

OFFICIAL COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

March 5, 2013
Council Chambers
7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Council Members Hark, Locke, Mayor Pro Tem Knickerbocker,
Council Members Dobson, Lionberger, Mayor Hark and Council
Member Louderman - 7

Absent: -0-

CALL TO ORDER

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

INVOCATION

Council Member Lionberger gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regularly Scheduled Council Meeting – February 19, 2013

Motion was made by Council Member Louderman to approve the minutes of the regularly scheduled Council meeting that was held on February 19, 2013. Motion was seconded by Council Member Dobson.

Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF PAYROLL AND CLAIMS

Second Half – February, 2013

Motion was made by Council Member Dobson to approve the payroll and claims for the second half of February, 2013. Motion was seconded by Council Member Locke.

Motion carried.

GINNY WEBB – HANNIBAL CLINIC SERVICES

Re: Request, Street Closure – Mississippi River Run

Saturday, August 24, 2013 – 7:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Ms. Ginny Webb came before Council, on behalf of the Hannibal Clinic Services who plans to host the Annual Mississippi River Run, a 5k/10k run and walk that raises awareness for heart health and childhood obesity. This event also raises funds for various health initiatives throughout the community. Her specific request was the same as the request in previous years. Specifically, the use of Riverview Park, the closure of parts of Palmyra Road, portions of Mark Twain Avenue to the Y-Men's Pavilion. With Council permission, this event would be held from 7:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. on August 24, 2013.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Knickerbocker to approve Webb's request. Motion was seconded by Council Member Dobson.

Motion carried.

JOEL BOOTH – Y MEN'S CLUB

Re: Request, Street Closure & Open Alcohol Consumption – Down By the River Events

Friday, May 10th, June 14th, July 12th, August 9th and September 13th – 3:00 p.m. – midnight

Mr. Joel Booth, representing the Y Men's Club, came before Council to request approval of street closures and alcohol sales for the events known as the "Down by the River Concerts". He assured Council that this was the exact request as those made in previous years for these events. Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Knickerbocker to approve Booth's request. Motion was seconded by Council Member Louderman.

Motion carried.

Re: Request, Street Closure – Mud Volleyball

June 29 – July 8, 2013

Booth also made a request regarding Council approval of street closures for the Mud Volleyball Tournament to be held June 29th through July 8th, 2013. Since this event is two blocks from the Farmers Market, he did not believe there would be a conflict by blocking the alleyway adjacent to the Y Men's Pavilion, which was a concern of Council Member Dobson. Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Knickerbocker to approve Booth's request. Motion was seconded by Council Member Dobson.

John Lyng questioned the blocking of this alley and commented that he believed it would affect the Farmer's Market. Mayor Pro Tem Knickerbocker responded that, in speaking with Lieutenant Kathy Davis, he had discovered that officers would be located at Center Street, as well as various other locations in the downtown festival area to control traffic. After a brief discussion, Mr. Booth assured the Mayor and Council that he would contact Farmers' Market personnel and work out details regarding access to the north end of the service alley. Knickerbocker commented that the alley was not closed during the 2012 National Tom Sawyer Days festival, since he remembered driving the entire length of the alleyway at that

time. Booth stated that the alley would remain open to traffic on the date of Farmer's Market from 7:00 a.m. until 9:00 a.m.

Motion carried.

CINDY BENJAMIN – BUSINESS OWNER, 211 BROADWAY
Re: Snow Removal on Broadway

Cindy Benjamin, owner of B&B Cut and Style located at 211 Broadway, presented the next item on the agenda. She represented the downtown businesses and customers, regarding the snow removal on Broadway. Benjamin questioned why the snow on Broadway was being pushed toward the curb, blocking parking areas, instead of being pushed to the center of the street, as was the practice in past years. Pushing snow to the center of the street allows driving and parking space to be left available. She explained that when the snow was pushed to the center of the street, the property owners' only worry was the snow removal on the sidewalks for their customers' safety. With the current procedure, business owners must contend with two lanes of snow and the absence of parking, as well.

