

BOARD OF ALDERMEN MINUTES
March 20, 2008

Item 1 call to order

Meeting called to order at 6:30pm by Mayor Judy Stainback. Aldermen present were: Tim Bair, Helen Harber, Aaron Kruse, and Darrin Snodgrass. Aldermen Michelle Heslep and Debra Hickey absent.

Item 2 announcements

A reminder to everyone that the annual city-wide garage sale will be April 18th and 19th. The Battlefield Chamber of Commerce will provide "chamber pots" throughout town for the event.

Mayor Stainback informed the Board of Aldermen that Jim Clemmons resigned from the Economic Committee, but will still participate in the Board of Adjustments committee.

City Administrator, Rick Hess, gave an update on the rainstorms earlier this week. The City received approximately 12-15 calls on flooding by citizens. Regional overflow basin was used. It was safely pumped out without any spills.

Item 3 approval of consent agenda

Motion by Helen Harber to adopt and approve the consent agenda which includes March 4, 2008 minutes; bills paid in the amount of \$56,397.37; and committee and employee reports. Second by Aaron Kruse. Roll call vote with Tim Bair aye, Helen Harber aye, Michelle Heslep absent, Debra Hickey absent, Aaron Kruse aye, and Darrin Snodgrass aye. Motion passed.

Item 4 public input

No one signed up to speak.

Item 5a motion on personnel manual

Motion by Helen Harber to approve the revised personnel policy. Second by Tim Bair. Aldermen discussed sick leave and holidays. Roll call vote with Tim Bair aye, Helen Harber aye, Michelle Heslep absent, Debra Hickey absent, Aaron Kruse aye, and Darrin Snodgrass aye. Motion passed.

Item 5b motion on sign removal

Motion by Tim Bair to remove the northbound and southbound stop signs at Prairie View and Vicki Place. Second by Aaron Kruse. There was much discussion about removing the signs versus ticketing people for running the sign. Chief Vallely reminded the Board that the purpose of the stop signs is to control traffic flow, not traffic control. Roll call vote with Tim Bair aye, Helen Harber aye, Michelle Heslep absent, Debra Hickey absent, Aaron Kruse aye, and Darrin Snodgrass aye. Motion passed.

Item 6a appointment of Park Board member

Mayor Judy Stainback appointed Catherine Keller to the Park Board until July 2009. Motion by Aaron Kruse to affirm the Mayor's appointment. Second by Helen Harber. Roll call vote with Tim Bair aye, Helen Harber aye, Michelle Heslep absent, Debra Hickey absent, Aaron Kruse aye, and Darrin Snodgrass aye. Motion passed.

Item 6b motion on amending budget

Motion by Darrin Snodgrass to increase the sewer salary budget to \$88,900. Second by Tim Bair. City Clerk explained that the overage is due mostly to all of the unseasonable ice storms, tornadoes, snow, and flooding. Roll call vote with Tim Bair aye, Helen Harber aye, Michelle Heslep absent, Debra Hickey absent, Aaron Kruse aye, and Darrin Snodgrass aye. Motion passed.

Item 6c motion on amending budget

Motion by Darrin Snodgrass to increase the sewer payroll taxes expense budget to \$8,000. Second by Helen Harber. Roll call vote with Tim Bair aye, Helen Harber aye, Michelle Heslep absent, Debra Hickey absent, Aaron Kruse aye, and Darrin Snodgrass aye. Motion passed.

Item 7 closed session

Motion by Darrin Snodgrass to go into closed session concerning hiring, firing, promoting, or disciplining of employees under Section 610.021(3) RSMo. Second by Tim Bair. Roll call vote with Tim Bair aye, Helen Harber aye, Michelle Heslep absent, Debra Hickey absent, Aaron Kruse aye, and Darrin Snodgrass aye. Motion passed. Board of Aldermen went into closed session at 7:12pm.

Motion by Helen Harber to come out of closed session. Second by Darrin Snodgrass. Roll call vote with Tim Bair aye, Helen Harber aye, Michelle Heslep absent, Debra Hickey absent, Aaron Kruse aye, and Darrin Snodgrass aye. Motion passed. Board came out of closed session at 7:34pm.

Mayor announced that in a motion made, duly seconded, and voted "aye" unanimously; Phillip Dixon was hired as a new Battlefield Police Officer effective March 21, 2008.

Item 8 adjournment

Motion by Darrin Snodgrass to adjourn the meeting. Second by Tim Bair. Roll call vote with Tim Bair aye, Helen Harber aye, Michelle Heslep absent, Debra Hickey absent, Aaron Kruse aye, and Darrin Snodgrass aye. Motion passed. Board of Aldermen adjourned at 7:35pm.

_____ Mayor Judy Stainback

_____ Date

ATTEST:

_____ Susan R. Diehl, CMC/MRCC

_____ Date