

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE PINCKNEYVILLE CITY COUNCIL**

**HELD MONDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2010 AT 7:30 P.M.**

**IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL**

**ROLL CALL**

Mayor Joseph M. Holder called the regular meeting of the Pinckneyville City Council to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers, City Hall. Members present: Commissioners Martin Beltz, Samuel J. Fulk, August Kellerman, David Stone and Mayor Joseph M. Holder. Members absent: None.

Administrative staff present: City Clerk Frances I. Thomas, City Attorney Roger Seibert and City Treasurer Arthur F. Reese.

**PREVIOUS MINUTES**

Motion by Commissioner Fulk, seconded by Commissioner Kellerman to approve the previous minutes of the regular meeting of September 27, 2010 as presented. On roll call: Commissioners Beltz, Fulk, Kellerman, Stone and Mayor Holder voted YEA. NAYS: None. Motion declared carried.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Motion by Commissioner Fulk, seconded by Commissioner Kellerman to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented by City Treasurer Arthur F. Reese, including Treasurer's Report For The Month Ending: September 2010, Treasurer's Report September 30, 2010 Compared to September 30, 2009, Unrestricted Bank Balances (Only) Treasurer's Report September 30, 2010 Compared to Last Five Years and Payroll Check Listing October 8, 2010. The Natural Gas bill is \$14,846.58 and interest is due on the Bonds 2002B, 2002A and 1997 Gas Bonds. Commissioner Kellerman stated the prison owes \$285,982.25 for the past three months utility bills in addition to the past due amount from the previous fiscal year. On roll call: Commissioners Beltz, Fulk, Kellerman, Stone and Mayor Holder voted YEA. NAYS: None. Motion declared carried.

**ACCOUNTS PAYABLE**

Motion by Commissioner Kellerman, seconded by Commissioner Stone to approve the accounts payables as presented. On roll call: Commissioners Beltz, Fulk, Kellerman, Stone and Mayor Holder voted YEA. NAYS: None. Motion declared carried.

## CORRESPONDENCE

Economic Development Consultant Carrie Ford reported her office is very busy. The web site has proved to be very popular and must be continually updated; many calls are answered regarding various city activities. She is anticipating funds from DECO for the Loos project.

- She will be out of the office and in Springfield tomorrow accepting the Governors Hometown Award for Pinckneyville.
- Commissioner Kellerman reported the Department of Employment Security Veteran's Job Fair will be Friday, October 29, 2010 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at John A. Logan College Conference Center, Carterville, Illinois.
- Commissioner Beltz has been contacted regarding additional signs on the one way area of Mulberry Street. He and Commissioner Fulk will work together to install the signs.
- Commissioner Fulk reported the repairs to railroad crossing #431-197T located near the Casey's General Store Highway 154/13 West are scheduled for October 21<sup>st</sup>. Traffic will be detoured at that time.
- Perry County Engineer Douglas Bishop and assistant Ruben Davis, a former employee and commissioner of the City, spoke to the Council regarding the maintenance of a waterway in the Oxbow Subdivision. Mr. Bishop presented a copy of a Quitclaim Deed indicating the waterway is owned by the City of Pinckneyville and is the maintenance responsibility of the City. He outlined a past practice of twenty years along with the Quitclaim Deed indicating the City is responsible for maintaining the waterways.
- Commissioner Fulk questioned Mr. Bishop about a county weed ordinance. Mr. Bishop did not know if there was a county weed ordinance.
- Commissioner Fulk stated the City is aware it is not the County Highway Department's responsibility but he also stated it is not clear if the City actually owns the property.
- The City is operating under a very tight budget. The street department has one full time and one part time employee compared to previous administration when there were four full time and several part time employees. Work is done on an "as required" basis.
- As a Council we have worked to hold down expenses. The taxpayers are taxed to the limit. The City can pay bills and doesn't have to borrow money.
- Mayor Holder reported that when he contacted an appraiser to begin the process of preparing the parcel for sale he was told the City does not own the property. In addition one person visited the Mayor's office with a deed in hand indicating they are owners of certain areas that are in question.

Motion by Commissioner Stone, seconded by Commissioner Kellerman to place on file for public inspection an agreement with H.M. & G. Inc. for inspection of the reservoir dam for a fee of \$3,000. On roll call: Commissioners Beltz, Fulk, Kellerman, Stone and Mayor Holder voted YEA. NAYS: None. Motion declared carried.

**CLASS "A" LIQUOR ESTABLISHMENTS – ADDITIONAL HOUR OPENING**

Motion by Commissioner Beltz, seconded by Commissioner Kellerman to approve Class "A" liquor establishments request for an additional hour of operation on October 30, 2010 Mardi Gras weekend and December 31, 2010 New Years Eve, as approved in past years, being open until 2:00 a.m. On roll call: Commissioners Beltz, Fulk, Kellerman, Stone and Mayor Holder voted YEA. NAYS: None. Motion declared carried.

**T.I.F. - O-2010-08 – BIG CAT MOTORS**

Motion by Commissioner Fulk, seconded by Commissioner Stone to approve Ordinance O-2010-08, an ordinance approving a redevelopment agreement with Big Cat Motors and James R. Carlson and Cheryl R. Carlson. On roll call: Commissioners Beltz, Fulk, Kellerman, Stone and Mayor Holder voted YEA. NAYS: None. Motion declared carried.

**APPOINT AUXILIARY POLICE**

Motion by Commissioner Beltz, seconded by Commissioner Stone to approve the appointment by Mayor Holder of Reggie Epplin, James Barnett and Jeremy Grab as Auxiliary Police Officers as provided by Ordinance O-2008-07. Commissioner Beltz reported Police Chief Griffin has contacted the insurance carrier IML RMA and receive approval. The auxiliary members of the police perform duties as directed by the Chief of Police and may carry weapons. They are volunteers and not paid employees. On roll call: Commissioners Beltz, Fulk, Kellerman, Stone and Mayor Holder voted YEA. NAYS: None. Motion declared carried.

**REPORTS**

Mayor Holder and Commissioner Beltz met with a representative of the Fraternal Order of Police and the contract agreement is completed.

- Mayor Holder stated it is time to begin negotiations with the Laborers' International Union of North America Local 773.

**FROM THE FLOOR**

Steve Williamson reported he has been selected as an election judge for Precient No. 6 in the upcoming election.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Commissioner Fulk, seconded by Commissioner Stone to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m. On roll call: Commissioners Beltz, Fulk, Kellerman, Stone and Mayor Holder voted YEA. NAYS: None. Motion declared carried.