She gave a brief description of the situation that occurred during the last snowfall. Snow fell on Thursday and no one expected it to be removed; however, by Friday there was still no parking on Broadway. Vehicles could drive down Broadway but there was no place to park in order to go inside a business unless the vehicle was left in the driving lane with flashers turned on. On Saturday, the snow remained and customers still had to park in the driving lane, utilizing flashers and then they had to climb over a mound of snow. By this time there was no way to shovel, since the snow was now frozen. By Sunday the 2-3 foot of snow had thawed enough to dig a tunnel for customers use; but, on Monday afternoon, the Street Department decided to blade the parking areas. This resulted in destruction of the tunnels that were dug for customers and 100% of the snow was deposited on the sidewalks to be dealt with by the property owners. This endangered customers, so it was again necessary for property/business owners to dig additional tunnels. In instances such as this, the snow is being dealt with too many times in Ms. Benjamin's opinion.

Business owners and their customers wanted to know why snow was not being pushed to the middle of Broadway. Since these were the people who were paying the City's salaries and working to pay for the City equipment for snow removal, they did not believe they should have to deal with snow removal from parking spaces and sidewalks multiple times.

She asked if Broadway could be handled as it had been in past years, with one clean-up and no requirement to move snow from around parked cars, as had been done on Monday. She believed the City was wasting time and money by moving the snow back and forth across the street and from curb to curb. She admitted that she did understand that the removal of snow cannot be handled in that manner on every street in Hannibal. Benjamin's final question was, "Does the snow on Broadway have to go to the curb?"

Mayor Pro Tem Knickerbocker explained that this issue was addressed a couple of years ago. At that time, he believed there was a protocol in place to determine where the snow would be pushed and why. City Manager LaGarce reminded those in attendance the City had gotten twelve inches of snow on February 22nd. He explained that he had received a call late that evening from Leon Wallace, the Street Superintendent, who advised that seven inches of

snow had already fallen and there was too much to plow to the center of Broadway since one swipe resulted in a four-foot “hedge row”. That was only for one side of the street. After both sides of the street were plowed, the row would have doubled and for a mound to support itself, according to LaGarce, there is a 3/1 ratio. (6-ft. high would need an 18-ft. base, 8-ft. high would need a 24-ft. base, etc.). He continued by stating that Main and Broadway would be literally impassable if plowed to the center, since there is too much snow. LaGarce recognized that Broadway was a wider street; however, everything is proportionate, because a wider street has more snow.

The City Manager added that he had immediately emailed City Council Members informing them of:

1. City Hall’s closure on the next day, Friday, February 23rd
2. The explanation and reasoning behind snow plowing to the side of the street as opposed to plowing to the center.

Because of this, the Street Department was attempting to return and clean-up the snow on Main Street and Broadway, according to LaGarce. LaGarce advised that, on most snows, plowing will be toward the center of the street; and, a plan is currently being developed where the bigger snows may be placed to the center. LaGarce added that, even with the new plan in place, he would never put a two-foot snow to the center of the street.

By comparison, the City spent \$76,000 for a contractor to get rid of snow after a two-foot snow two years ago; and, LaGarce commented that he did not want to do that again if possible.

He agreed that Ms. Benjamin’s point was well taken; however, there was just too much snow to put it in the center of the street. The pile would have been so wide that it would have been impassable for vehicles. Mayor Pro Tem Knickerbocker added that all individuals in the City had problems as a result of the snowfall amount. He continued by commending the Street Department for the job that they did and added that in handling the large amount of snow, the Street Department workforce did a wonderful job. Knickerbocker commented that they had done the best that they could in light of the circumstances. Unfortunately, Mother Nature has thrown some very bad things at the City and the Street Department put forth their best efforts to take care of the citizens during these times. Currently, the Street Department is cleaning downtown; however, no one is cleaning other areas of town. During these types of situations, everyone is going to be disadvantaged. He sympathized but he believed that the City’s best efforts were put forth during the snow.

City Manager LaGarce stated that, in utilizing the plan that the City was currently developing, possibly 98-99% of the snows could be plowed to the center of the street regardless of depth, with the exception of the blizzard snow that the City received two years ago. In the future plan, the Parks Department will come behind the Street Department to scoop and remove. He added that, during a recent three-inch snow, the City received many compliments but not so following a twelve-inch snow even though the operation was identical. The variable was the amount of snow. There was just no place to put all the snow that was received, according to LaGarce.

