

OFFICIAL COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

**Tuesday, July 19, 2016
Council Chambers
7:00 p.m.**

ROLL CALL

Present: Council Members Dobson, Lionberger, Mayor Hark, Council Members Van Hoose, Ipson, and Knickerbocker - 6

Absent: Council Member Locke - 1

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 Ipson led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Knickerbocker to excuse Council Member Locke. Motion seconded by Council Member Ipson.

Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion was made by Council Member Van Hoose to approve the agenda as posted and presented. Motion was seconded by Council Member Dobson.

Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES Regularly Scheduled Council Meeting – July 5, 2016

Motion was made by Council Member Lionberger to approve the minutes for the last regularly scheduled Council meeting that was held on July 5, 2016. Motion was seconded by Council Member Van Hoose.

Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF PAYROLL AND CLAIMS
First Half – July, 2016

Motion was made by Council Member Van Hoose to approve the payroll and claims for the first half of July 2016. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Knickerbocker.

Motion carried.

KENNETH MARKS – HANNIBAL HISTORIC MUSEUM
Re: Request Street Closure – Big River Steam Punk Festival
(September 3-5, 2016 6:00 a.m. – 12:00 a.m.)

Lisa Marks with the Hannibal Historic Museum, in place of Kenneth Marks, presented a request for street closure. Their annual Big River Steam Punk Festival will be held September 3-5, 2016 from 6:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m. They would like to close North Main Street from Broadway to Hill Street and Center Street from Main Street to the Levee. Council Member Dobson asked if this was the same thing they did last year. Ms. Marks replied that it is similar to last year's event, however, they have some unique performers this year and requested a little more space just in case it is needed. Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Knickerbocker to approve the request. Motion was seconded by Council Member Dobson.

Motion carried.

CASEY HERSCHLER – CANTON MARINE TOWING CO.
Re: Proposal/Presentation – Riverfront Plan

Casey Herschler, with Canton Marine Towing, presented a proposal for the Riverfront Plan. He feels Canton Marine Towing was omitted from the design and is asking to be included. He doesn't believe there would be crowding but rather now there would be more room for them. Canton Marine Towing is also willing to cost share. He informed Council that their company and employees who live here spend \$2 million in the city. He also reminded Council that they help a lot of boats throughout the year, be it large barges that must be corralled around incidents, or a small boat owned by a citizen.

Council Member Knickerbocker responded that he read Mr. Herschler's request and a lot of thought was obviously put into it. He said that Canton Marine Towing was coming at a great time because even though the plan has been approved, now they will start having engineering requests that deal with the details and specifics. Council Member Knickerbocker is not opposed to seeing this on the final design. He informed Mr. Herschler that he needs to move forward by working with the parks department to figure out how this could work for everyone. Council will not be voting on individual plan decisions, but rather brought larger ideas with a few options and choosing from those. Casey Herschler informed Council that they are more than willing to sit down with the design team.

Council Member Ipson inquired about the length of the boats that would be docking and City Manager Jeff LaGarce responded 413 feet. Ipson then requested if two longer boats were docked, would there be room for Canton Marine Towing. Mr. Herschler responded that in this case they could move until they left as it would not be a common occurrence.

DENNIS KOLARKI – 536 RIVERSIDE
Re: Public Participation in Council Meetings

Dennis Kolarki, 536 Riverside, came before Council to speak about Public Participation in Council Meetings. He informed Council that the citizens don't trust City Council. He filled out a form to speak at the last Council meeting and was not allowed to speak. He questioned that if Council doesn't have the participation of the citizens, who are they representing? He stated that there should be a motion to always allow someone to speak if they fill out a form and follow the correct procedure.

Council Member Van Hoose stated that they have to keep control of the council meeting, but if someone follows the rules and fills out a form, they should be allowed to speak. City Manager LaGarce stated that there had already been public comment. In any other case, this wouldn't happened, they would have been on the agenda. There was a public comment period that lasted two weeks.

