

The City Council of the City of Mattoon held a regular meeting in the City Hall Council Chambers on January 2, 2018.

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, Absent 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, Public Works Director Dean Barber (6:33 p.m.), Fire Chief Tony Nichols, Police Chief Jason Taylor, Arts & Tourism Director Angelia Burgett, Information Technology Director Brian Johansen, and City Clerk Susan O'Brien.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Gover seconded by Commissioner Graven moved to approve the consent agenda consisting of minutes of the regular meeting December 19, 2017; bills and payroll for the last half of December, 2017.

Bills & Payroll
last half of December, 2017

	<u>General Fund</u>		
Payroll		\$	247,702.88
Bills		\$	<u>51,249.22</u>
	Total	\$	298,952.10
	<u>Hotel Tax Administration</u>		
Payroll		\$	2,983.82
Bills		\$	<u>438.00</u>
	Total	\$	3,421.82
	<u>Festival Mgmt</u>		
Bills		\$	<u>3,214.59</u>
	Total	\$	3,214.59
	<u>Insurance & Tort Jdgmnt</u>		
Bills		\$	<u>1,144.00</u>
	Total	\$	1,144.00
	<u>Capitol Project Fund</u>		
Bills		\$	<u>3,794.97</u>
	Total	\$	3,794.97
	<u>Water Fund</u>		
Payroll		\$	43,806.43
Bills		\$	<u>33,952.66</u>
	Total	\$	77,759.09

	<u>Sewer Fund</u>		
Payroll		\$	40,602.39
Bills		\$	<u>12,756.40</u>
	Total	\$	53,358.79
	<u>Health Insurance Fund</u>		
Bills		\$	<u>152,789.80</u>
	Total	\$	152,789.80
	<u>Motor Fuel Tax Fund</u>		
Bills		\$	<u>3,825.15</u>
	Total	\$	3,825.15

Mayor Gover declared the motion to approve consent agenda carried by the following vote: YEA Commissioner Cox, YEA Commissioner Graven, Absent Commissioner Hall, YEA Commissioner Owen, YEA Mayor Gover.

PRESENTATIONS, PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Mayor Gover opened the floor for Public questions/comments. Mr. Jonathan Kaye asked the City to check on the Fuller ground where deposited dirt was causing lower areas that could flood, inquired about microbreweries, and noted the attendance of Chris Miller who is running for State Representative. Commissioner Graven would let the Business Development Group know of Mr. Kaye’s interest with the microbrewery. Mayor Gover opened the floor for further questions or comments with no response.

Public Works Assistant Superintendent Mike Johnson was unable to attend the meeting, so his retirement plaque acknowledging more than 29 years with the City would be given to him at a later date.

Administrator Gill opened communications with Council on open positions within the City. Currently, there was one position in I.T. and two positions in Public Works. Council discussed the need for positions with Director Johanpeter and Director Barber. Council determined more discussion at the next Council meeting when Commissioner Hall returned.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

CITY ADMINISTRATOR/COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT noted working with Beth on the budgets, distribution of budget timeline to Department Heads, reviewing two TIF applications, and continuing preparation for union negotiations. Mayor Gover opened the floor for questions with no response.

CITY ATTORNEY updated Council on the Pierce Fire Truck lawsuit with requesting the acceptance of Pierce’s offer and waiting on the release documents. Mayor Gover opened the floor for questions with no response.

CITY CLERK noted the renewal of most liquor licenses; filing of the tax levy; processing of new hire paperwork; and completion of various reports; otherwise, business as usual. Mayor Gover opened the floor for questions with no response.

PUBLIC WORKS provided the Council with updates on the water quality. Mayor Gover opened the floor for questions with no response.

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

POLICE noted the Department answered 1,030 calls since the 19th, and worked on budget cuts. Mayor Gover opened the floor for questions with no response.

ARTS AND TOURISM noted work on the finalizing of Lightworks and Bagelfest number, the returning of Herbfest to the tourism and release of 2018 calendar of events. Mayor Gover opened the floor for questions with no response.

COMMENTS BY THE COUNCIL

Commissioners Cox, Graven and Owen had no further comments.

Mayor Gover seconded by Commissioner Cox moved to recess to closed session at 7:00 p.m. pursuant to the Illinois Open Meetings Act for the purpose of the discussion of collective negotiating matters between the City of Mattoon and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees (5ILCS/20 (2)(C)(2)).

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

Council reconvened at 7:21 p.m.

Commissioner Graven seconded by Commissioner Cox moved to adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

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

/s/Susan J. O'Brien
City Clerk