

Mayor and Board of Aldermen
Betty Brazelton Community Center
June 17, 2014 – 7:00 p.m.
Minutes

1. Call To Order

Mayor Gene Schoonover called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, June 17, 2014. Mayor Schoonover led the pledge to the flag.

2. Roll Call

Aldermen Gerald Meppelink, Jr., Cindy Weers, Leonard Eads and Gerald Snodgrass answered roll call. Other city personnel present were Dwight Adkison, John Wilson, Don Moore and Susie Freece.

3. Approve Agenda

Alderman Leonard Eads made the motion to approve the meeting agenda. Alderman Gerald Meppelink, Jr., seconded the motion that passed by the following vote. Aye: Aldermen Gerald Meppelink, Jr., Cindy Weers, Leonard Eads and Gerald Snodgrass. Nay: none.

4. Sandy Baldwin – Candidate for Clinton County Presiding Commissioner

Sandy Baldwin was present to introduce herself as a candidate for Clinton County Presiding Commissioner.

5. J. P. Cradic – Candidate for Clinton County Collector

J. P. Cradic was present to introduce himself as a candidate for Clinton County Collector.

6. Mark Seipe, Veenstra & Kimm – Sewer System Facility Plan

Mark Seipe of Beenstra & Kimm Engineering was present to give the Board of Aldermen several sewer system facility plans available to replace the City's inadequate three-cell lagoon system.

The selection of a replacement sewer facility needs to be made by June 30th which is a requirement by the Department of Natural Resources. No decision was made but and placed on the agenda for the Special Meeting set for June 24 at 7:00 p.m. This enables the members of the Board of Aldermen to study the information presented and more able to make a decision by the deadline.

Note: Aldermen Cindy Weers asked that the minutes be changed to read: The Facility Plan shall emphasize a hydraulic evaluation on assessment of the lagoon's retention time, an assessment of removal efficiencies for TSS and BOD, and recommendations for any up grades needed to produce effluent that complies with permitted effluent limitations.

7. Minutes of June 17, 2014 Regular Meeting

Alderman Leonard Eads made the motion to approve the regular meeting minutes of May 20, 2014. Alderman Gerald Snodgrass seconded the motion that passed by the following vote. Aye: Aldermen Gerald Meppelink, Jr., Cindy Weers, Leonard Eads and Gerald Snodgrass. Nay: none.

8. May Financial Report

Alderman Gerald Snodgrass made the motion to approve the May financial report. Alderman Gerald Meppelink, Jr. seconded the motion that passed by the following vote. Aye: Alderman Gerald Meppelink, Jr., Cindy Weers, Leonard Eads and Gerald Snodgrass. Nay: none.

9. May Invoice/Check Listing

Alderman Leonard Eads made the motion to approve the May invoice/check listing. Alderman Gerald Snodgrass seconded the motion that passed by the following vote. Aye: Aldermen Gerald Meppelink, Jr., Cindy Weers, Leonard Eads and Gerald Snodgrass. Nay: none.

10. Reports

a. Water System Report – Jeff Jones Decker Construction

b. Police Report – Sergeant John Wilson

Alderman Leonard Eads asked Sergeant Wilson if the Police Department had enough full and part time police officers to maintain 24-hour patrol? Sergeant Wilson said the department is limited on providing 24-hour protection. He is more concerned about the consistency of around-the-clock coverage. Usually part-time officers have other obligations in addition to working for the Lathrop.

c. Public Works Report – Dwight Adkison

d. City Administrator Report – Don Moore

11. Chamber of Commerce – Coetta Whiteley

This item has been placed on the agenda for the regular meeting July 15, 2014.

12. Kay Drive – Coetta Whiteley

This item has placed on the agenda for the regular meeting July 15, 2014.

13. Ordinance No. 1257 – Secretary Planning Commission

Mayor Gene Schoonover introduced Bill No. 1257 to appoint the City Clerk Clerk of the Planning Commission. Alderman Gerald Snodgrass moved to approve the first reading. Alderman Leonard Eads seconded the motion that passed by the following

roll call vote. Aye: Aldermen Gerald Meppelink, Jr., Cindy Weers, Leonard Eads and Gerald Snodgrass. Nay: none. Alderman Leonard Eads made the motion for the final reading. Alderman Gerald Meppelink, Jr. seconded the motion that passed by the following roll call vote. Aye: Aldermen Gerald Snodgrass, Leonard Eads, Cindy Weers and Gerald Meppelink, Jr. Nay: none

14. Ordinance No. 1258 – Amending FY 2014 Budget

Mayor Gene Schoonover introduced Bill No. 1258 amending the FY2014 budget originally adopted for the FY ending June 30, 2014. Alderman Gerald Snodgrass made the motion to approve the first reading. Alderman Gerald Meppelink, Jr. seconded the motion that passed by the following roll call vote. Aye: Alderman Gerald Meppelink, Jr., Cindy Weers, Leonard Eads and Gerald Snodgrass. Nay: none. Alderman Gerald Meppelink, Jr. made the motion for the final reading. Alderman Leonard Eads seconded the motion that passed by the following roll call vote. Aye: Alderman Gerald Meppelink, Jr., Cindy Weers, Leonard Eads, and Gerald Snodgrass. Nay: none.

