

# OFFICIAL COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Tuesday, November 3, 2015  
Council Chambers  
7:00 p.m.

## ROLL CALL

**Present:** Mayor Pro Tem Knickerbocker, Council Members Dobson, Lionberger, Mayor Hark, Council Members Van Hoose, Hark, and Locke - 7

**Absent:** -0-

## CALL TO ORDER

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

## INVOCATION

The invocation was given, at this time, by Council Member Van Hoose.

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

### Regularly Scheduled Council Meeting – October 20, 2015

Motion was made by Council Member Lionberger to approve the Council minutes of the last regular Council meeting that was held on October 20, 2015. Motion was seconded by Council Member Locke.

Motion carried.

## APPROVAL OF PAYROLL AND CLAIMS

### Second Half – October, 2015

Motion was made by Council Member Locke to approve the payroll and claims for the second half of October, 2015. Motion was seconded by Council Member Hark.

Motion carried.

**CINDY BENJAMIN – LONE WOLF-NO CLUB**  
**Re: Request, Street Closure – 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Lone Wolf Bike Show**  
*(Saturday, June 18, 2016 – 6:00 a.m. – 12:00 a.m.)*

Mr. Jim Dunn presented on behalf of Cindy Benjamin's request. Lone Wolf-No Club will be having a bike show on November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2015 from 6:00 a.m. – 12:00 a.m. Lone Wolf-No Club is a Non-Profit organization and the funds raised will be donated within the community. Jim Dunn requested a street closure at Hill Street. Motion was made by Council Member Lionberger to approve the request. Motion was seconded by Council Member Hark.

Motion carried.

**SHON THOMPSON – AMERICAN LEGION**  
**Re: Request, Street Closure – Veterans Day Parade**  
*(Saturday, November 7, 2015 – 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.)*

Shon Thompson representing Post 55 American Legion and American Legion Riders came before Council with a request for approval of street closure during the Annual Veterans' Day Parade to be held on November 7, 2015 from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. He requested the closure of Broadway from Grand Avenue to Main and Main Street from Broadway to North Street. Motion was made by Mayor Hark to approve this request. Motion was seconded by Council Member Dobson.

Motion carried.

**JANET DIETRICH – 3840 WEST ELY ROAD**  
**Re: Water with Chloramines**

Janet Dietrich addressed the council with concerns about the addition of Chloramines to the drinking water. She was made aware of the Chloramine issue when she received the yellow letter in the mail that informed citizens. Since that time, three groups have been established. The groups are 'The Hannibal Ralls County Citizens for Safe Water', 'Hannibal to Oppose Chloramine' and 'The Concerned Citizens for Safe Drinking Water'. These groups began researching the effects of Chloramine and expressed that all too often people are told something is safe and only later find out that it was not. She urged City Council to put pressure on the Board of Public Works to find a safer alternative.

**RHONDA FOGLE – 2708 ST. MARY'S AVENUE**  
**Re: Chloramines**

Rhonda Fogle also addressed the council with concerns about the addition of Chloramines to the drinking water. She would like to see everyone sit down with Missouri Department of Natural Resources and work out the issues. She stated that she trusts the Board of Public works and knows they would not do something that would hurt the citizens of Hannibal. She

indicated the Environmental Protection Agency was currently working on different regulations and the city could be forced to have a new system again in the next two or three years. Fogle was impressed by the intelligence of Mr. Robert Bocoock, another concerned citizen; then, the Mayor commented on Bocoock's opinion that the citizen's plight is with MoDNR and not the Board of Public Works or Council.

Ms. Fogle referenced the people whose health would be affected by this change and handed out information to Council. Council Member Dobson indicated that he had attended the meeting with Mr. Bocoock; then, he asked how many individuals within the various groups had contacted DNR and EPA. In response, several individuals indicated they had done so.

Fogle explained that she would like for the Council and BPW to attend the meeting with DNR and the EPA that her group had organized. Dobson advised Fogle that the process leading up to this change took two years. She was aware of the steps that were necessary, but added that this can't be done overnight and she indicated that she planned to repeatedly call DNR and encourage the whole community to do the same.

**MELISSA COGDAL – 316 MAGNOLIA AVENUE**  
**Re: Council Support, Revisiting options of Chloramine**  
**addition to public drinking water**

Melissa Cogdal then addressed Council about the additions of Chloramine to the water. She stated that she understood the Mayor, Council, and the City Manager are not responsible for the decision made by BPW and that she understood the Board is its' own entity. Although they don't hold the decision making power, they do hold the responsibility. She has spoken with several Council Members and was pleased with those conversations. She informed the Council that she was listened to and her complaints were heard and understood. Ms. Cogdal then indicated that there were several options given to the BPW and they chose one; however, another option could still be chosen. She asked Council to support them in putting pressure on BPW to look for an alternative.

She then indicated that Mr. Stevenson had made several promises to look into a number of things and she would like to know if it had been done, when it would be done, and how the public will know it's been done. She also quoted Mr. Stevenson who stated that he had been "let down" by the Engineers hired to look into the problem and that he would look at the budget to see if a new Engineer could be brought in. She asked Council to help hold BPW accountable. She believed that contact from citizens and the support of Council will speak volumes to BPW. She requested that this issue is not left for future generations to fix and she believed that if the citizens, City officials and BPW come together, the issues could be resolved quickly and peacefully.

