

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

MARCH 21, 2011

Mayor Fretwell called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Attending the meeting were Fretwell, aldermen Phillips, Upchurch, Dodd, Wolf, Crenshaw at 7:05 p.m., and Janney at 7:07 p.m. Also in attendance; City attorney Smith, Chief Hudnall, Supervisor Matt Hetheriton, City Clerk Kell, City employees La Trisha Crist and Mariah Taff, Citizens Kevin Carlin, and Robin Bracey. Culver-Stockton Professor Chad DeWaard and American Government Students Carly Lambert, Jessica Deters, Jenny Krauss, Dillon Ezell, Patrick Parsons, Dallas Spurgeon, and Sean McAvoy. Dan Steinbeck with Press News Journal.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion was made by Upchurch and seconded by Phillips to approve the items on the Consent Agenda: Approval of minutes from February 22, 2011 Regular Board Meeting and Committee Meetings, February Collector's and Treasurer's report and appropriations. Motion carried.

CERTIFY LAND DELINQUENT LIST AND WRITE OFF 2009 PERSONAL PROPERTY

Phillips motioned to certify the land delinquent list of \$16,700.68 and write off the 2009 delinquent personal property tax of \$5,371.58. Upchurch seconded the motion. Motion carried.

GENERAL BUDGET

The proposed 2011-12 General Budget was presented for review. Phillips explained the increase in the Police Department's insurance line was due to the change in insurance carrier, and the way the cost of the insurance is based on wages not assets, increasing the Police Department's insurance expense. The proposed General budget includes \$884,000.00 in revenues and expenses for the blighted property Community Development Block Grant. The proposed budget also includes \$40,000.00 for engineering fees for levee certification, and the funding of a new officer.

OTHER BUSINESS

Fretwell explained other cities recite the Pledge of Allegiance prior to their city meetings and requested the Board consider adding this to the Regular Board meeting agenda. There were no objections and, going forward, the City Clerk will add reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance to the Regular Board meeting agenda.

Fretwell reminded those present to vote in the upcoming election on April 5, 2011.

Fretwell reported Mike Klinger and representatives from the Hunt-Lima Levee District came to Canton and visited with Fretwell and Phillips. Their visit was in regards to having the City agree to sign an agreement for the Hunt-Lima Levee District to proceed with levee improvements to the 500-year flood plain level. Raising a levee to the 500-year flood plain level is allowed, but the other levee districts affected must sign an agreement to allow the change. Even without the agreement, the Hunt-Lima Levee District can proceed with increasing the height of their levee however it would take more effort to do so. Klinger and the Hunt-Lima Levee representatives will be at the April Board Meeting to present their proposal to the members of the board.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers recently sent an independent contractor to inspect the levee and a report will be forthcoming.

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OTHER BUSINESS cont.

Upchurch inquired about the vegetation, trees and other items addressed in the levee inspection report provided in the weekly packet. Fretwell explained the vegetation at the toe of the levee cited in the report has all been removed. The relief valve at the south end of the levee, that allows water to leave the inside of the levee if the City were to flood, has been moved and inspected and found to be fully operational. The City has done a lot of repair work on the levee pumps.

Fretwell also reported Hank DeHaan from the U.S. Army Corpse of Engineers called and reported the spring flood prediction outlook is for a high of 21 feet.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chief Hudnall requested the Board of Alderman consider having the City Attorney update the City Ordinance in regards to controlled substances to include the synthetic substances that are now considered controlled substances. Attorney Smith stated he could draft an ordinance for the City to include those synthetic substances as outlined in the Missouri State Statutes. Phillips motioned to have the City Attorney update the current City Ordinance in regards to synthetic controlled substances. Wolf seconded this motion and the motion carried.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Upchurch reported the Finance Committee met and discussed the proposed 2011-12 budget. Discussion of cost of street repairs led to the discussion of the size of the solid waste trucks operating on City streets. The solid waste contract will renew in March of 2012 and the new contract should address the size of trucks on the City streets. Cash balance has been a little bit of an issue, but working.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

There was no report. Crenshaw had been out of town so there was no Public Works Committee meeting. Hausdorf was currently attending the Missouri Rural Water and Wastewater conference. Hetheriton had nothing to report.

POLICE COMMITTEE

Janney reported the Police Committee met and discussed the hiring of a new officer, additional reserve officers, and the ordinance change for the synthetic drugs. A new VPN router for the Police Department was also discussed.

Hudnall reported he attended the Regional Blue Print Meeting and is working on obtaining solar powered school safety lights for in front of the school on South Fourth Street.

Wolf added the Police Department is having server problems.

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Bill No. 11-02

Ordinance NO. 681-C

Wolf moved to have the first reading, by title only, of Bill No. 11-02, proposed Ordinance NO. 681-C, an Ordinance to authorize the Mayor to execute a contract between the City of Canton and the Missouri Highway and Transportation Commission providing for a said +/- 2,200 foot long trail located at the Canton Riverfront atop the existing levee, an ADA compliant ramp up the levee and an overlook/viewing platform Phillips seconded the motion. Motion carried with five aye votes and Upchurch abstaining.

Following its reading by Smith, Crenshaw moved to have the 2nd reading, by title only, and Dodd seconded. Copies of the proposed bill have previously been made available to the public. Motion carried with five aye votes and Upchurch abstaining and the ordinance was read.

Crenshaw moved to adopt Bill No. 11 - 02, and assign it Ordinance No. 681-C and Dodd seconded.

Roll call vote:

Upchurch	-abstain	Phillips	-aye
Crenshaw	-aye	Janney	-aye
Wolf	-aye	Dodd	-aye

Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Phillips requested a Committee of the Whole meeting to discuss the proposed street improvements. Consensus was to have a Committee of the Whole meeting on April 4, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. first floor of City Hall.

ADJOURNMENT

Janney motioned to adjourn and Crenshaw seconded. The meeting adjourned at 7:47 pm.

Cynthia Kell, City Clerk

Terry Fretwell, Mayor