

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL

**Tuesday, September 16, 2014 at 7:30 P.M. in the Council chambers
of the Municipal Building at 450 S. Main St.**

Members Present: Mayor Paul Corcoran, Alderpersons Marie Rakow, Susan Fruit, Jay Buchanan Mueller, Marsha Machotka, Judy Shireman, Dawn Elliott and Lester Parker. Alderperson Lorna Dilley was absent.

It was noted that the meeting was properly noticed and a quorum is present.

Motion by Mueller, second by Fruit to waive the reading and approve the minutes of the last meeting in lieu of printed copies. Motion carried 7-0.

PUBLIC HEARING, CONSIDER AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE SHARED RIDE TAXI SYSTEM AND THE HOURS OF SERVICE TO BE PROVIDED IN THE NEXT CONTRACT PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2015 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2016. City Clerk Melinda Jones reported on the hours as listed on the summary handed out that were added to the request for proposals and the schedule for bidding until the bid would be awarded at the City Council. It is felt that the cost for additional hours could be absorbed within the same budget in 2015 as it was in 2014. Mayor Corcoran opened the public hearing and asked if there was anyone in the audience that wished to speak either in favor of or in opposition to the shared ride taxi system or hours of service. No one responded and the public hearing was closed. Motion by Rakow, second by Machotka to approve the additional hours of service. Motion carried 7-0.

PRESENTATION OF THE CITY'S 2013 AUDIT BY WILLIAM MOILIEN OF JOHNSON BLOCK: Mr. Moilien stated the City's finances are in a strong position. He reviewed the highlights of assets, liabilities and fund balance, the tax increment districts and how tax dollars were distributed. He suggested the City seek counsel on 2 of the TIF districts as they have a positive fund balance and projects could be looked at for those areas.

CONSIDER AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON APPROVAL OF HIRING TABULATORS FOR THE NOVEMBER 4TH, 2014 ELECTION IF NECESSARY: Motion by Rakow, second by Machotka to approve hiring tabulators if needed for the November 4th election. Motion carried 7-0.

PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS:

CONSIDER AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON APPLICATION FOR A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FROM RNJ PROPERTIES TO ALLOW DRIFTLESS TRANSPORT LLC TO OPERATE AN OPEN SALES LOT FOR THE SALE OF STORAGE BUILDINGS, BARNs, SHEDS, AND GARAGE PACKAGES. THE PROPERTY IS LOCATED AT 1651 US HWY 14 EAST: Motion by Mueller, second by Machotka to approve the conditional use permit for 1 year with a maximum of 25 buildings at one time. Motion carried 7-0.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:

CONSIDER AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON APPLICATION FROM ST MARY'S OF THE ASSUMPTION PARISH FOR A TEMPORARY CLASS "B" LICENSE FOR THE FISH FRY TO BE HELD ON SEPTEMBER 19, 2014 BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 4:00 P.M. AND 8:30 P.M. AT 160 W. 4TH STREET: Motion by Shireman, second by Machotka to approve the license. Motion carried 6-0 with Alderperson Shirman abstaining.

CONSIDER AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON APPLICATION FROM ST MARY'S OF THE ASSUMPTION PARISH FOR A TEMPORARY CLASS "B" LICENSE FOR THE FISH FRY TO BE HELD ON OCTOBER 17, 2014 BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 4:00 P.M. AND 8:30 P.M. AT 160 W. 4TH STREET: Motion by Machotka, second by Fruit to approve the license. Motion carried 6-0 with Alderperson Shirman abstaining.

UTILITY COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS:

CONSIDER AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON PAY APPLICATION TO STAAB CONSTRUCTION CORPORATION FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE WWTF & LIFT STATION UNDER CONTRACT (A) #RC-55: Motion by Rakow, second by Fruit to approve the pay request from Staab. Motion carried 7-0.

CONSIDER AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON PAY APPLICATION TO JAMES PETERSON SONS, INC. FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE FORCE MAIN TO THE WWTF UNDER CONTRACT B: Motion by Rakow, second by Fruit to approve the pay request. Motion carried 7-0.

CONSIDER AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR HASSELL AUTO. THE PROPERTY IS LOCATED AT 270 S. JEFFERSON STREET: Attorney Robb stated there is a violation of the conditional use permit and the zoning ordinance by having all the tires kept outside so a citation could be issued. Mr. Jeremiah Hassell was present and stated they signed a contract with Auburndale Recycling Center for 3 years to collect tires every 2 weeks. He said they came and picked up as many as they could but there are about 100 left and they average about 75 tires in a 2-week period. He noted the place they were sending tires to went out of business. It was determined to have this item on the agenda again in a couple months. Alderperson Parker noted that Mr. Hassell has a responsibility and is obligated to take care of the situation as that many tires on hand could cause an entire City evacuation if they were to catch on fire and if there is standing water they become a health hazard to the community. No action was taken.

CONSIDER AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON WAIVING FEE AND PERMIT REQUIREMENTS UNDER ORDINANCE CHAPTER 620.02 FOR PROPERTY OWNERS RECEIVING A LETTER FROM THE CITY DIRECTING REPAIRS BE MADE BY JULY 31, 2015: Motion by Rakow, second by Fruit to waive the fee and permit requirements for this mailing. Motion carried 7-0.

CONSIDER AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON RENEWAL OF 3 YEAR CROPLAND LEASE WITH TROY CLARY AT THE RICHLAND AIRPORT: Motion by Fruit, second by Machotka to approve the contract in the amount of \$8000.00. Motion carried 7-0.

CONSIDER AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON RENEWAL OF 3 YEAR CROPLAND LEASE WITH WILLIAM TROXEL IN THE NORTH INDUSTRIAL PARK AREA AND ON MAPLE GROVE ROAD. Motion by Rakow, second by Machotka to approve the contract. Motion carried 7-0.

CONSIDER AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON APPROVAL OF BY-LAWS AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR THE CREATION OF AN AMBULANCE DISTRICT: Mayor Corcoran reported the next meeting is tomorrow at 7:00 P.M. to discuss the process of district establishment and disposition of the current ambulances, rent space, an operations manual, and to talk to current employees to continue a similar service. At this time they are gathering background information to move forward. There are about 9 townships/villages wanting to be part of a district and 4 have not voted yet.

PAYMENT OF MONTHLY BILLS: Motion by Mueller, second by Machotka to approve the bills as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Parker, second by Fruit to adjourn. Motion carried 7-0.

Minutes by Melinda D. Jones, City Clerk/Treasurer

Paul F. Corcoran, Mayor

Attest:

Melinda D. Jones, City Clerk