

OFFICIAL COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

**January 16, 2007
7:00 P.M.**

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor Hark, Mayor Pro Tem Dexheimer, Council Members Hatton, Hull, Green and Knickerbocker – 6

Absent: Council Member Wilson - 1

CALL TO ORDER

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

INVOCATION

Council Member Green gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Pro Tem Dexheimer led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

At this time, Mayor Pro Tem Dexheimer made a motion to excuse Council Member Wilson from the meeting. Motion was seconded by Council Member Green.

Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES Regular Council Meeting of January 3, 2007

Motion was made by Council Member Hull to approve the minutes of the last regular Council Meeting that was held on January 3, 2007. Motion was seconded by Council Member Hatton.

Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF PAYROLL AND CLAIMS
First Half of January, 2007

Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Dexheimer to approve the payroll and claims for the first half of January, 2007. Motion was seconded by Council Member Hull.

Motion carried.

ROY HARK – MAYOR
Re: Approval of Board Recommendations

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY BOARD
Annie Dixon – Appointment for a term to expire January, 2013

Mayor Hark asked Council approval of a recommendation for the appointment of Annie Dixon to the Industrial Development Authority Board. Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Dexheimer to approve Mayor Hark's request. Motion was seconded by Council Member Green.

Motion carried.

JEFFREY LAGARCE – CITY MANAGER
Re: Appointment of Lindsay Wiskirchen as Finance Director

City Manager Jeffrey LaGarce introduced Lindsay Wiskirchen and announced his desire for Council approval of her appointment as the City's new Finance Director. Motion was made by Council Member Knickerbocker to approve Mr. LaGarce's request. Motion was seconded by Council Member Hatton.

Motion carried.

Re: Addition of Finance Director to Payroll Ordinance
(Bill No. 07-001, to follow)

City Manager LaGarce requested Council approval for the addition of the Finance Director Position to the current Payroll Ordinance. The approval of Bill No. 07-001, to follow, would accomplish this task. He asked that Council approve the first reading of this bill later during the meeting.

MICHELLE DENT - CITIZEN
Re: Mardi Gras Parade

Michelle Dent came before Council requesting permission to hold the fourth annual Mardi Gras Parade February 24, 2007 on Main Street. Parade route would be from South Main to North Main, beginning at 2:00 p.m. and lasting for approximately 30 minutes, according to Ms. Dent. She added

that the newspaper would promote no parking on Main Street during this time, due to safety reasons. Motion was made by Council Member Knickerbocker and seconded by Council Member Green.

Motion carried.

CHRIS ATKINSON – DIRECTOR OF PARKS AND RECREATION

Re: Application for Tub Grinder Grant

(Resolution No. 1338-07, to follow)

Chris Atkinson, Director of Parks and Recreation, asked for Council approval of a grant application for a tub grinder. Mr. Atkinson stated that the Parks Department had the ability to dispose of the smaller limbs that were collected by chipping them up. In the past, the larger limbs and tree stumps were taken to the dam site; however, this site has filled up with this debris that has been taken throughout the course of time. Upon Council approval and following the acquisition of this grinder, the by-product would be a recyclable material or mulch that could be used in the parks. Continental Cement also makes use of these materials. The match would be the labor on behalf of the Parks Department, which is an ‘in-kind’ match, but no financial match.

DALE SWENSON – PRESIDENT, HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Re: Request to Waive Taxes of Property at 713-715 Union Street

Mr. Swenson began by stating his Company’s credentials, stating that, to date, Habitat for Humanity has completed new homes in the City. He said that he anticipates a home being built in April and another in the fall. Habitat for Humanity is considering the acquisition of the property at 713-715 Union for development. Swenson requested the taxes and special tax bills be waived on these two lots in the event that this property is acquired. He added that it was his understanding the owner has agreed to donate the property to Habitat.

Council discussed this request and informed Mr. Swenson his request would be considered if the current property owners donate the property to Habitat for Humanity for development. No official action was taken regarding Mr. Swenson’s request at this time.

LYNDELL DAVIS – CHIEF, HANNIBAL POLICE DEPARTMENT

Re: Recent Arson Arrest, Collaboration and Teamwork

Chief Davis shared with Council his appreciation for the assistance of the Fire Department during the recent arson arrest. He stated that he wished to thank the Fire Department for their collaboration during a series of investigations that had plagued the City for the last two and one half months of 2006. Hannibal Police Department had numerous citywide car fires during this period. Due to the cooperation of the Fire Department and the Missouri Fire Marshal’s Office, an arrest was made in the early part of January. He added that this was a team effort on the part of all involved, and he thought it was important to bring it to the attention of the City Manager as well as the Fire Chief and Council. He concluded by saying he again wished to publicly thank the Fire Department for their efforts.

Mayor Hark recognized Deputy Fire Chief Bill Madore at this time. Deputy Chief Madore spoke on behalf of Fire Chief Carter, reiterating what Chief Davis said previously. He also wished to thank Chief Davis and his staff, the investigative staff of the Missouri State Fire Marshal's office and members of the Hannibal Fire Department for their hard work and dedication. He said this was an example of what could be accomplished with teamwork and dedication. He concluded by saying that, "Together we can continue to strive to provide the level of service that the citizens of Hannibal deserve."

RESOLUTION NO. 1338-07

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN A PROJECT APPLICATION BETWEEN THE CITY OF HANNIBAL PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT AND MARK TWAIN SOLID WASTE DISTRICT FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECEIVING GRANT FUNDS

Motion was made by Council Member Hatton to have the City Clerk read Resolution No. 1338-07 and call the roll for adoption. Motion was seconded by Council Member Hull.

Motion carried.

Roll Call

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

No: -0-

Absent: Council Member Wilson - 1

Mayor Hark declared Resolution No. 1338-07 approved and adopted on this date.

BILL NO. 07-001

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE PAYROLL ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HANNIBAL PERTAINING TO THE ADDITION OF THE FINANCE DIRECTOR

FIRST READING

A motion was made by Council Member Green to have the Clerk give Bill No. 07-001 a first reading. Motion was seconded by Council Member Knickerbocker.

Motion carried.

OPEN SESSION

Motion was made to return to open session by Council Member Hatton. Motion was seconded by Council Member Green.

Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Dexheimer to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Mayor Hark.

Motion carried.