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City Council
Tues., March 13, 2018

Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm by Mayor Phil Halter. Also present were Council members Michael Jones, Jackie Whiteside, Jack Feezor, and Patrick Farmer along with City Manager Richard Goode, City Attorney Michael O'Rourke, City Clerk Stefanie Self, and DPS Director Robert Hearnese.

Recognition of Visitors: Ross McCutchen of Arnold, MO introduced himself to Council members and advised that he is a member of the family that previously owned and operated the McCutchen Theatre in Charleston and had lived in Charleston himself while growing up. He explained that he is attempting to acquire the theatre property and is interesting in restoring the building as a multi-purpose facility. He stated that he believed it to be a seven to ten year project with the first step getting the building on the National Register of Historic Places. Council members received his news very positively, congratulated him on his ambition and wished him the best of luck in his project.

Tommy Butler expressed several complaints about the fire building, the City Manager, etc. After several minutes, Mayor Halter advised him that the time period for public comments had ended.

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes: The meeting packet contained minutes for both the February 13, 2018 regular City Council meeting and the February 21, 2018 Special Called Meeting. After review of the minutes, Michael Jones made a motion to approve both sets of minutes as presented, and Jack Feezor seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Monthly Report of City Business / Operations: City Manager Richard Goode had provided a written report as part of the meeting packet. He also briefly discussed recent problems with Republic Services on trash collection and advised that he was talking with the firm about getting the issues corrected.

Old Business:

- **Bill No. 3787 / Ordinance 2927; Approval of Lease w/ Citizens Bank:** City Attorney Michael O'Rourke explained that the financing for the new fire building involves a lease of land to Citizens Bank, \$600,000 of financing from the bank to construct the building, and then a lease of the building from the bank to the city for a period of fifteen years with "rent" payments being equal to principal and interest payments on the financing. The ordinance authorizes the city to enter into the necessary lease agreements. Michael Jones made a motion to approve the ordinance, Patrick Farmer seconded the motion, and motion passed unanimously.

New Business:

- **Bill No. 3788 / Ordinance 2928; Approval of FY 2018-19 City Budgets:** Mr. Goode explained that all changes discussed at the February 21, 2018 budget meeting had been made and that final budget numbers reflected those discussions. Michael Jones made a motion to approve the budgets as presented for fiscal year 2018-19, Jack Feezor seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.
- **Authorization to Access Safety Deposit Boxes:** City Clerk Stefanie Self distributed a brief letter to Citizens Bank and Focus Bank for all council members to sign which authorizes members of City Hall staff to access the city's two safety deposit boxes. The boxes were previously only accessible by the former City Clerk, Marsha Hart. Council members signed the letter.

There being no further business, Jack Feezor made a motion to adjourn, Patrick Farmer seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Attest:

City Clerk

Mayor

City Clerk

Presiding Officer