

The City Council of the City of Mattoon held a regular meeting in the City Hall Council Chambers on December 17, 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 Daniel C. Jones, Arts & Tourism Director Angelia Burgett, Public Works Director Dean Barber, Police Chief Jason Taylor, Library Director Carl Walworth, 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 December 3, 2019; bills and payroll for the first half of December, 2019.

Bills & Payroll
first half of December, 2019

	<u>General Fund</u>		
Payroll		\$	261,067.77
Bills		\$	<u>363,552.30</u>
	Total	\$	624,620.07
	<u>Hotel Tax Administration</u>		
Payroll		\$	2,800.62
Bills		\$	<u>274.00</u>
	Total	\$	3,074.62
	<u>Festival Mgmt Fund</u>		
Bills		\$	<u>1,816.53</u>
	Total	\$	1,816.53
	<u>Midtown TIF Fund</u>		
Bills		\$	<u>167,516.26</u>
	Total	\$	167,516.26
	<u>Capital Project Fund</u>		
Bills		\$	<u>73,112.15</u>
	Total	\$	73,112.15
	<u>Broadway East Bus Dist</u>		
Bills		\$	<u>2,376.19</u>
	Total	\$	2,376.19

Water Fund

Payroll		\$	40,786.59
Bills		\$	<u>73,972.36</u>
	Total	\$	114,758.95

Sewer Fund

Payroll		\$	39,194.77
Bills		\$	<u>43,170.96</u>
	Total	\$	82,365.73

Health Insurance Fund

Bills		\$	<u>205,536.94</u>
	Total	\$	205,536.94

Motor Fuel Tax Fund

Bills		\$	<u>12,690.67</u>
	Total	\$	12,690.67

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 or questions. Mr. Himanshu and Mr. Urvish Amin of Guru Krupa Gas & Liquor, Inc. inquired again about more opportunities to conduct tastings at his location. Administrator Gill stated there were inconsistencies in other communities and was to check into additional communities and have an ordinance in January or February 2020.

Mr. Jonathan Kaye inquired as to the demolition of a property at 2508 Broadway. Administrator Gill was aware of the property and believed someone was recently inquiring about a demolition permit.

Presentation: Mattoon Public Library

Director Walworth of the Mattoon Public Library presented Council with an update from the last quarter describing the great Library Staff and describing activities: 1) Open House of the Local History Center; 2) Digital Offerings of Hoopla and Overdrive; 3) Family Literacy Initiative Grant which consists of A.) Adult Education; B.) Children with Educational Needs; C.) Parenting Education; D.) Parent/Child Together Activities; E.) Library Services to promote the Library as an asset or tool. Mayor Gover opened the floor for questions, and complimented Director Walworth on his staff and direction of the Library.

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Owen seconded by Commissioner Hall moved to approve Council Decision Request 2019-1998, authorizing an agreement with the Coles County Regional Planning & Development Commission with a maximum amount of \$15,000 for administration of the Mattoon CDBG Economic Development Program #13-241008 for services to be rendered on a time and expense basis; and authorizing the mayor to sign all documents. [Coles Centre Phase 2 Subdivision]

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.

Mayor Gover seconded by Commissioner Owen moved to approve Council Decision Request 2019-1999, authorizing the employment of Rebecca J. Ulrich as a probationary patrol officer for the Mattoon Police Department effective January 12, 2020, contingent upon successful completion of background, physical and psychological exams. Officer Bradley Gabel retired on September 19, 2019.

Mayor Gover opened the floor for questions/comments with no response. Chief Taylor introduced Rebecca Ulrich, and provided her background as well as being a good fit for the Department. Mayor Gover and Chief Taylor discussed the upcoming PTI training on January 12th.

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 Cox moved to approve Council Decision Request 2019-2000, approving the appointment of Officer Kedrick Houser to regular employment status with the Mattoon Police Department after successful completion of his probationary period effective December 08, 2019.

Mayor Gover opened the floor for questions/comments with no response. Chief Taylor stated Officer Houser had performed very well and was a good fit.

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 processing the cannabis ordinance, coordinating with City Attorney on court cases, and preparing the upcoming ordinances and union negotiations with the Police union after the first of the year. Mayor Gover opened the floor for questions with no response.

CITY ATTORNEY noted waiting on a decision on the Quakenbush case and working with Administrator Gill on projects. Mayor Gover opened the floor for questions with no response.

CITY CLERK noted the liquor licenses continued to be renewed thorough the end of the year, 2020 FSAs were updated, and open enrollments for the HSA had been processed; and announced the next Council meeting would be held on January 07, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. Mayor Gover opened the floor for questions with no response.

PUBLIC WORKS noted the receipt of 3-months motor fuel tax increase which was approximately 50% and made long-range projects good; updated projects including concrete work and electrical work while waiting on a light pole to finish the project, and a bid opening tomorrow for the water and sewer construction of Blue Cross/Blue Shield. Mayor Gover opened the floor for questions with no response. Mayor Gover complimented the crew's efforts in clearing snow.

FIRE Commissioner Hall reported working on an interim fire chief and several other minor items.

POLICE explained how funds were used and the importance of the computer voice stress analyzer for forensics. Mayor Gover opened the floor for questions with no response.

ARTS AND TOURISM noted Facebook was kind to the City about the snowfall; and announced Lightworks was up over \$2,000 and 700 cars from last year with about \$6,000 ahead on display sponsors for this year. Director Ed Dowd of the Mattoon Chamber stated the increase was after a record year and was building on last year's amounts. Director Burgett stated the figures were currently about where they were last year.

COMMENTS BY THE COUNCIL

Commissioner Cox thanked the Department Heads for their work. Commissioner Graven complimented the Street crews on the snow plowing and received several compliments on Lightworks. Commissioner Hall commented on the City heading in 2020 on a good note. Commissioner Owen had no further comments. Council wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Mayor Gover seconded by Commissioner Hall moved to recessed to closed session at 7:00 p.m. pursuant to the Illinois Open Meetings Act for the purpose of the 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)); and 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 120 (2)(C)(2)).

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 left the meeting at 7:01 p.m.

Council reconvened at 7:11 p.m.

Council with Administrator Gill discussed the Fire Union remedy and the judge not overturning the arbitrator's decision. Council discussed the payouts and number of recipients, manning of the Police Department and Fire Department and upcoming budget meetings.

Commissioner Cox seconded by Commissioner Graven moved to adjourned at 7:31 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