

OFFICIAL COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
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Tuesday, January 6, 2004
7:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Hark, Council Members Dexheimer, Hatton, Hull,
Janes and Wilson - 6

Absent: Council Member Knickerbocker - 1

Also Present: Interim City Manager Jim Burns, City Attorney and City
Clerk

CALL TO ORDER

There being a quorum present, Mayor Hark called the meeting to order.

INVOCATION

City Attorney, Bob Curtis, gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council Member Dexheimer led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

At this point, Council Member Dexheimer made motion to excuse Council Member Knickerbocker from the proceedings. Mayor Hark seconded motion.

Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Meeting of December 16, 2003
Special Call Meeting of December 18, 2003

Council Member Wilson made motion to approve the minutes for both meetings. Mayor Hark seconded motion.

Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF PAYROLL AND CLAIMS
Last half of December, 2003**

Council Member Dexheimer made motion to approve the payroll and claims for the last half of December, 2003. Council Member Wilson seconded motion.

Motion carried.

**JIM BURNS – INTERIM CITY MANAGER
Re: City Manager Report**

Mr. Burns informed Council that the heat pump that heats and cools the Council Chambers and the offices across the hall is out of commission again and the estimated repair is about \$5,800.00. They are soliciting some proposals from other companies to see if we can find something which is a more appropriate way to heat and cool this area. He also stated that since he has been here, they have spent approximately \$5,000.00 per year just to keep this system running. The system was installed in 1998.

Mr. Burns also read the police report to the Council.

He also stated that this would be his last Council meeting as Interim City Manager and he felt very honored that Council had selected him to serve in this position. At the next meeting Andy Morris will be here and he will be back out in the audience as City Engineer.

In regards to the heating system, Council Member Wilson wished to go on record stating that back in 1998, when they paid Architectronics \$7,000.00 for a study and then paid \$70,000.00 for the system to be installed. He added that he voted against this even though the majority of Council voted in favor.

At this time, Council Member Dexheimer made a motion to add the Fire Report for the month of December to the agenda. Mayor Hark seconded motion.

Motion carried.

**JIM DEXHEIMER – FIRE BOARD CHAIRMAN
Re: Fire Report**

Council Member Dexheimer read the Fire Report for the month of December 2003, to Council.

KEVIN SORRILL – HANNIBAL LOAFERS CLUB
Re: Request to Close Main Street For Annual Car Show on May 8, 2004

Mr. Sorrill asked Council's permission to close and have use of the following streets for the annual Loafers Club Car Show to be held on May 8, 2004. The areas will need to be blocked from 6:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. on this date.

- Main Street from the intersection of Broadway to the intersection of North Street
- Center Street from the alley west of Main Street to the alley south of Main Street
- Bird Street from the alley west of Main Street to the alley south of Main Street
- Hill Street from Main Street to the alley south of Main Street

He also presented a map to Council showing the locations they wish to be blocked. He stated that they had done a poll of the downtown merchants to see who wanted them back, and only 3 out of all the businesses were unsure and the rest were in agreement that they wanted this event again.

Council Member Wilson made motion to grant the request. Council Member Janes seconded motion.

Motion carried.

EVA MEYER - CITIZEN
Re: Back Taxes

Although she was present at the meeting, Ms. Meyer did not wish to speak in front of the Council. Interim City Manager, with the consensus of the Council presented her complaint as follows:

Ms. Meyers came in to pay her 2003 taxes in December. At this time, she was told by the Collector's Office that she could not pay her current year's taxes because she owed back taxes. She went home and brought back the receipt showing that she had paid her 2002 taxes and the Collector's Office said that she had not paid her 2001 taxes.

The Collector's Office has a policy not to accept partial tax payments – a citizen must pay everything that is in arrears or not at all, so they would not take her tax payment. Council Member Dexheimer asked why the Collector's Office accepted last year's taxes. Mr. Burns stated that it was his contention that the policy should say, if your current taxes are accepted, the Collector is stating all the taxes that are paid, meaning all taxes, current and delinquent. If we took the taxes in 2002, and there was a delinquent amount due, the mistake is ours and we will have to live with that and write off all taxes still due

from that party. Ms. Meyer wished to pay current taxes but, because of this, the Collector's Office would not take her payment for her 2003 taxes.