Council Member Dobson added that, compounding the problem, more and more vehicles are on the street since more people are living in the downtown area in recent years. He was

interested in seeing the development of a “snow emergency route”; and, would like to explore that possibility. City Manager LaGarce commented that the City would review this option.

Council Member Louderman suggested that it was taking Quincy, IL much longer, even with their snow emergency routes, to clean the side streets than it has taken Hannibal. Snow emergency routes do not necessarily make it a better program, since they only plow a portion of their streets. After that, you have two options to drive on the snow emergency routes or to drive in the snow.

Mayor Hark informed Ms. Benjamin that, at one time, the City of Hannibal did have a snow emergency route; however, the people who lived on those streets and did not have off-street parking complained because they had to move their vehicles off the street during snowfalls and they believed an extra burden was placed on them. For this reason, the plan was only in effect for one or two years. In conclusion, Mayor Hark stated that in his opinion, the Street Department was doing the best that they could for its citizens in these instances.

Ms. Benjamin agreed that the Street Department was not doing a bad job, but believed that the procedure could be improved to make it easier on everyone. She was assured by the City Manager and the Mayor that the City was making an effort to improve this procedure. Mayor Pro Tem Knickerbocker commented that, when the City is faced with these huge snowstorms, it is unrealistic to expect things to go perfect.

BILL MADORE – FIRE CHIEF
Re: Presentation, Liberty Mutual FireMark Award
❖ *Training Officer, Shane Jaeger*
❖ *Engineer, Jeff Moore*

Fire Chief Bill Madore presented the next item on the agenda, the presentation of the Liberty Mutual FireMark Award. Two employees of the Hannibal Fire Department were recipients of this recognition award, for emergency responders. Madore introduced Mr. Neil Thomas, of Liberty Mutual Insurance Company who was the presenter of the award for efforts with regard to a 2009 emergency call in the area of Lover’s Leap.

Mr. Thomas took the podium and gave a brief history of the Liberty Mutual FireMark Award, which is presented in two categories:

- The Liberty Mutual FireMark Award for Heroism
- The Liberty Mutual FireMark Award for Community Service and Public Education

He then recognized Training Officer Shane Jaeger and Engineer Jeff Moore who came forward to accept the Heroism Award. He detailed the incident in August, 2009, in which two women, Ruth Hart and Nancy Stroll, accidentally drove through two fences at the top of Lover’s Leap, and proceeded to free-fall down the face of the cliff. The car was stopped about 30-feet down by a small tree, which prevented it from plummeting to the bottom. Three minutes after this occurrence, firefighters and rescue crews arrived. Jaeger and Moore were lowered down to secure the car and, through their efforts, both women were raised to safety. At no time, did either man question their own safety or the consequences of what

might happen to them. He added that the credit also went to the entire district for training of such an event since “proper preparation prevents poor performance”.

He added that the two women wished to be in attendance; however, because of the uncertainty of the weather and their advanced age, they were unable to attend. They did wish to offer their thanks to both firemen. In conclusion, Mr. Thomas explained that the Liberty Mutual FireMark Award also qualifies both men to be entered into a drawing for a Family-of-Four Disney Trip and a \$10,000 donation from Liberty Mutual to the Hannibal Fire District.

He congratulated these men, not only for their efforts three years ago but, for what they do every day. (He noted that this award is only given to approximately 150 individuals across the country each year.)

Mayor Hark also congratulated the firemen and the entire department for this accomplishment.

ROY G. HARK – MAYOR
Re: Approval of Appointments

Mayor Hark reminded Council of candidates presented at the last meeting for the following Boards:

HANNIBAL FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD

- Brandi Lionberger – appointment for a term to expire June, 2014

MARK TWAIN HOME BOARD

- Pam Ginsberg – appointment for a term to expire November, 2020

MU EXTENSION COUNCIL

- Al Pabst – reappointment for a term to expire February, 2015

He asked Council for their approval of these recommendations. Motion was made by Council Member Louderman to approve these recommendations made by Mayor Hark. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Knickerbocker.

Motion carried.

