Bills and Payroll for the first half of October, 2015

	<u>General Fund</u>		
Payroll		\$	271,770.53
Bills		\$	<u>588,099.64</u>
	Total	\$	859,870.17
	<u>Hotel Tax Administration</u>		
Payroll		\$	2,517.24
Bills		\$	<u>918.72</u>
	Total	\$	3,435.96
	<u>Insurance & Tort Judgment</u>		
Bills		\$	<u>7,178.43</u>
	Total	\$	7,178.43
	<u>Arts Council</u>		
Bills		\$	<u>281.82</u>
	Total	\$	281.82
	<u>So Rt 45 TIF Dist</u>		
Bills		\$	<u>60,616.97</u>
	Total	\$	60,616.97
	<u>Water Fund</u>		
Payroll		\$	32,236.39
Bills		\$	<u>37,898.08</u>
	Total	\$	70,134.47
	<u>Sewer Fund</u>		
Payroll		\$	29,991.69
Bills		\$	<u>22,865.06</u>
	Total	\$	52,856.75

Heath Insurance Fund

Bills		\$	177,894.89
	Total	\$	177,894.89

Motor Fuel Tax Fund

Bills		\$	3,164.18
	Total	\$	3,164.18

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.

Mayor Gover asked for all PADS application comments to be held until that portion of the agenda.

Mayor Gover opened the floor for Public comments with no response.

Commissioner Hall seconded by Commissioner Graven moved to approve Council Decision Request 2015-1644, approving a \$4,500 grant by the Tourism Advisory Committee from hotel/motel tax funds to pay directly to the hotels used for participating teams associated with the Lake Land College Men’s Basketball Laker Classic to be held from November 5 - 7, 2015.

Mayor Gover opened the floor for comments/discussion. Mayor Gover noted some discrepancies of the tourism grant application.

Mayor Gover declared the motion carried by the following vote: Abstain Commissioner Cox due to employment with LLC, YEA Commissioner Graven, YEA Commissioner Hall, YEA Commissioner Owen, YEA Mayor Gover.

Mayor Gover seconded by Commissioner Owen moved to adopt Special Ordinance No. 2015-1609, granting a special use for operation of a homeless shelter at 2413-2421 Marshall Avenue. Mattoon Area P.A.D.S. Community Organization– Petitioner

Mayor Gover opened the floor for comments and asked members of the audience to stand and state their names for the record. Mr. Jason Duhammel read a statement regarding the Planning Commission meeting and asked for the Council to reconsider the 13th Street site and for assistance in locating another site. Mr. Kent Metzger requested the City to consider incentives for properties on the west side of town, since incentives are in place for the east side of town. Ms. Sue Spitz, Rob Perry, Jonathan Kaye, Tim Grissom, and Melissa Hardin spoke in opposition to the Marshall Avenue site. Mayor Gover thanked all for their attendance and the school district and Principal for allowing the meeting to be held at the elementary school. Commissioner Cox thanked the Planning Commission Board for their volunteerism and diligence of their duties.

Mayor Gover declared the motion denied by the following vote: NAY Commissioner Cox, NAY Commissioner Graven, NAY Commissioner Hall, NAY Commissioner Owen, NAY Mayor Gover.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

CITY ADMINISTRATOR/ COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT noted attendance of a meeting for proposed changes in State legislation, and a slowdown in Community Development activity. Mayor Gover opened the floor for questions. Commissioner Cox requested an update on the 27th Street cleanup. Administrator Gill stated the railroad was to clean up the area last week and needed to follow-up with the local representative. Mayor Gover opened the floor for questions from the audience with no response.

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

CITY CLERK noted near completion of the compilation of information for 1096-Cs, a number of FOIA requests, and business as usual. Mayor Gover opened the floor for questions with no response.

FINANCE noted receipt of the third installment of property taxes with one more installment to be received, the audit presentation at the next meeting, and receipt of actuarial reports from the Police and Fire Pension. Mayor Gover opened the floor for questions with no response.

PUBLIC WORKS updated Council on the progress of the new Public Works building with bidding in the Spring and the Douglas Hart Nature Center bike trail connection. Commissioner Hall inquired about leaf pickup with Director Barber stating leaf pickup started in the designated zones. Mayor Gover opened the floor for questions with no response.

FIRE noted completion of fire hydrant flow testing, and the new firefighter's return from the Academy. 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 noted a busy month of November with a Pastel Workshop, applications for Veteran Day and Christmas Parade, and holiday arts and crafts sale on the 21st. Mayor Gover opened the floor for questions with no response.

COMMENTS BY THE COUNCIL

Commissioners Cox and Owen had no further comments. Commissioner Graven updated Council on the progress of the Civil War Memorial. Commissioner Hall noted appreciation and thanks of the attendance of the Council meetings by the Public. Mayor Gover encouraged the audience to contact Council about issues; and thanked the audience members for their attendance and the school for providing the room.

Commissioner Hall seconded by Commissioner Cox moved to adjourn at 7:08 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