Council Member Dexheimer made a motion that because this was our error, she be allowed to pay her taxes and whatever taxes owed in arrears or penalties are forgiven. Council Member Wilson seconded motion.

Motion carried.

Mr. Burns asked Council's approval, if a similar situation should arise, we continue this policy. Council Member Dexheimer stated that if we take a nap, it is not the public's fault. Council Member Wilson also made a recommendation that the City Clerk send her a notice that everything is paid to date.

BILL WEBBER – KIWANIS CLUB OF HANNIBAL
Re: Use of City Property For the Annual Arts & Crafts Festival on July 2 – 4, 2004
in Central Park

Mr. Webber requested use of the following City owned properties and streets for the upcoming 28th Annual Samuel L. Clemens Arts & Crafts Festival to be held July 2nd thru the 4th, 2004 during National Tom Sawyer Days.

1. July 1 – 4, 2004: Central Park (July 1 will be setup day and the show will open on July 2 thru the 4th.)
2. July 1 – 4, 2004: The parking spaces on the west side of 4th Street from the north side of the bandstand to Broadway for placement of a trash dumpster, port-a-potties, ice trucks and bread trucks.
3. July 3 – 4: Fourth Street between Center Street and Broadway. Closing this street to through traffic so that crafters can load and unload merchandise. (A lane will be available for emergency traffic.)
4. July 1 – 4: The use of the vacant lot at the southwest corner of the intersection of South 7th and Collier Streets, to be used for crafters to park their trailers and/or vehicles.

Mr. Webber also stated that last year 135 spaces were rented and vendors came from 13 states to be here. This is the club's major fundraiser for the year. They also realize that through the years, long term parking around the park area has been a problem. This is why they are asking use of the lot at the corner of South 7th and Collier Streets to allow the vendors to park there, instead of around the park. Mr. Webber also stated that if approved, he would inform the vendors of the parking lot and that the City would be enforcing the 2-hour parking limitations around the park.

Council Member Wilson made motion that Webber's request be granted. Council Member Dexheimer seconded motion.

Motion carried.

**MARY BETH BAUDENDISTEL – CITY CLERK
Re: Bid Recommendation For Depository Services**

The City Clerk presented to Council the results of the bids for depository services that were opened on December 23, 2003. This is for a 3 year agreement, beginning March 1, 2004, for banks within the City of Hannibal to act as depository for the City.

She stated that two banking institutions were basically the same, but one bank offered a higher rate of interest and she also had to take into consideration that there would be a cost involved with changing banks. She recommended that F&M Bank be awarded the bid for this service.

Council Member Dexheimer made a motion to approve the City Clerk's recommendation. Council Member Wilson seconded motion.

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 1093

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN A 2-YEAR
AGREEMENT WITH ANDREW A. MORRIS FOR THE POSITION OF CITY
MANAGER**

Mayor Hark made motion to have the Clerk read Resolution 1093 and call the roll for adoption. Council Member Wilson seconded motion.

Motion carried.

Roll Call

Yes: Mayor Hark, Council Members Dexheimer, Hatton, Hull, Janes and Wilson – 6

No: -0-

Mayor Hark declared Resolution 1093 duly approved and adopted on this date.

CLOSED SESSION- 2
In Accordance with RSMo 610-021(1)

Council Member Dexheimer made motion to go into closed session in accordance with RSMo 610-021 (1) admitting himself, the rest of Council, the Mayor, Interim City Manager, City Attorney, City Clerk and BPW Director, Bob Chriscinske. Council Member Hull seconded motion.

Roll Call

Yes: Mayor Hark, Council Members Dexheimer, Hatton, Hull, Janes and Wilson – 6

No: -0-

Motion carried.

OPEN SESSION

Motion was made by Council Member Janes to go back into open session. Mayor Hark seconded motion.

Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Council Member Janes made motion to adjourn. Mayor Hark seconded motion.

Motion carried.