Mayor Pro Tem Knickerbocker stated that Council Meetings are business meetings, not a place to air grievances. Council members can be reached at any time by phone, email, or by mail. The Council meeting is for business and making financial decisions.

Council Member Lionberger informed Council that he wants to listen to the people and he would have stayed until midnight to listen to everyone. He also said that he understands where Knickerbocker is coming from. Council Member Dobson then stated that citizens should follow the procedure in order to be allowed to speak before Council. Lionberger did not agree with only two people speaking when there is a room full of people.

Mayor Hark said he would not tolerate interruptions and rude behavior from citizens during the meetings. They will, however, listen to the public if it is the wish of the Council.

MICHAEL DOBSON - 2ND WARD COUNCIL MEMBER
Re: BPW Wind Energy Agreement (Missouri Joint Municipal Electric Utility Commission)
(Resolution No. 2044-16, to follow)

Michael Dobson, 2nd Ward Council Member, informed Council that Clean Line Energy wants to bring inexpensive electricity from wind farms in western Kansas to higher priced markets in the northeastern United States. Several months ago a representative from CLE appeared before the City Council to explain the objectives and the process for acquiring land to build the system. Also, a few months ago, at a BPW meeting there were many vocal opponents (Ralls County land owners) present vocalizing their opposition to CLE "taking their land". As part of the meeting, a Missouri energy consortium attorney explained why the Missouri Public Service Commission had turned down CLE's request and how the consortium was working to attract cities along the route to give CLE customers in Missouri, that should change the outcome of another PSC request. At that time BPW had a couple of

different choices on how to proceed but decided to take a “wait and see” approach to the deal(s) because of the public opposition and potential backlash. After the last council meeting of July 5, Council Member Dobson spoke with Bob Stevenson about the CLE energy dealings and he stated that many cities along the proposed transmission line has made commitments for certain amounts of power (including cities as close as Palmyra). He stated that the amount of electricity that would be sold in Missouri was limited and the BPW should not wait much longer to make a commitment. He explained the rates that other cities were signing on at had costs that were around half or less than what the BPW rates are now and for terms up to 25 years. He explained that Kirkwood, Missouri city council had just passed a resolution to authorize their manager to enter into an agreement with CLE. The Kirkwood resolution was used as a model for the Hannibal resolution. The following resolution would allow Bob Stevenson by consent of the Hannibal City Council to enter into a similar agreement with CLE. There are potential savings that potentially could be passed onto residential consumers. There are also potential benefits to several of our local businesses in the fact that they could advertise that their products were made with renewable resources or “clean energy”. Mr. Stevenson was present at the Council meeting to answer any questions.

Mayor Pro Tem Knickerbocker mad a correction that a contract would not be signed, but negotiations would begin. He stated that there is a limited amount of power to be had. It is his opinion that if Hannibal doesn't step forward, they are not doing a good service for the citizens. If a lower rate could be obtained, it needs to be looked into for the citizens. Resolution No. 2044-16, to follow.

JEFF LAGARCE – CITY MANAGER
Re: Recommendation of Appointments

Jeff LaGarce, City Manager, made the following recommendations:

HANNIBAL PARK BOARD

- Quintin Heaton – reappointment for a 3-year term to expire July 2019.
- Tom Batenhorst – reappointment for a 3-year term to expire July 2019.

These nominations will be considered for approval at the next regular Council meeting, to be held August 2nd, 2016.

Re: Presentation of Community P.R.I.D.E. Project

Mr. LaGarce then presented the Community P.R.I.D.E. Project. Recently-formed Southside Neighborhood Watch reported excessive vacant homes to HPD, crime habitats used to cook meth, deal drugs, and other illegal activity. HPD assigns Anti-Crime Enforcement Squad (ACES) to conduct a foot-survey of the Southside in April 2016. They identified 53 vacant homes, most of which are badly blighted. HPD ACES officers presented a PowerPoint presentation to the Mayor, City Manager, and senior staff. Many of these structures were previously involved in drug arrests, illegal activity, fires, and many have had no utility service dating back 4-8 years. Some mailboxes contain unopened letters dating back to 2008.

