

The City Council of the City of Mattoon held a regular meeting in the City Hall Council Chambers on September 19, 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, Police Chief Jeff Branson, Fire Chief Anthony Nichols, 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 5, 2017; bills and payroll for the first half of September, 2017.

Bills & Payroll
first half of September 2017

	<u>General Fund</u>		
Payroll		\$	272,154.24
Bills		\$	<u>166,752.24</u>
	Total	\$	438,906.48
	<u>Hotel Tax Administration</u>		
Payroll		\$	2,670.82
Bills		\$	<u>619.82</u>
	Total	\$	3,290.64
	<u>Insurance & Tort Jdgmnt</u>		
Bills		\$	<u>33,961.00</u>
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	<u>Midtown TIF</u>		
Bills		\$	<u>226,493.09</u>
	Total	\$	226,493.09
	<u>Capital Project</u>		
Bills		\$	<u>302,743.22</u>
	Total	\$	302,743.22
	<u>So. Rte 45 TIF</u>		
Bills		\$	<u>6,054.00</u>
	Total	\$	6,054.00

Broadway East TIF Dist

Bills		\$	4,267.29
	Total	\$	4,267.29
<u>Water Fund</u>			
Payroll		\$	34,632.33
Bills		\$	35,975.90
	Total	\$	70,608.23
<u>Sewer Fund</u>			
Payroll		\$	32,909.95
Bills		\$	32,094.44
	Total	\$	65,004.39
<u>Health Insurance Fund</u>			
Bills		\$	125,692.07
	Total	\$	125,692.07
<u>Motor Fuel Tax Fund</u>			
Bills		\$	49,612.15
	Total	\$	49,612.15

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 or questions with no response.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Gover seconded by Commissioner Graven moved to approve Council Decision Request 2017-1795, authorizing the purchase in the amount of \$56,600 for two replacement 2017 Ford Utility Police Interceptor AWD vehicles from Morrow Brothers Ford in Greenfield, Illinois for use by the Mattoon Police Department.

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 Cox moved to approve Council Decision Request 2017-1796, ratifying the re-appointments of Jay Ferguson and Hans Warner, and the appointment of Angie Black to the Mattoon Arts Council for terms ending 09/01/2019.

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 Cox seconded by Commissioner Owen moved to approve Council Decision Request 2017-1797, awarding the bid of \$559,000 from Plocher Construction for the Waste Water Treatment Plant Intake Screen Replacements.

Mayor Gover opened the floor 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.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

CITY ADMINISTRATOR/COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT announced the start of the new Plumbing & Building Inspector Steve Sudkamp, meetings involving economic development, and preparation of ordinances for future Council meetings. Mayor Gover opened the floor for questions with no response.

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

CITY CLERK noted business as usual with FOIAs, personnel and insurance issues.

FINANCE reviewed the August Financial Report including cash position; commented on the auditors' return after a brief absence and the auditor presentation scheduled for the November 7th Council meeting. Mayor Gover opened the floor for questions with no response.

PUBLIC WORKS updated Council on the Public Works Building, Marshall Avenue sidewalks, and municipal parking lot at Broadway and 21st Street. Mayor Gover inquired as to the opening of the new Public Works Building with Director Barber's anticipation between Thanksgiving and Christmas. Mayor Gover opened the floor for further questions with no response.

FIRE informed Council of the school fire drills, MAVIS tent city training, ambulance standby at the JFL field, promotion of Operation Sleighride and Thanksgiving baskets for the needy, and Departmental participation in a softball tournament to benefit Camp New Hope. Mayor Gover opened the floor for questions. Commissioner Hall asked Chief Nichols to address fireworks issues. Chief Nichols requested Council to consider banning fireworks sales within the City limits. Council with input from Administrator Gill and Chief Nichols discussed the banning of fireworks, issues with the pop-up tent vendors and State regulations. Further investigations with possible action by Council may be addressed at a future meeting. Mayor Gover opened the floor for further questions with no response.

POLICE had nothing to report; however, he noted municipal IDs were ready to be processed. Mayor Gover opened the floor for questions with no response.

ARTS AND TOURISM updated Council on the Business Expo preparation, Trunk or Treat Committee activities, Lightworks sponsorships, and rock painting event. Mayor Gover opened the floor for questions with no response.

COMMENTS BY THE COUNCIL

Commissioner Cox announced discussion with volunteers desiring to establish a dog park in the community; and acknowledged Dr. Robert Luther's passing and his impact on Lake Land College and the City. Commissioner Graven opened discussion of a Trunk or Treat zombie run with Chief Branson requesting the event coordinators contact the sheriff and IDOT. Commissioners Hall and Owen had no further comments.

Commissioner Hall seconded by Commissioner Cox moved to adjourned at 6:57 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