

OFFICIAL COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

**Tuesday, December 2, 2014
Council Chambers
7:00 p.m.**

ROLL CALL

Present: Council Members Dobson, Lionberger, Mayor Hark and Council Member Hark – 4

Absent: Council Member Locke and Mayor Pro Tem Knickerbocker - 2

CALL TO ORDER

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

INVOCATION

At this time, Council Member Lionberger gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Council Member Dobson led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Then Mayor Hark entertained a motion to excuse Council Member Locke and Mayor Pro Tem Knickerbocker from the meeting. Motion was made by Council Member Dobson and seconded by Council Member Hark, to excuse Council Member Locke and Mayor Pro Tem Knickerbocker, as directed by the Mayor.

Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Regularly Scheduled Council Meeting – November 18, 2014

Motion was made by Council Member Lionberger to approve the minutes of the regularly scheduled Council meeting that was held on November 18, 2014. Motion was seconded by Council Member Dobson.

Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF PAYROLL AND CLAIMS
Second Half – November, 2014

Motion was made by Council Member Lionberger to approve the payroll and claims for the second half of November, 2014. Motion was seconded by Council Member Hark.

Motion carried.

ROY G. HARK – MAYOR
Re: Approval of Appointment

Mayor Hark reminded Council of a candidate presented at the last meeting for the Mark Twain Home Board. This was:

MARK TWAIN HOME BOARD

- **Frank Salter – reappointment for a term to expire November, 2021**

He asked Council for their approval of this nomination. Motion was made by Council Member Hark to approve Frank Salter's reappointment to the Mark Twain Home Board for a term to expire November, 2021. Motion was seconded by Council Member Dobson.

Motion carried.

JEFF LAGARCE – CITY MANAGER
Re: Approval, Old Baptist Cemetery Visiting Hours Establishment

City Manager LaGarce presented the next agenda item, a request for Council approval of establishing visiting hours for the Old Baptist Cemetery. LaGarce explained that the Old Baptist Cemetery, which is owned by the City, is mostly hidden from public view. There have been reports of people in the cemetery after-hours, causing the neighbors some fear and concern. LaGarce advised that there is little reason for anyone to be there with the exception of the business that has private tours through this area; and this has been very popular. On few occasions someone may come from out of town to visit a family member's grave; however, these instances are rare.

The recommendation is that visiting hours for the Old Baptist Cemetery be posted with authority to grant exceptions if they arise, since it is City-owned and this is the City's prerogative. The suggestion was that a sign be posted, specifying the Cemetery's hours are 6:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m. If exceptions are granted, the Police Department would be notified of the visitor's name and contact information. If a request were received that was questionable, that request would be brought before Council; otherwise, staff members could make these decisions.

LaGarce stated that the local business would be allowed to continue its operations. He added that, if the request is approved, he would give this business written authorization. Motion was made by Council Member Dobson and seconded by Council Member Lionberger.

Motion carried.

ANGELICA N. VANCE – CITY CLERK
Re: 2015 Municipal Election – Tuesday, April 7, 2015
Municipal Judge, First, Third & Fourth Ward Council Members
(Bill No. 14-026, to follow)

City Clerk Angel Vance introduced Bill No. 14-026, to follow, referencing the 2015 Municipal Election, to be held on April 7, 2015. During this election, the qualified voters of the City of Hannibal will select a Municipal Judge, as well as Council Members for the First and Third Wards. Council Member to fill the vacant seat of the Fourth Ward will also be selected at that time, according to Vance.

She explained that candidate filing for these offices will begin at 8:00 a.m. on December 16, 2014, and close on January 20, 2015, at 5:00 p.m. Bill No. 14-026 will be given a first reading later in the meeting, with Council approval.

Vance added that the deadline for submitting letters of interest for the Fourth Ward Council seat, created by the resignation on Barry Louderman, was at the end of the current business day. Five letters were received, initially; however, one interested party later withdrew. Information concerning these candidates had been distributed to Council and those seeking office were invited to the December 16th Council meeting for the candidate forum and selection.

BILL MADORE – FIRE CHIEF
Re: Bid Award Approval, Large Diameter Fire Hose
Feld Fire

Fire Chief Bill Madore came before Council to request a bid award and purchase approval for a large diameter fire hose. Madore explained that the department had received a 2013 Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) from FEMA, in the amount of \$23,625. He explained that the grant was a 95/5 match with FEMA providing \$22,444 and the City providing the required \$1,181 match which had been budgeted and approved by Council for the current budget year.

Chief Madore stated that six bids were received for the 4-inch supply fire hose, as the result of the recent bid process. Those bids were opened on November 13th. After bids were reviewed, the recommendation was to accept the bid from Feld Fire, who met the specifications and submitted the lowest, best bid of all received, in the amount of \$19,260.00. Once awarded, Madore advised that he anticipated delivery within 4-6 weeks. Motion was made by Council Member Dobson to approve Madore's request for bid approval. Motion was seconded by Council Member Lionberger.

Motion carried.

BILL NO. 14-025

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 7, SECTION 344 OF THE HANNIBAL CITY CODE RELATIVE TO COMPOSITION OF THE BUILDING COMMISSION

SECOND AND FINAL READING

Motion was made by Council Member Hark to give Bill No. 14-025 a second and final reading and call the roll for adoption. Motion was seconded by Council Member Dobson.

Motion carried.

Roll Call

Yes: Council Members Dobson, Lionberger, Mayor Hark and Council Member Hark – 4

No: -0-

Absent: Council Member Locke and Mayor Pro Tem Knickerbocker - 2

Mayor Hark declared Bill No. 14-025 duly approved and adopted on this date.

BILL NO. 14-026

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HANNIBAL PROVIDING FOR A MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD, TUESDAY, APRIL 7, 2015 FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING MUNICIPAL JUDGE AND COUNCIL MEMBERS OF THE FIRST, THIRD AND FOURTH WARDS

FIRST READING

Motion was made by Council Member Dobson to give Bill No. 14-026 a first reading. Motion was seconded by Council Member Hark.

Motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION

In Accordance with RSMo. 610-021(1)

At this time, Mayor Hark entertained a motion to go into closed session in accordance with RSMo 610-021, sub-paragraph, one (1), admitting himself, rest of Council, City Manager LaGarce, City Attorney James Lemon, City Clerk Angelica Vance and BPW General Manager

Robert Stevenson. Motion was made by Council Member Dobson to go into Closed Session, as directed by Mayor Hark. Motion was seconded by Council Member Hark.

Roll Call

Yes: Council Members Dobson, Lionberger, Mayor Hark and Council Member Hark – 4

No: -0-

Absent: Council Member Locke and Mayor Pro Tem Knickerbocker - 2

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 Hark.

Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Council Member Dobson to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded by Council Member Lionberger.

Motion carried.