JEFF LAGARCE – CITY MANAGER

Re: Hannibal Boat Club – Lease
(Resolution No. 1890-13, to follow)

City Manager LaGarce presented the next item on the evening’s agenda, the approval of a lease agreement with Hannibal Boat Club, to be adopted with the approval and adoption of Resolution No. 1890-13, to follow.

LaGarce explained that, in November 1974, the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary of Hannibal and the Hannibal Boat Club entered into a 20-year lease with the City of Hannibal, this lease had

the option to extend an additional twenty years. The current lease is to expire next year, June 30, 2014. Last year, according to the City Manager, the Boat Club contacted the City to request renewal of their lease. The proposed lease is nearly identical to the original one, with following exceptions:

- The Hannibal Boat Club has the option to expand the existing structure
- The insurance requirements have been updated
- The lease is for 20 years, with no option to renew

He added that if, at the end of twenty years, the City and the Boat Club wished to enter into another lease, they certainly could do so; however, he did not believe that tying up this property for the next forty years was appropriate at this time. Resolution No. 1890-13, to follow, if approved would authorize the Mayor to enter into another twenty year lease, which would begin on July 1, 2014, the close of the current lease. The lease amount of \$100/year has been the same since its inception, according to LaGarce, who stated that this point was not renegotiated.

At this time, City Manager LaGarce complimented the City Street Department for all the work they had done over the course of the past few days, during the recent snowstorm. He explained that the street crew had not had much sleep in the past twelve days, since snow fell almost every day except the past Sunday and Monday. (A total of twenty inches of snow had fallen in the past twelve days.) LaGarce commented that, according to the Board of Public Works, the City has approximately 7,300 billing customers. He rode with the Street Superintendent, Leon Wallace on Saturday, making two passes through the City before noon. He said that it was very challenging.

He estimated, at eight passes (minimum) and approximately 80 miles of streets per pass (estimated), the total miles plowed by the Street Department, during the past twelve days would be equal to about 640 collective miles. LaGarce added that he was unaware of any accidents or injuries that occurred, as a result. He thanked the Parks and Recreation Director, Andy Dorian, for the assistance of the Parks Department who helped to manicure many of the downtown areas during this process. This department continued throughout the night, since they had difficulty during the daytime hours because of the traffic.

Mayor Pro Tem Knickerbocker had a Facebook post commending them for the great job that was done and he had received only positive comments, as a result. Council Member Dobson added that he had been contacted the previous Saturday by a lady with special needs. Dobson stated that, within fifteen minutes of receiving the call (on his day off) Leon Wallace, the Street Superintendent, had taken care of the situation himself.

BILL MADORE – FIRE CHIEF
Re: Approval, Fitness Incentive Program

Fire Chief Bill Madore presented the next item on the agenda, a request for approval of a voluntary physical fitness incentive program for the Hannibal Fire Department. He explained that the program is identical to the Council approved program that the Hannibal Police Department currently provides. Madore added that Deputy Clerk Rebecca Graves had referred him to Police Chief Davis regarding their program when he had made inquires about the former wellness program. The Police Department's program offers a baseline physical

fitness incentive, with bi-annual testing that consists of three specific categories: one-mile run, pushups and sit-ups. Passing scores for each category will be awarded as “fitness time” (or comp time) for individuals, not to exceed eight hours of paid leave time per testing period. Individuals can receive up to a maximum of sixteen hours, annually. Madore stated that staff recommends approval of the voluntary physical fitness program for the Hannibal Fire Department personnel. Motion was made by Council Member Louderman to approve the program. Motion was seconded by Council Member Hark.

Motion carried.

MARK REES – CITY ENGINEER
Re: Airport Mowing – Contract Agreement
Elite Lawn Care Plus
(Resolution No. 1887-13, to follow)

City Engineer Rees explained that after advertising, sealed bids were received and opened on February 20, 2013 for the 2013, 2014 and 2015 airport mowing. A total of five bids were received for this project with Elite Lawn Care Plus being the lowest bidder. He concluded by saying that staff’s recommendation was to accept the Elite Lawn Care Plus bid in the amount of \$4,200 for 2013, \$4,200 for 2014 and \$4,200 for 2015. He requested Council approval of Resolution No. 1887-13, to follow, which would give Mayor Hark authorization to execute the related contract with Elite Lawn Care Plus in the aforementioned amount.

