

MARCH 6, 2017

REGULAR MEETING

7 P.M.

Regular meeting of the Village Board held at the Village Hall and called to order by President Peterson with the following members present: Trout, Devlin, Willems, Whiting, Kness, Peterson, and Johnson. Absent: Loving.

Motion by Devlin, second by Kness to accept the February 6, 2017 regular meeting minutes. Roll call votes: Devlin – aye, Willems – aye, Trout – aye, Kness – aye, and Whiting – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Police Chief Hicks presented the February Police Report. He reported 81 contacts made, 15 traffic stops, eight traffic citations, 20 residence checks, 30 business checks, 1 deceptive practice, 1 civil complaint, 1 custody dispute, 1 domestic dispute, 1 suspicious vehicle, 1 loose dog complaint, 1 runaway juvenile, 1 disorderly conduct, and 1 criminal damage to property, residents in violation of nuisance ordinance were notified, non-compliant residents will be served abatement notices, 3 arrests, mileage on Dodge squad 112,514 and Chevy squad 142,352. Chief Hicks requested a light for the back of the Village Hall garage to light up the area where his car is parked.

Motion by Whiting, second by Kness to purchase a light installed at the back of the Village Hall garage. Roll call votes: Trout – aye, Kness – aye, Whiting – aye, Willems – aye, and Devlin – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

The Police Committee agreed to meet on Thursday, March 9, 2017 at 4 P.M. at the Village Hall with Chief Hicks.

Mr. Michael Chezum present concerning his property at 504 Walnut Street that needs action done to repair the property so that it is up to code. Mr. Chezum stated that he had a hip injury and was not able to work on the property for quite some time. He said that he had vested interest in putting in footings, framing up the house, and working on the property. President Peterson stated that he has until June 2017 on his current building permit to get some work done, and the Village put up the fence for safety three times. President Peterson stated that the Village has put up the fence, Mr. Chezum has attended this meeting, and the deadline for the project is June 2017 and there needs to be some kind of movement on taking care of the property especially for safety. Mr. Chezum stated that he has no schedule when things will be done, even though his lawyer had told the Village's Attorney Steele that there would be some kind of schedule presented giving the time frame of when action would be taken

(such as when footings are going in), If no progress on the property has been done starting April 1, 2017, the Village's Attorney will proceed. Mr. Chezum agreed to the start date of April 1, 2017 for work to begin, and the Board requested that he come to the April 3, 2017 Board meeting or send a schedule of what has been done and a time frame of when work will be done.

President Peterson stated that South Fifth Avenue and Sixth Avenue are not in as bad a shape as had been thought from the Ameren trucks, so the Village has backed off on its complaint.

President Peterson reported that Joe Adams wants to put a storage unit on his property by his Car Wash and Hardware Store. The Board directed Mr. Adams to the Zoning Officer Mike Keller.

President Peterson reported that the Village needs to look at the Excavation Permit fee (\$100), because it is low for the work that will be done with the sewer project. The Board tabled the matter until President Peterson talks to Viola and Alpha about their ordinances.

President Peterson reported a hole by the drain across from the other hole that was on North First Avenue. Trustee Whiting was asked to contact Tom Whiting to check on this hole.

President Peterson stated that the Maintenance Department will be getting patching material and a load of rock for the streets.

Trustee Whiting stated that Sharon Raes had complained about the alley that is used behind her property. President Peterson informed the Board that the alley was fixed, but due to the Spencer Brothers Disposal Truck cutting the corner, there is a hole where rain water collects. President Peterson stated that the streets would not be oiled and chipped until the sewer had been put in.

President Peterson reported on the sewer meeting last month, and Scott Kammerman, engineer, and Attorney Steel would need to get together to prepare the sewer ordinance. The matter was tabled until the April meeting. President Peterson also stated that the ADA Checklist needs to be finalized, and the Village is still waiting on the CDAP Grant information.

The Board agreed to have the weather siren tested the first Tuesday of each month at 10 A.M. by Police Chief Hicks.

Trustee Willems reported that he had calculated 15% added to the bill that is behind on water, keep the current bill as charged, and no one goes over sixty days past due. The Board agreed that a \$10 payment on a water bill would be less than 1%, and it would be difficult to get the payment that is overdue paid down. They agreed that an agreement can be made to make payments on the water bill, but the current bill must be paid.

Village Clerk Johnson recommended that the Village amend the Water Ordinance so that only owners of the property pay the water bill, not renters. The landlord would be responsible for the water bill. The Board agreed that payment be made on the current water bill, at least 15% of the late bill be in the agreement, 10% penalty on the total bill, no unanticipated late fee, and notify the landlord of their late water bill, but don't tell the renter the water is going to be shut off be put into the ordinance.

The Board asked Village Attorney Steele to draw the amendment to the water ordinance.

Motion by Devlin, second by Kness to pass Ordinance 1, Series 2017 the Eric Daves Easement and conditions. Roll call votes: Kness – aye, Whiting – aye, Willems – aye, Devlin – aye, and Trout – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried..

Motion by Whiting, second by Devlin to purchase 24 water meters. Roll call votes: Trout – aye, Devlin – aye, Willems – aye, Whiting – aye, and Kness – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Motion by Kness, second by Whiting to purchase a new John Deere lawn mower from Martin-Sullivan at a cost of \$2,700 with trade-in of the old mower. Roll call votes: Whiting – aye, Willems – aye, Devlin – aye, Trout – aye, and Kness – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

President Peterson stated that the playground equipment at the Rodeo Park would be repaired by John Carlson, weather permitting.

Trustee Whiting reported that the roof on the Ball Park concession stand needs to be replaced. He said that he would get a cost on the shingles.

Trustee Trout left the meeting at 8:25 P.M.

Motion by Willems, second by Kness to take the tree down at 309 North Fifth Avenue (Jason & Lily Stratton) by Walton Tree and Stump Service at a cost of \$675 and to clean up brush, but leave logs. Roll call votes: Devlin – aye, Willems – aye, Whiting – aye, and Kness – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

President Peterson reported that Greg Hanson of Landtech Environmental Services wants an ordinance passed prohibiting the use of groundwater as a potable water supply by installation or use of potable water supply wells or by any other method. The Board agreed to have Village Attorney Steele check into the matter.

Motion by Kness, second by Willems to authorize the February 2017 bills. Roll call votes: Kness – aye, Devlin – aye, Willems – aye, and Whiting – aye. All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried.

Motion by Devlin, second by Kness to adjourn. Voice Votes: All votes were in favor, and the motion was carried. The meeting was adjourned.

Claudine D. Johnson, Village Clerk