Mayor Hark then called on Randy Park, President of the Hannibal Board of Public Works, to come forward and address issues presented by the citizens. He thanked the citizens for their concern and reminded Council of the background and qualifications several employees at BPW carry. Some employees listed were Mr. Stevenson, Heath Hall, John Hummel, Matthew Munzlinger, in addition to five others that have a Class A endorsement for water treatment, the highest level obtainable in MO. He stated that Mr. Bocoock only held a Class C endorsement and does not have a PhD or a college degree. During a meeting with BPW, he shared with the community that the fight was with DNR and EPA, not BPW. Parks added

that, even though a reasonable person may have concerns about chemicals in the water, a reasonable person would also consider both sides of the argument, while considering qualifications of all participants.

Mr. Park then went over the qualifications of the BPW Board Members and stated that the Board takes this issue very seriously since it is their fiduciary duty to make sure they run an affordable and safe operation. He informed Council that they are looking at health and safety, as well as a number of other things.

Mayor Hark requested that Stevenson meet with these concerned citizens to keep them apprised of any new developments. Robert Stevenson, BPW's General Manager, then approached the podium and indicated he made the promises and he planned to keep them. However, these things take time and unfortunately nothing happens fast in this business. When the information is obtained and available, he will make it public. He informed Council that they have a public meeting the third Tuesday of each month at 3:00p.m. Council Member Van Hoose asked if the meetings had to be held at 3:00p.m. since that is a very inconvenient time. Stevenson indicated that time is set by the board. Council Member Dobson then questioned when the next water sample was scheduled to be sent to the state. Stevenson did not have an answer; however, several samples would be sent for corrosion testing, not as a compliance but as informational.

Janet Dietrich again broached Council and the BPW, indicating they were wanting to work with BPW and not against them. She also stated that they want to fight against the DNR with BPW. The Mayor reiterated that the fight is with DNR. Dietrich indicated she had been on the phone with them for over an hour and would not give up for the safety of the community. Bob Stevenson advised Council the testing would be done next week.

**ROY G. HARK – MAYOR**  
**Re: Approval of Appointments**

Mayor Hark reminded Council of a candidate presented at the last meeting for the Hannibal Airport Commission. This was:

**HANNIBAL AIRPORT COMMISSION**

- George Walley – reappointment for a term to expire September, 2018

He asked Council for their approval of this nomination. Motion was made by Council Member Dobson to approve George Walley's reappointment to the Hannibal Airport Commission for a term to expire September, 2018. Motion was seconded by Council Member Lionberger.

Motion carried. Next, Mayor Hark reminded Council of two candidates presented at the last meeting for the Hannibal Tree Board. These were:

**HANNIBAL TREE BOARD**

- Eric Happekotte – reappointment for a term to expire September, 2018

- Kristy Trevathan – reappointment for a term to expire September, 2018

He asked Council for their approval of these nominations. Motion was made by Council Member Hark to approve Eric Happekotte’s reappointment for a term to expire September, 2018 and Kristy Trevathan’s reappointment for a term to expire September, 2018. Both reappointments were for service on the Hannibal Tree Board. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Knickerbocker.

Motion carried.

**ANGEL VANCE – CITY CLERK**  
**Re: 2016 Municipal Election – Tuesday, April 5, 2016**  
*Mayor and Second & Fourth Ward Council Members*  
*(Bill No. 15-025, to follow)*

In accordance with the provisions of Section 17.01 Charter of the City of Hannibal, a general municipal election may be held for the purpose of electing Mayor, Council Members and other elective offices of the City.

At this time, I hereby request Council approval to give a first reading of Bill No. 15-025 which authorizes a Municipal Election to be held, Tuesday, April 5, 2016. The 2016 City of Hannibal Election schedule provides for the election of a Mayor and Council Members for the Second and Fourth Wards. These positions are currently held by Roy Hark and Council Members Mike Dobson and Jim Van Hoose, respectively.

Candidate filing for the above mentioned positions will commence Tuesday, December 15, 2015 at 8:00 a.m., concluding January 26, 2016 at 5:00 p.m.

**PHYLLIS NELSON – CITY COLLECTOR**  
**Re: Request, Business Closures**

Phyllis Nelson, City Collector, advised that she has presented Council a list of 19 businesses and contractors that have not renewed their business license. On this list, the highlighted have not picked up their certified letters. In October there were 98 that remained delinquent, but that number had decreased significantly thanks to the work of the Collector’s office and City Clerk’s office. If approved, certified and regular mail will be sent to these businesses. They will have 30 days to become compliant; after the 30 days the Police Department can see that the businesses are closed. Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Knickerbocker to approve this request. Motion was seconded by Council Member Dobson.

Motion carried.

**BILL NO. 15-025**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HANNIBAL PROVIDING FOR A MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD, TUESDAY, APRIL 5, 2016 FOR THE PURPOSE OF A MAYOR AND COUNCIL MEMBERS OF THE SECOND AND FOURTH WARDS**

## **FIRST READING**

Motion was made by Council Member Locke to give Bill No. 15-025 a first reading. Motion was seconded by Council Member Hark.

Motion carried.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

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

Motion carried.

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**Roy G. Hark, Mayor**

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**Angelica N. Vance, MRCC - City Clerk**