

The City Council of the City of Mattoon held a regular meeting in the City Hall Council Chambers on July 18, 2017.

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 Daniel C. Jones, Finance Director/Treasurer Beth Wright, Public Works Director Dean Barber, Fire Chief Tony Nichols, Assistant Fire Chief Sean Junge, Police Chief Jeff Branson, Deputy Police Chief Jason Taylor, Arts & Tourism Director Angelia Burgett (6:35 p.m.), 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 July 5, 2017; bills and payroll for the first half of July, 2017.

Bills & Payroll
first half of July, 2017

	<u>General Fund</u>		
Payroll		\$	287,887.22
Bills		\$	<u>131,279.22</u>
	Total	\$	419,166.44
	<u>Hotel Tax Administration</u>		
Payroll		\$	3,921.32
Bills		\$	<u>1,257.58</u>
	Total	\$	5,178.90
	<u>Festival Mgt</u>		
Bills		\$	<u>25,872.00</u>
	Total	\$	25,872.00
	<u>Mobile Equipment Fund</u>		
Bills		\$	<u>17,250.00</u>
	Total	\$	17,250.00
	<u>Insurance & Tort Jdgmnt</u>		
Bills		\$	<u>1,936.25</u>
	Total	\$	1,936.25
	<u>Midtown TIF</u>		
Bills		\$	<u>6,145.72</u>
	Total	\$	6,145.72

	<u>Capital Project</u>		
Bills		\$	328,078.95
		Total	\$ 328,078.95
	<u>Broadway East Bus Dist</u>		
Bills		\$	2,080.12
		Total	\$ 2,080.12
	<u>Water Fund</u>		
Payroll		\$	38,995.51
Bills		\$	31,387.03
		Total	\$ 70,382.54
	<u>Sewer Fund</u>		
Payroll		\$	36,359.88
Bills		\$	189,444.84
		Total	\$ 225,804.72
	<u>Health Insurance Fund</u>		
Bills		\$	91,625.65
		Total	\$ 91,625.65
	<u>Motor Fuel Tax Fund</u>		
Bills		\$	31,161.46
		Total	\$ 31,161.46

Mayor Gover declared the motion to approve 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, but requested those wishing to comment on the ambulance issue to wait until the item was considered. There were no comments from the Public.

Mayor Gover requested the agenda item concerning the ambulance be moved prior to closed session. There was no objection to moving the item to the end of open session.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Gover seconded by Commissioner Graven moved to adopt Resolution No. 2017-2996, approving an amendment to the Personnel Policy and appendices requiring the usage of municipal identification cards.

**CITY OF MATTOON, ILLINOIS
RESOLUTION NO. 2017-2996**

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AMENDMENT TO THE
PERSONNEL POLICY AND APPENDICES**

WHEREAS, the Personnel Policy of the City of Mattoon (the “City”) was last updated in 2014; and,

WHEREAS, City policies have changed in in the last three years; and,

WHEREAS, the City wishes to adopt an amended Personnel Policy to reflect those changes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF MATTOON, COLES COUNTY, ILLINOIS, as follows:

Section 1. The amended Personnel Policy by adding Section 2.31 – Municipal Identification Card as follows:

2.31 – Municipal Identification Card

The City recognizes the need for identification of City employees while working on official business of the City. The policy’s purpose and details are outlined in Appendix D.

and Appendix D is attached hereto and by this reference incorporated herein made and a part hereof, and is hereby adopted, authorized and approved in all respects.

Section 2. All resolutions or motions in conflict herewith are hereby superseded to the extent of such conflict, and that this Resolution shall be in full force and effect forthwith upon its adoption.

Section 3. The city clerk is directed to publish a copy of this resolution in pamphlet form at the first opportunity following its adoption and approval by the City Council.

Upon motion by Mayor Gover, seconded by Commissioner Graven, adopted this 18th day of July, 2017, 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

Approved this 18th day of July, 2017.

/s/Timothy D. Gover
Timothy D. 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/Daniel C. Jones
Daniel C. Jones, City Attorney

Recorded in the Municipality’s Records on July 18, 2017.

Mayor Gover opened the floor comments/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.

Commissioner Graven seconded by Commissioner Cox moved to adopt Resolution No. 2017-2998, declaring a moratorium on disposal of tree and yard waste materials from general and tree contractors at the City's Yardwaste Facility due to an overstock of materials.

**CITY OF MATTOON, ILLINOIS
RESOLUTION NO. 2017-2998**

**A RESOLUTION DECLARING A MORATORIUM ON DISPOSAL OF TREE AND YARD
WASTE MATERIALS FROM GENERAL AND TREE CONTRACTORS AT THE CITY'S
YARD WASTE FACILITY.**

WHEREAS, the City of Mattoon has heretofore adopted policies allowing citizens and contractors to dispose of tree and yard waste materials in the City's Yard Waste Facility; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Mattoon has a tub grinder that is currently out of operation and is being inspected and repaired; and,

WHEREAS, the City's Yard Waste Facility is limited in the amount of tree and yard waste that can be stored until such time the tub-grinder is up and running; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council for the City of Mattoon believes a moratorium on disposal of tree and yard waste from general and tree contractors is the best interest of the citizen of Mattoon.

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

Section 1. A moratorium be imposed on disposal of tree and yard waste from general and tree contractors for a six month period.

Section 2. Any person, firm or corporation found in violation of this resolutions shall be subject to penalties established in §10.99 of the City of Mattoon Code of Ordinances.

Section 3. This resolution shall be effective upon approval of City Council of the City of Mattoon.

Upon motion by Commissioner Graven, seconded by Commissioner Cox adopted this 18th day of July, 2017, 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

Approved this 18th day of July, 2017.