15. Ordinance No. 1259 – Adopt FY 2015 Budget

Mayor Gene Schoonover introduced Bill No. 1259 approving the FY 2015 budget. Alderman Leonard Eads made the motion to approve the first reading. Alderman Gerald Snodgrass seconded the motion that passed by the following roll call vote. Aye: Aldermen Gerald Meppelink, Jr., Cindy Weers, Leonard Eads and Gerald Snodgrass. Nay: none. Alderman Gerald Snodgrass made the motion for the final reading. Alderman Leonard Eads seconded the motion that passed by the following roll call vote. Aye: Aldermen Gerald Meppelink, Jr., Cindy Weers, Leonard Eads and Gerald Snodgrass. Nay: none.

16. Ordinance No. 1260 – Rezoning

Mayor Gene Schoonover introduced Bill No.1260 to rezone Lot 3 and 45 feet off the north end of Lot 4 and the north 22.5 feet Lots 8, 9 and 10 all in Block “A” of Smith’s Sub-division. Alderman Gerald Meppelink, Jr. made the motion for the first reading. Alderman Leonard Eads seconded the motion that passed by the following roll call vote. Aye: Aldermen Gerald Meppelink, Jr., Cindy Weers and Leonard Eads. Nay: none. Abstain: Alderman Gerald Snodgrass. Alderman Leonard Eads made the motion for the final reading. Alderman Gerald Meppelink, Jr. seconded the motion that passed by the following roll call vote. Aye: Aldermen Gerald, Meppelink, Jr., Cindy Weers and Leonard Eads. Nay: none. Abstain: Alderman Gerald Snodgrass.

17. Ordinance No. 1261 – Regulating Use of Water System

Mayor Gene Schoonover introduced Bill No. 1261 to regulate the use of public water system. Alderman Gerald Snodgrass made the motion for the first reading. Alderman Gerald Meppelink, Jr. seconded the motion that passed by the following roll call vote. Aye: Aldermen Gerald Snodgrass, Leonard Eads, Cindy Weers and Gerald Meppelink,

Jr. Nay: none. Alderman Gerald Meppelink, Jr. made the motion for the final reading. Alderman Gerald Snodgrass seconded the motion that passed by the following roll call vote. Aye: Aldermen Gerald Snodgrass, Leonard Eads, Cindy Weers and Gerald Meppelink, Jr. Nay: none.

18. Ordinance No. 1262 – Agreement For Tax Collection/Clinton County Collector

Mayor Gene Schoonover introduced Bill No. 1262 an agreement for the collections of real estate, personal property, railroad and utilities, sur tax and motor vehicle taxes due to the City of Lathrop by the Clinton County Collector. Alderman Leonard Eads made the motion for the first reading. Alderman Gerald Meppelink, Jr. seconded the motion passed by the following roll call vote. Aye: Alderman Gerald Snodgrass, Leonard Eads, Cindy Weers and Gerald Meppelink, Jr. Nay: none.

19. Resolution in Support of the Lathrop Post Office

This item was placed on the agenda for the June 24, 2014 special meeting.

20. Westbrook Sewer Issues

Whitney Westbrook was present to discuss sewer issues at her residence on Plattsburg Street stating they have had multiple backups they have had to clean up and pay for.

City Administrator Don Moore stated that the City had previously asked the Westbrooks if they wanted to hook into the new Park Street line, but at the time they had replied that the commercial backflow preventor had been working fine.

21. Reduced Solid Waste Monthly Fee

This item has been placed on the agenda for the June 24, 2014 special meeting.

22. Public Participation

a. David Peters questioned the City Administrator on the time it was taking to get a report on the sewers on Plattsburg Street.

23. Mayor Comments – none.

24. Aldermen Comments - none

25. Adjourn – Alderman Gerald Snodgrass made the motion to adjourn. Alderman Leonard Eads seconded the motion that passed by the following vote. Aye: Gerald Snodgrass, Leonard Eads, Cindy Weers and Gerald Meppelink, Jr. Nay: none.

Approved this 19 day of Aug, 2014.

ATTEST:


Susie Freece, CMC


Gene Schoonover, Mayor