

**AUGUST 6, 2012**

**CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**7:00 P.M.**

**ITEM # 1** – Mayor Dennis Wilson called the meeting to order with councilpersons, Danielle Verkamp, Josh Cahill, Alan Sachs, Lowell Tonding, Margaret Roberts, Don Moore, and David Watkins. Jeff Davis, City Administrator and Sarah Wheeler, City Clerk was also in attendance.

**ITEM #2** – Mayor Wilson led the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ITEM #3** – Mayor Wilson called the Public Hearing to order to discuss the 2012 Tax Levy. Mayor Wilson mentioned to those in attendance that the rate would stay the same for the coming year. No one from the audience had any comments. Councilman Watkins made a motion to close the Public Hearing and go into regular session. Councilwoman Verkamp seconded the motion. All members voted “aye”.

**ITEM #4** – Councilwoman Verkamp made a motion to approve the 2012 Tax Levy at the same rate as last year. Councilman Moore seconded the motion. All members voted “aye”.

**ITEM #5** – Councilman Sachs made a motion to approve the closed minutes from June 21, 2012 and the open minutes from July 2, 2012. Councilwoman Roberts seconded the motion. All members voted “aye”.

**ITEM #6** – Councilman Moore made a motion to approve the July bills to be paid. Councilwoman Verkamp seconded the motion. All members voted “aye”.

**ITEM #7** – City Administrator Jeff Davis, presented the Council with 2 new options for the Livestock Ordinance discussed at the last meeting. Both options were discussed by the council and Jeff was asked to make a couple more changes before approving. Councilman Cahill made a motion to have Jeff add the fee to section 4.5 on option A which required the owner to have at least five or more acres, and bring back to next month’s meeting. Councilwoman Roberts seconded the motion. Upon roll call, the voting was as follows: Councilman Cahill “aye”; Councilwoman Roberts “aye”; Councilwoman Verkamp “aye”; Councilman Tonding “aye”; Councilman Sachs “no”; Councilman Moore “no”; Councilman Watkins “no”. The motion was approved.

**ITEM #8** – Mayor Wilson made the following appointments to fill empty seats on Boards, Commissions and Committees: Ben Verkamp for a 3 year appointment on the Historic Preservation Commission; David Cottingham, Becky Huffman and John Keeney for 3 year appointments to the Park Board; and John Smallwood to serve on the TIF Commission. Councilman Sachs made a motion to approve the Mayor’s appointments. Councilman Moore seconded the motion. All members voted “aye”.

**ITEM #9** – Mayor Wilson presented the Council with 3 nominees for the Ward 2 vacancy to fill the position until the next election in April 2013. The nominees were: Greg Edwards, Mitch Weatherly and Jim White. Mayor Wilson asked the Council to discuss the candidates if they needed to and then asked for a motion. Councilman Sachs made a motion to appoint Greg Edwards to fill the Ward 2 Vacancy. Councilman Tonding seconded the motion. Upon roll call, the voting was as follows: Councilman Sachs “aye”; Councilman Tonding “aye”; Councilman Cahill “aye”; Councilman Watkins “abstain”; Councilwoman Verkamp “no”; Councilman Moore “no”; Councilwoman Roberts “no”. Mayor Wilson broke the tie with a “no” vote. The motion to have Greg Edwards fill the vacancy was not approved.

Councilman Moore made a motion to appoint Jim White to fill the Ward 2 vacancy. Councilwoman Verkamp seconded the motion. Upon roll call, the voting was as follows: Councilman Moore “aye”; Councilwoman Verkamp “aye”; Councilwoman Roberts “aye”; Councilman Tonding “no”; Councilman Sachs “no”; Councilman Cahill “no”; Councilman Watkins “abstain”. Mayor Wilson broke the tie with an “aye” vote. The motion to appoint Jim White to fill the vacancy was approved.

**ITEM #10** – Mayor Wilson mentioned that next month’s Council meeting will need to be moved to Tuesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> due to the Labor Day holiday and that it will be held at the Depot.

**ITEM #11** – Jeff Davis, City Administrator had a couple of items for the Council in his report. He mentioned that the digging on Well #5 should begin in the next week. He had accepted and signed a contract for cleaning with Service Master in the amount of \$491 per month for 3 city buildings, and that he would possibly add on the Community Hall, Rec Center and Depot soon. Finally he mentioned that he had been talking with MODOT and they may be moving back to their shed in town.

**ITEM #12** – Mayor Wilson also had a few items for his report. He mentioned the upcoming Bluegrass Grape Jam, AC issues at the Golden Age Center, the ribbon cutting at Perkins Lumber and

the primary election tomorrow. He also stated the City had moved into the new Municipal Center and that the Police Department had received two or their new vehicles today.

**ITEM #13** – Jeff Davis, City Administrator gave his monthly report. Jeff mentioned that they are still waiting on a DNR permit for Well #5, they are working on acquiring right-of-way acquisitions for the sidewalk projects, and he had put out for bid to tear down the Pevely Building, new signs at the Municipal Building and Cleaning Services for all three buildings.

**ITEM #14** – With no further business to discuss, Councilman Moore made a motion to adjourn. Councilman Watkins seconded the motion. All members voted “aye”.

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Mayor, Dennis Ira Wilson

ATTEST:

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City Clerk, Sarah Wheeler