Re: Floodwall Mowing – Contract Agreement
Adair Lawn Care
(Resolution No. 1888-13, to follow)

Rees’ next item on the evening’s agenda was the request for approval of Resolution No. 1888-13, to follow, regarding an agreement with Adair Lawn Care for the 2013 - 2015 floodwall mowing contract. He added that six bids were received and opened on February 20, 2013 with Adair Lawn Care being the apparent low bidder. Rees explained that it was the recommendation of staff to award the bid to Adair with a bid amount of \$3,000 for 2013, \$3,000 for 2014 and \$3,000 for 2015. The contract with Adair Lawn Care will be approved with approval of Resolution No. 1888-13 by Council.

Re: Request, Set Public Hearings

❖ *Tuesday, April 2, 2013 – 6:30 p.m. – Rezoning – 3423 St. Mary’s Avenue*
(Ketterer)

According to City Engineer Mark Rees, a re-zoning request was submitted by Deborah Ketterer, regarding a tract of land located at 3423 St. Mary’s Avenue. He requested Council approval to set a public hearing for re-zoning of this property from A-One & Two Family to D-Highway Business on April 2, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. He added that the request will be considered by the Planning and Zoning Commission during their meeting to be held on March 21, 2013. There was some discussion regarding the exact location of the property for which the request was made. Mayor Pro Tem Knickerbocker suggested that the only area

that was already zoned D-Highway Business was the site of the former Clark Station. Possibly, Deborah Ketterer wished to have the entire Ketterer property in this area zoned the same, D-Highway Business.

City Manager LaGarce explained that the reason for setting the public hearing before the Planning and Zoning Commission meeting was to expedite the process; since state law required publishing the notice fifteen days prior to the date of the public hearing. LaGarce added that possibly the exact area was unimportant at this time; however, Mayor Hark pointed out that the public hearing notice must be accurate, so the correct address(es) must be included. Motion was made by Council Member Dobson to approve this request. Motion was seconded by Council Member Louderman. Mayor Pro Tem Knickerbocker questioned the urgency of this re-zoning request; and, Rees indicated that, since there was no urgency mentioned at the time of the request it may be prudent to wait to set the public hearing until the exact address(es) are known. Council Member Dobson withdrew his motion and Council Member Louderman withdrew his second.

❖ *Tuesday, April 2, 2013 – 6:45 p.m. – Rezoning – Lot 3 McClelland Subdivision (Reynolds)*

The City Engineer presented his next item on the agenda, a request to set a public hearing on April 2, 2013 at 6:45 p.m. He explained that this request had been received from Roger Reynolds to rezone a tract of land lying in part of Lot 3 of McClelland Subdivision, being a part of the Southeast Quarter (SE-1/4) of Section Twenty-Three (23), Township Fifty-Seven (57) North, Range Five (5) West, in the City of Hannibal, Marion County, Missouri. The property is currently zoned B-Multiple Family; however, the applicant requests that it be zoned D-Highway Business. Mr. Reynolds proposed use of the property is for a highway business, but the current zoning does not allow for businesses. Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Knickerbocker to approve Rees' request to set a public hearing on April 2, 2013. Motion was seconded by Council Member Locke.

Motion carried.

Re: Traffic Committee Recommendations

The City Engineer's last agenda item was recommendations from the Traffic Committee, as the result of a recent meeting. These were:

- **HLGU – Traffic Safety Issue:** Blocking of Muir Street to the east of Pulliam, leave Pulliam open and installation of a “*Dead End*” sign.
- **Wamsley Disposal – Parking Problems:** Installation of “*30 Minute Limited Time Parking during business hours*” sign in front of Wamsley Disposal at 1011 Church Street
- **General Mills – Complaint:** Installation of “*No Parking – Strictly Enforced*” sign on the west side of Red Devil Road
- **Citizens – Request:** Removal of “*No Parking*” designation east side of Head Lane, south of Jehovah's Witness Church driveway (also paint the intersections yellow, according to City standards)

- **Traffic Committee – Recommendation** – Installation of “*No Parking*” sign on both side of Butler Street, from Mound to 7th Street for emergency access
- **Traffic Committee – Recommendation** – Elimination of parking on the east side of Walnut Street from Volke to Benton for emergency access

Since no action was taken by Council, these recommendations became effective, on this date.

