

The City Council of the City of Mattoon held a regular meeting in the City Hall Council Chambers on February 19, 2019.

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 Dan Jones, Finance Director/Treasurer Beth Wright, Public Works Director Dean Barber, Fire Chief Tony Nichols, Police Chief Jason Taylor, 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 February 5 and Budget Workshop February 14, 2019; bills and payroll for the first half of February, 2019.

**Bills & Payroll**  
**first half of February, 2019**

	<b><u>General Fund</u></b>		
Payroll		\$	93,500.20
Bills		\$	<u>81,039.82</u>
	Total	\$	174,540.02
	<b><u>Hotel Tax Administration</u></b>		
Payroll		\$	4,251.08
Bills		\$	<u>2,316.25</u>
	Total	\$	6,567.33
	<b><u>Broadway East Bus Dist</u></b>		
Bills		\$	<u>2,806.69</u>
	Total	\$	2,806.69
	<b><u>Ins &amp; Tort Jdgmnt</u></b>		
Bills		\$	<u>78,026.25</u>
	Total	\$	78,026.25
	<b><u>Capital Project Fund</u></b>		
Bills		\$	<u>27,236.83</u>
	Total	\$	27,236.83
	<b><u>Water Fund</u></b>		
Payroll		\$	39,792.90
Bills		\$	<u>94,594.76</u>
	Total	\$	134,387.66

	<b><u>Sewer Fund</u></b>		
Payroll		\$	37,878.83
Bills		\$	<u>43,735.56</u>
	Total	\$	81,614.39
	<b><u>Health Insurance Fund</u></b>		
Bills		\$	<u>154,132.88</u>
	Total	\$	154,132.88
	<b><u>Motor Fuel Tax Fund</u></b>		
Bills		\$	<u>3,380.54</u>
	Total	\$	3,380.54

Mayor Gover declared the motion to approve the 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 with no response. Mayor Gover acknowledged the attendance of Cub Scout Pack 33 Webeloes Den and Emma Butler, their Den Leader.

Fire Chief Nichols introduced his family members in attendance, upon Mayor Gover’s request.

Commissioner Hall presented Fire Chief Anthony Nichols a plaque in recognition and grateful appreciation of his 25 years of outstanding service and dedication to the City. Chief Nichols was resigning 02/25/19 after accepting a position with the Illinois State Fire Marshal’s Office.

Mayor Gover thanked Commissioner Hall and Mattoon Chamber Executive Director Ed Dowd for their efforts with Mattoon in Motion’s receipt of a \$250,000 Google award. Commissioner Hall elaborated on the process Mattoon in Motion completed and the Community’s efforts by voting for the project, and the purpose of building a business incubator facility within the Mall. He further stated this award was the first in the country by the Google Corporation.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Commissioner Graven seconded by Commissioner Cox moved to adopt Council Decision Request 2019-1901, approving the final revised 2018 MFT Street Maintenance Expenditure Statement in the amount of \$267,983.00; and authorizing the mayor to sign the revised Municipal Maintenance Expenditure Statement. [18-00000-00-GM]

Mayor Gover opened the floor for 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 Hall seconded by Commissioner Cox moved to adopt Council Decision Request 2019-1902, approving a \$2,500 grant by the Tourism Advisory Committee from FY 18/19 hotel/motel tax

funds in support of the Douglas Hart Nature Center for hosting the Environmental Education of Illinois State Conference to be held March 21-23, 2019; and authorizing the mayor to sign the agreement.

Mayor Gover opened the floor for 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.

### **DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

CITY ADMINISTRATOR/COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT noted continued work on budgets, economic development on Lerna Road and Rt 16, boundary maps preparation for census and zoning map, and annexations. 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 early voting starting on February 21st for the Consolidated Election. Mayor Gover opened the floor for questions with no response.

FINANCE distributed and reviewed the January Financial Report identifying a \$145,000 deficit, cash position, year-end projections, and development of the five-year projections. Mayor Gover opened the floor for questions. Commissioner Graven inquired whether the increase was due to pensions with Director & Treasurer Wright stating affirmatively of Fire and Police pensions.

PUBLIC WORKS updated Council on the bidding of the resurfacing of Western Avenue from 21<sup>st</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> Street and Charleston Avenue from 21<sup>st</sup> Street to Richmond Avenue and Richmond Avenue from Logan to Holiday Drive, bidding for the demolition of the former Public Works Building on 12<sup>th</sup> Street, camera installation at the Yardwaste Facility, and Second Site Solutions' replacement of antennas on the Water tower. Mayor Gover opened the floor for questions with no response.

FIRE stated the preparation for his departure. Mayor Gover opened the floor for questions with no response.

POLICE noted the Department was steady and all was well. Mayor Gover opened the floor for questions with no response.

ARTS AND TOURISM reported on Lightworks 2019 season purchases, Bagelfest's offers to three acts, an upcoming Arts show in March and a world famous knitter's appearance. Mayor Gover opened the floor for questions with no response.

### **COMMENTS BY THE COUNCIL**

Council congratulated and extended best wishes to Chief Nichols. Commissioner Hall added working with the Google grant, an interim replacement for the fire chief, and housing activities for Mattoon in Motion.

Mayor Gover seconded by Commissioner Cox moved to recess to closed session at 6:58 p.m. pursuant to the Illinois Open Meetings Act for the purpose of discussion of the appointment,

compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the City or legal counsel for the City. (5ILCS 120 (2)(C)(1)).

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 7:33 p.m.

Council and Administrator Gill briefly discussed Illinois Fire Chief Association recruitment services.

Commissioner Hall seconded by Commissioner Cox moved to adjourn at 7:34 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