



COMMON COUNCIL MINUTES MONDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2008

Mayor Alan Picha called the Common Council meeting to order at 7:15 P.M. on Monday, October 20, 2008. All present rose and said the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was taken with Alderpersons Donald Ehler, Rick Hanke, R. Dale Jones, Greg Kubarski, Darrow Novy, Mary Jo Onsager present. Mark Lankey and Richard Sweeney were absent.

Mayor Picha asked for affirmation of proper public notice to which Clerk Schraufnagel replied the notice was properly posted.

Motion by Ehler, seconded by Onsager to approve the September 15, 2008, Common Council minutes. Motion carried.

Mayor Picha announced the Halloween "Trick or Treat" hours would be October 31, 2008, from 4:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M.

Motion by Onsager, seconded by Hanke to approve the monthly bills for payment. Motion carried on a roll call with all members present voting yes.

Motion by Novy, seconded by Hanke to approve A and A Environmental for asbestos inspection in the amount of \$1160. Motion carried.

Motion by Onsager, seconded by Kubarski to approve Resolution 09-2008 (Insurance Offset Adjustment). Motion carried.

Motion by Onsager, seconded by Ehler to approve Resolution 10-2008 (Authorizing Resolution – TRM Grant Award). Motion carried. Kubarski was the sole opposition.

Motion by Onsager, seconded by Hanke to approve Resolution 11-2008 (CDBG Housing Funds for Demolition "Blight" Expenses - Raze Orders) to authorize the City Administrative staff to take necessary steps for utilizing the City's CDBG housing funds for the purpose of asbestos inspection, abatement, and demolition of all buildings at 1014 Prairie Ave. and 1022 Pine Ave. Motion carried.

Motion by Hanke, seconded by Kubarski to approve the Vernon County Humane Society "As Needed" agreement plan. Motion carried.

Motion by Kubarski, seconded by Novy to approve the 2008 – 2009 snow removal contract with Hillsboro Excavating. Motion carried.

Motion by Kubarski, seconded by Hanke to approve Ordinance 05-2008 amending City Sewer rates, effective January 1, 2009. This will be a 10% increase. Motion carried.

Motion by Onsager, seconded by Ehler to approve subordinating Hillsboro Betterment LLC loan with the City of Hillsboro. Motion carried.

Motion by Ehler, seconded by Hanke to approve the Police Chief Contract. Motion carried.

Motion by Novy, seconded by Jones to approve the selling of the 2003 Police squad. Motion carried.

The Council discussed the High Ave. project and the Engineer's assessment. Administrator Klein will discuss this further with MSA.

Mayor Picha stated the Stormwater Utility has not been implemented at this time.

Motion by Ehler, seconded by Onsager to approve Resolution 12-2008 (Accepting the proposed year 2009 City budget, authorizing submittal to the City auditor for preparation for the summary budget publication, and setting a hearing date for the 2008 proposed budget – November 17, 2008). Motion carried. Alderman Ehler wanted to thank the City Administrator for a job well done on the 2009 City budget.

Motion by Novy, seconded by Hanke to adjourn at 7:53 P.M. Motion carried.