ROBERT STEVENSON – BPW GENERAL MANAGER
Re: BPW Quarterly Report

Robert Stevenson, the BPW General Manager, presented the first of two agenda items, the Board of Public Works Quarterly Report. He explained that several months ago Council requested that the Board give a periodic report on the Board’s activities. He added that it had been 6 months since his last report. During that report, he had discussed the unfunded mandates related to the water and sewer departments.

There is an entire list of things that BPW has known needed improvement or replacement over the past year and they had been working with consulting engineers to discover how to budget and schedule these projects for completion. These projects are now being built into a Five-Year plan and some would be placed into the upcoming FY 2013/14 Budget.

Following is a recap of some current activities involving the water & sewer systems. Stevenson reported:

1. BPW was getting ready to spend \$1-1.5 million to solve a disinfection problem. Stevenson explained that DNR regulations require the BPW to remove or prevent formation of disinfection byproducts in its finished water and to remove certain micro-organisms never previously removed, as well. He added that every water plant in the country is going through these same issues.
2. BPW water system was losing around 20% of water that never gets to the meter. Stevenson stated that this is a huge system and much time is spent in chasing small leaks. Many of the City’s water mains are approaching 100+ years old. Many cities have a policy in place where 1% of the water mains are replaced annually, an equivalent of approximately 1 ½ miles for the City of Hannibal. Currently, less than 1000 feet of water main was being replaced each year.
3. BPW had some major pieces of equipment that were reaching the end of their useful lifespan, since they were approximately 30 years old. Two engineering companies had advised the Board with regard to its options. They had estimated the cost for repairs and modifications necessary to maintain reliability ranged from \$3.5 to \$5 million dollars. This could be stretched over 2-3 year period.
4. BPW downtown bypass had a valve problem, with an estimated \$20 million cost to repair. Included in the new Five-Year Plan, according to Stevenson,

was the cost allotted to alleviate the problem and to satisfy DNR's formal Notice of Violation that was issued in 2012. There was a requirement to eliminate the raw sewage bypass to the river on South Main Street, which has existed since about 1995.

Stevenson gave a recap of the Energy Campus, explaining that the BPW is currently the proud owner of 20MW of power at that facility. Unit One came on line and started generating power last June or July; then, Unit Two came on last November. Since that time, the Board has been making the mortgage payment on both units. They have a fixed mortgage payment that will last for 30 years, with a fixed interest rate of approximately 4-5%, which is paid whether the plant runs or not.

Stevenson noted that when the plant does run, the BPW is making a profit on energy, selling it on the MISO market. Unfortunately, even though the Board is earning a profit on energy sales, that profit is not big enough, yet, to cover the equity payment. For that reason, on a cash flow basis, Prairie State is costing the BPW cash each month and will continue to do so until the capacity factor and the MISO market improves in their favor. Costs for Prairie State, according to Stevenson, should remain steady or decrease over the life of the plant. He did admit that the plant was currently not performing to their expectations and they were struggling with some losses. This has much to do with the economy and the price of natural gas. In the meantime, he indicated that the BPW was looking, again, at an increase to energy rates within the same range as last year's increase.

Mayor Hark asked about the status of the argument between the BPW and the DNR, regarding mandates versus the threat of being fined for not complying. He wanted to know how sincere the threat was. Stevenson admitted that the threat is very sincere. Cities all over the country that had not complied with DNR regulations had been taken to federal court. When this occurred, the cities or counties lost, because they could not win against the EPA.

Mayor Hark believed it was important that this information be shared with the public, informing them why rates will be increasing. Stevenson assured the Mayor this would be done; and, he added that each year, a pretty significant state-wide delegation travels to Washington DC for the purpose of visiting the representatives and senators concerning these issues. This was done last year, with little affect. The current trip has been planned for months and talking points have already been established.

Re: Capital Project Upgrades – Financial Advisory Agreement

WM Financial Strategies

(Resolution No. 1889-13, to follow)

According to Stevenson, BPW Board Members believe the BPW has too much debt and they want it reduced without borrowing money. In the past, debts have been paid off very aggressively. One water debt was even paid off early; however, now they are up against all the aforementioned expenses. Now they are considering a change to their policy.

