

City Council Meeting Minutes
November 19, 2018
7:30 p.m.

The Board of Aldermen met on Monday, October 22, 2018 in the Council Chamber at City Hall. Mayor Richard Bodi presided with the following present: Ald. Riley, Wade, Chism, Young and Cravens.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. The Mayor called the meeting to order.

The Minutes from the October 22nd meeting was presented. Ald. Chism made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Ald. Wade seconded, all voted “yes” and the minutes were accepted.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Visitors: There were no visitors in attendance.
2. Bill #18-1300 “Call for Election” for the Municipal Election to be held on April 2, 2019 was presented. Ald. Chism made a motion and Ald. Cravens seconded. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Ald. Riley – yes, Ald. Wade – yes, Ald. Chism – yes, Ald. – Young- yes, and Ald. Cravens – yes. The ordinance was adopted.
3. A Resolution was presented authorizing the Mayor to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with the Missouri Department of Public Safety regarding the Missouri Statewide Interoperability Network Project. Ald. Wade made a motion to approve and Ald. Cravens seconded the motion. A vote was taken and all voted to approve. The resolution was approved.
4. A Resolution was presented authorizing the sale of 1.5 acres of land to Southeast Health for the purpose of building a Medical Clinic in the City. Ald. Wade made a motion to approve and Ald. Chism seconded. A vote was taken and all voted to approve. The resolution was approved.
5. City Administrator’s Report: Adm. McGill informed the Council that the City’s annual Christmas Parade and Celebration will take place on Saturday, December 15th. He stated that he wanted to publicly thank Mrs. Liz Riley for her efforts with the Park Board to organize the parade. They do a great job. The theme of this year’s parade is “A Country Christmas”. Adm. McGill said that he and Kristy Taylor, Finance Officer, had been busy meeting with department heads this week to determine their needs for the new year. He said that they would be bringing those budget items to the Council during budget sessions next month. Just as it has been this year, it is expected to be a tight year. Adm. McGill informed the Council that the City’s Administrative team had been meeting with our BAS representative in an effort to increase the medical benefit to employees and

their families and at the same time to save the City some money in a very expensive environment. Dave Hickman, of BAS and Matthew Broderson of Mirra met with the group a few weeks ago and went over the items that the City feels needs improvement. BAS then went to work trying to find a group health plan that would fulfill those needs. Just in the last few days were they able to find a plan that seems to fill all of our needs. The anticipated annual increase in premiums in medical coverage is around 20% throughout the industry. The new plan that the City will move to will only have a 4% increase and will allow the employees to see any doctor that they choose. There is no specific network. A TPA (third party administrator) 6 Degrees will negotiate the billable costs of every claim. The employees will not see any increase in co-pays or deductibles. This was the major concern for the City. Due to the local situation where all of the medical facilities, hospitals and clinics seem to be changing hands and networks frequently, leaving patients in a confused state as to how to receive treatment and how to be sure that they will not be billed the expensive rate for being "out of network". This new plan seems to solve that dilemma. Enrollment meetings will be held next week and Dave Hickman of BAS will present the new plan to everyone and answer their questions as how to negotiate the change.

Adm. McGill asked if anyone had any questions. Mayor Bodi stated that he wanted to go on record as expressing his appreciation to the Riverbend Botanical Society for the beautiful Christmas decorations. They have done an outstanding job and the displays are more beautiful every year. We are truly blessed to have this wonderful group that works so hard to bring beauty and joy to our town.

Ald. Riley asked as how the situation with Star Mart and their utility bill had been resolved. He had been absent and had missed the meeting that addressed their large balance. Adm. McGill said that Mr. Lakhani had paid the entire bill. He did not know if the current bill has been paid as yet, but he stated that the City was prepared to discontinue his service if it is not paid on time. Even though we want to encourage all business in the City, they must be held accountable like all of the other businesses.

There being no further business, Ald. Chism made a motion to adjourn and Ald. Cravens seconded. All Aldermen voted "yes" and the meeting adjourned.