

OFFICIAL COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

November 1, 2005
7:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Present: Council Members Knickerbocker, Green, Wilson, Mayor Hark, Mayor Pro Tem Dexheimer, Hatton and Hull – 7

CALL TO ORDER

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

INVOCATION

Mayor Pro Tem Dexheimer gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Public Hearing and Regular Council Meeting of October 18, 2005

Mayor Pro Tem Dexheimer made a motion to approve the minutes. Council Member Hatton seconded motion.

Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF PAYROLL AND CLAIMS Second Half of October, 2005

Council Member Wilson made a motion to approve the payroll and claims. Council Member Green seconded motion.

Motion carried.

ANDY MORRIS – CITY MANAGER

Re: Purchase Card Agreement

(Resolution No. 1253 to follow)

Mr. Morris explained to Council the basic function of the purchase card and also some of the advantages that the City could realize by taking part in this program. He stated that to begin with, we would use this only in the Police Department in order to test the procedures to see if this program could work for us. He asked Council to approve the use of this card by approving Resolution 1253 to follow.

Re: Board Appointment

Mr. Morris made the following nomination and stated that he would be asking Council to approve this candidate at the next regular Council Meeting:

EMPLOYEE BENEFIT BOARD

Mark Kempker, Hannibal Fire Dept. to fill an unexpired vacancy term to expire May of 2008

Re: Phone System for City Hall

Mr. Morris explained the tentative change to the present City Hall phone system, which would have the phone answered by an automatic attendant. The caller would then make a choice of 5 possible options indicating which office the call would go to. Morris felt that this would be an improvement over what we have now and he asked Council for any comments or concerns in regard to implementing this change.

JEFF ARP – MIRMA

Re: Presentation of Management Award to Police Department

. Mirma Representative Jeff Arp presented an award, for recognition of safety improvements made when the department purchased tasers/taser equipment and participated in training for their use. On behalf of Chief Runyon, the Mayor accepted this award for the Police Department.

JIM DEXHEIMER – CHAIRMAN OF FIRE BOARD

Re: Bid Recommendation for WMD Trailer

Mayor Pro Tem Dexheimer made a motion to accept the Chief's recommendation by awarding the bid to Krigbaum Trailers in the amount of \$8,165.00. Mayor Hark seconded motion.

Motion carried.

MARY BETH BAUDENDISTEL – CITY CLERK

Re: Letter on Behalf of Park Board

Council Member Wilson made a motion to receive this letter and place it in the records. Mayor Hark seconded motion.

Motion carried.

October 27, 2005

City Manager and City Council, Mayor,

At our October 20, 2005 meeting Chris informed us that the \$150,000 budgeted from the General Fund to help offset the cost of the new boat docks in the marina would instead be used to make repairs to the Manchester Tank building. We feel that this is an unfair and unreasonable request.

The funds originally served as an incentive for the Parks Department to assume responsibility for the marina. It was obvious that several costly improvements were necessary to bring its appearance in line with the rest of the riverfront. An attractive riverfront is an asset to the entire community, so Council approved the \$150,000 expenditure from the General Fund into Parks & Recreation in the 2004/05 budget. Replacing the docks was delayed until this budget year at the request of the City Manager.

The City Council approved the bid and contract with manufacturer to install the new docks. In good faith, our department went forward with the project on the premise that the \$150,000 would be available when needed. We would not have begun the project otherwise. To learn at this late date that the money may not be available as promised is very disturbing.

Chris feels, and we agree, that it is not fiscally responsible for us to borrow more money at this time. We are still paying \$180,000 a year for the loan on the Aquatic Center. We will not pay off that loan until 2009, and we are unwilling to add to the burden of debt. If the funds are not forthcoming our only recourse will be to delay all other Capital Improvement Projects that were budgeted for 2005/06, including Riverview Park roads, fencing along Glascock's Landing, repair of riverfront collapse and other smaller projects. This delay would not only affect this year, but years to follow also.

We ask that Mr. Morris and Council Members consider the hardship this decision would cause the Parks Department and search for other avenues to obtain the needed funds.

*Sincerely,
Hannibal Parks and Recreation Board
Wells Pettibone, Jr.
Gayle Viorel
Kristy Trevathan
David Bleigh
Lent Johnson
Sid Buckman
Chris Leonard
Jim O'Donnell
Debbie Catlett*

TODD AHRENS – CITY ATTORNEY
Re: Vacating Alley Located in Block 16 of the City of Hannibal
(Bill No. 05-967 to follow)

Mr. Ahrens stated that the Council directed him to draft an ordinance to vacate this alley at the last meeting. Ordinance No. 05-967 would close a portion of a city alley since there is a building encroaching on the alleyway. The owner of the building is Mr. James Holzer of 313 Broadway.

JIM BURNS – CITY ENGINEER
Re: Fulton Avenue Construction Contract
(Resolution No. 1252 to follow)

Mr. Burns asked Council to approve a contract with George Lee, Jr. Construction in the amount of \$66,000.00 for the completion of the Fulton Avenue Stormwater Project by approving Resolution 1252 to follow.

Re: Hawkins Street Abandonment

Burns declared that in accordance with City procedure, Council should make a motion to direct the City Attorney to prepare the ordinance for the vacation of this street, if that is what they so desire. Council Member Wilson made a motion to direct the City Attorney to draft an ordinance to this effect.

Motion died due to lack of a second.

RESOLUTION 1252
As Amended

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN A CONTRACT
WITH GEORGE LEE, JR. CONSTRUCTION COMPANY FOR THE
COMPLETION OF THE FULTON AVENUE STORMWATER PROJECT**

Council Member Hull made a motion to have the Clerk read Resolution 1252, as amended, and call the roll for adoption.

Council Member Hatton seconded motion. During discussion, Council Member Green stated that he would be abstaining from this vote due to a possible conflict of interest.

Roll Call

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Yes: Council Members Knickerbocker, Wilson, Mayor Hark,
Mayor Pro Tem Dexheimer, Council Members Hatton and
Hull – 6

Abstain: Council Member Green – 1

No: -0-

Motion to read carried.

Roll Call

Yes: Council Members Knickerbocker, Wilson, Mayor Hark, Mayor Pro Tem Dexheimer, Council Members Hatton and Hull – 6

Abstain: Council Member Green – 1

No: -0-

Mayor Hark declared Resolution 1252 duly approved and adopted on this day.

RESOLUTION 1253

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN A CORPORATE RESOLUTION AND A COMMERCIAL CARD AGREEMENT IN ORDER FOR THE CITY TO PARTICIPATE IN COMMERCE BANK'S PURCHASING CARD PROGRAM

Council Member Hatton made a motion to have the Clerk read Resolution 1253 and call the roll for adoption. Council Member Knickerbocker seconded motion.

Motion carried.

Roll Call

Yes: Council Member Knickerbocker, Green, Wilson, Mayor Hark, Mayor Pro Tem Dexheimer, Council Members Hatton and Hull –7

No: -0-

Mayor Hark declared Resolution 1253 duly approved and adopted on this day.

BILL NO. 05-967

AN ORDINANCE VACATING AND ABANDONING A PORTION OF THE PUBLIC ALLEY LOCATED IN BLOCK SIXTEEN (16) IN THE CITY OF HANNIBAL, MARION COUNTY, MISSOURI.

FIRST READING

Council Member Hatton made a motion to have the Clerk give Bill No. 05-967 a first reading. Council Member Hull seconded motion.

Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Mayor Pro Tem Dexheimer made a motion to adjourn. Council Member Wilson seconded motion.

Motion carried.