Stevenson advised that DNR manages the state revolving fund, a pile of money they have available to assist cities, such as Hannibal, with impossible problems that they now face. They make available low interest loans and grant money.

To get access to the money, the Board would need bonding authority, which they do not have at this time. Stevenson added that 1993 was the last time bonds were sold and a few hundred thousand dollars is still owed on this bond at the current time. The Board Members believed they should consider the possibility of borrowing some money. He stated that this procedure could even keep the rates from increasing. Recently, the BPW received a proposal from a financial advisor, Joy Howard.

Stevenson assured Council that, currently, he was not asking for commitment to do a referendum to sell bonds; but, simply to hire the person to see if it is prudent to do so at this time. The goal in doing this would be to keep some of the rate hikes "at bay". The negative side of this idea is - if BPW digs too deep, the City's bond rating will be in danger of being downgraded. The Board will take this into consideration before progressing since they do not want to jeopardize the city's rating.

Resolution No. 1889-13, to follow, would approve this financial advisory agreement between the Hannibal Board of Public Works and Joy Howard of Wm Financial Strategies if it is approved.

RESOLUTION NO. 1887-13

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF HANNIBAL AND ELITE LAWN CARE PLUS FOR 2013 AIRPORT MOWING, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,200 WITH THE OPTION TO EXTEND TWO (2) ADDITIONAL YEARS WITH RATES PROVIDED FOR IN THE ATTACHED CONTRACT AGREEMENT

Motion was made by Council Member Louderman to have the City Clerk read Resolution No. 1887-13, and call the roll for adoption. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Knickerbocker.

Motion carried.

Roll Call

Yes: Council Members Hark, Locke, Mayor Pro Tem Knickerbocker, Council Members Dobson, Lionberger, Mayor Hark and Council Member Louderman - 7

No: -0-

Absent: -0-

Mayor Hark declared Resolution No. 1887-13, duly approved and adopted on this date.

RESOLUTION NO. 1888-13

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Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Knickerbocker to have the City Clerk read Resolution No. 1888-13, and call the roll for adoption. Motion was seconded by Council Member Locke.

Motion carried.

Roll Call

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No: -0-

Absent: -0-

Mayor Hark declared Resolution No. 1888-13, duly approved and adopted on this date.

RESOLUTION NO. 1889-13

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN A “FINANCIAL ADVISORY AGREEMENT” WITH WM FINANCIAL STRATEGIES FOR THE PURPOSE OF ASSISTING THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS IN OBTAINING FINANCING FOR THE WASTERWATER PROJECT(S) AND THE WATER TREATMENT PROJECTS (WATER PROJECTS) COLLECTIVE CALLED “PROJECTS”

Motion was made by Council Member Dobson to have the City Clerk read Resolution No. 1889-13, and call the roll for adoption. Motion was seconded by Council Member Louderman.

Motion carried.

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RESOLUTION NO. 1890-13

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A TWENTY YEAR
LEASE WITH THE HANNIBAL BOAT CLUB IN THE AMOUNT OF \$100.00 PER
YEAR FOR USE OF CITY-OWNED PROPERTY ON THE HANNIBAL
RIVERFRONT**

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CLOSED SESSION

In Accordance with RSMo. 610-021 (12)

At this time, Mayor Hark entertained a motion to go into closed session in accordance with RSMo 610-021, sub-paragraph twelve (12), admitting himself, rest of Council, City Manager LaGarce, City Clerk Vance, BPW General Manager Stevenson, BPW Staff and Randy Park. Motion was made by Council Member Louderman to go into Closed Session, as directed by Mayor Hark. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Knickerbocker.

Roll Call

Yes: Council Members Hark, Locke, Mayor Pro Tem Knickerbocker,
Council Members Dobson, Lionberger, Mayor Hark and Council
Member Louderman - 7

No: -0-

Absent: -0-

Motion carried.

OPEN SESSION

Motion was made by Council Member Dobson to return to open session at this time. Motion was seconded by Council Member Louderman.

Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Knickerbocker to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded by Council Member Louderman.

Motion carried.