/s/ Timothy D. Gover
Timothy D. 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/Dan C. Jones
Dan C. Jones, City Attorney

Recorded in the Municipality's Records on July 18, 2017.

Mayor Gover opened the floor questions/comments 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 Hall moved to approve Council Decision Request 2017-1779, approving the Annual NPDES permit fee in the amount of \$37,500 for the operation of the Waste Water Treatment Plant.

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 Owen moved to approve Council Decision Request 2017-1780, awarding bid of \$29,763 to Anderson Electric for the lighting improvements to the municipal parking lot located at 21st and Broadway.

Mayor Gover opened the floor questions/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 Graven moved to approve Council Decision Request 2017-1781, approving the appointment of Firefighter Anderton Cole to regular employment status with successful completion of his probationary period effective July 16, 2017.

Mayor Gover opened the floor questions/comments/discussion. Chief Nichols expressed accolades for Firefighter Cole and his conduct.

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 Graven moved to adopt Resolution No. 2017-2997, eliminating the City-operated Ambulance Service effective May 1, 2018.

**CITY OF MATTOON, ILLINOIS
RESOLUTION NO. 2017-2997**

**A RESOLUTION ELIMINATING THE CITY-OPERATED AMBULANCE SERVICE
EFFECTIVE MAY 1, 2018.**

WHEREAS, the City of Mattoon is currently operating an ambulance service which is in the 911 rotation for primary service every third week; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Mattoon has and continues to struggle with budgetary issues causing the Administration to review services provided by the City of Mattoon; and,

WHEREAS, currently two privately-owned and operated ambulance services are established in the City of Mattoon which are in the 911 rotation for primary service every third week; and,

WHEREAS, City Council believes these privately-owned ambulance services are able to provide the appropriate level of ambulance services that meet the needs of the community; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council for the City of Mattoon believes elimination of the City-operated ambulance service will not be detrimental to and in the best interest of the citizens of Mattoon.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council for the City of Mattoon, Coles County, Illinois hereby approves the elimination of the City-operated ambulance service effective May 1, 2018.

Upon motion by Mayor Gover, seconded by Commissioner Graven adopted this 18th day of July, 2017, by a roll call vote, as follows:

AYES (Names): Commissioner Cox, Commissioner Graven,
 Commissioner Owen, Mayor Gover
NAYS (Names): Commissioner Hall
ABSENT (Names): None

Approved this 18th day of July, 2017.

/s/Timothy D. Gover
Timothy D. 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/ Dan C. Jones
Dan C. Jones, City Attorney

Recorded in the Municipality's Records on July 18, 2017.

Mayor Gover opened the floor for Public comments and discussion. Chief Nichols, Assistant Chief Junge, Kirk Allen of Edgar County Watchdogs, Bart Owen the local union president of Mattoon, Edward Behm of Mattoon, Cheri Delong of 113 Oman Court, Wade Smith of 2621 Shelby Avenue,

Firefighter and Associated Fire Fighters of Illinois Vice President Adam Ruderman of Decatur, Linda Dare of 2501 Charleston Avenue, Jon Bell of 1817 Piatt Avenue, Verne Adkins of 717 Wabash Avenue, Jim Vaught of Mattoon, Curt Campbell of 1005 S. 23rd Street, Terri Landrus of 2920 Richmond, Barb Zigler of 2821 Walnut, Pat Goodwin of Charleston, Joann Reinhart of 8 Lafayette Meadows, Jake Matthews of 805 S. 5th Place, Gerry Protz of 121 Westview, Barbara Seaton of 120 Old State Village, Kevin Mahaney of 913 Piatt, Dottie Newlin of 3120 Walnut, Jason Wright of 608 Wabash, Todd H. of 408 Essex, John Kraft, Kenny Clatfleter of 2720 Brian Drive, Jeff Hilligoss of Mattoon, and Rex Barnes of 105 Oman Court expressed accolades for the Fire Department and concerns of eliminating the City ambulance.

Rick Shook of 610 S. 8th Street spoke of the Fire Department and salaries. Robb Perry of Mattoon questioned the economic situation. Roger Delong of 113 Oman Court spoke of need for economic development. Greg Jerdan of Mitchell-Jerdan Ambulance and Paula Dunn of Dunn's Ambulance spoke on their ambulance services. Charles Stodden of Trilla spoke on necessity of the City ambulance.

Administrator Gill spoke on the City's workers comp, pensions, economic development, and negotiations with union. Mayor called for Council comments. Commissioner Cox, Commissioner Graven, Commissioner Owen, Commissioner Hall, and Mayor Gover stated their respect for the Fire Department, proprietary ambulance services provided, unfunded pension liabilities, reduced labor, increase in health care costs, inability to raise taxes, meeting with Fire Department, and possibility to table motion to allow for more information. Commissioner Hall would vote no if this Resolution was not tabled. Mayor Gover asked if everyone was ready to vote. Hearing no other objection, Mayor Gover stated the Council would vote on the matter.

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

Mayor Gover seconded by Commissioner Owen moved to recess to closed session at 8:33 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 8:39 p.m.

Mayor Gover seconded by Commissioner Cox moved to approve Council Decision Request 2017-1782, authorizing the release of all Executive Session minutes from October 14, 2009 through June 30, 2017, 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; May 6, 20, 2014; July 15, 2014; September 16, 2014; January 6, 2015; February 17, 2015; May 19, 2015; February 02, 2016; September 20, 2016; May 16, 2017; and to approve the destruction of Executive Session verbatim records which have been approved for release in written form as follows: September 1, 2015; and October 06, 20, 2015.

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 Cox moved to adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

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.

/s/Susan J. O'Brien
City Clerk