They then broke the houses into clusters and evaluated homes that may be salvageable. The P.R.I.D.E. Project would replace blight with new investment to increase the quality-of-life and overall attractiveness of targeted neighborhoods by:

1. Replacing structural and vacancy blight with single-family home investment,
2. Acquiring unsalvageable properties for demolition, and conveyance to homebuilders,
3. Acquiring salvageable properties for rehab, and conveyance to rehab experts,
4. Drawing capital investment and homebuyers back into these neighborhoods,
5. Provide incentives to builders, rehabbers, and new homebuyers,
6. Creating positive environments that reduce criminal activities/havens.

There is a large market for homes in the price range these houses would be in after being rehabilitated. Often times, homebuyers have a hard time finding a home in the \$60,000 range. The demolitions and rehabilitations will be done cluster by cluster for a larger impact. Rehabilitation and demolition companies have historically been scared to move into this area, they want to protect their investments. With the City stepping in, they are more willing to participate in such a project. There is a lot of support for this project within other local Municipalities. This process can be complicated, but they are trying to keep it simple. The money for this project will come from less demolitions being needed.

The Mayor then stated that this is a proactive approach. Investment will save the City money in the long run. Perhaps lots can be consolidated and someone next-door to the property can purchase the additional land. This would mean more room for kids to play or maybe a garage and an overall increased quality of life.

Council Member Van Hoose then thanked the Mayor and Police Chief for putting in work to get this going. South side use to be a nice quiet neighborhood. This project will reduce crime and increase quality of life and encourage neighbors to keep up their own homes.

BRIAN CHAPLIN – DPW SUPERINTENDENT

Re: Bid Award Approval – Copier

(Golden Ruler)

Brian Chaplin, DPW Superintendent, informed Council that the Department of Public Works went out for bid on Wednesday, June 1, 2016 for a new copier machine for the second floor of City Hall. They received bids from three different companies: Golden Ruler, RTD Office Products and Watts Custom Configuration. All three companies met all the requirements asked by us in the bid document packet. After carefully going thru all of the bids, the City feels that Golden Ruler would be the best fit for our needs at this time. While Watts was cheaper on the actual machine, if we exceed 36,000 copies the price in black/white and color copies would increase at an expansible rate whereas with Golden Ruler we are locked into a contracted rate. Motion made by Mayor Pro Tem Knickerbocker to approve the request. Motion seconded by Council Member Ipson. Council Member Van Hoose stated he would like to abstain as his son works for Golden Ruler. The Mayor then called the question, all were in favor with Council Member Van Hoose abstaining. Mayor Hark indicated a roll call vote would not be necessary and it would be noted that Council Member Van Hoose abstained.

Motion carried.

Re: Traffic Committee Recommendation

Mr. Chaplin then presented that the Traffic Committee met on Tuesday, July 12, 2016 in Council chambers and have approved the two following items to go onto Council for final approval:

A handicap application for Wilma Fugate who lives at 824 Vermont Street was received. Wilma has all the appropriate paperwork necessary for the application process that is required to receive a handicap parking space in front of her home. There are no other handicap parking spaces in the vicinity of her home and she doesn't have a garage or access to off-street parking. The traffic committee voted unanimously to approve this handicap application.

A handicap application for Marla Welch who lives at 3720 Tilden was received. Marla also submitted all the necessary paper required for the application process required to receive a handicap parking space in front of her home. There are no other handicap parking spaces in the Tilden area and Mrs. Welch also doesn't have access to a garage or off-street parking. This area is close to a school so during the majority of a year parking is very limited and due to Mrs. Welch's handicap she would greatly benefit from a handicap parking space. The traffic committee voted unanimously to approve this handicap application.

Both parties were informed that these handicap spaces are for public use as well and that if another person in the neighborhood has a handicap placard that they too can use the handicap parking space as need and both parties did understand.

Re: Purchase Approval – Curb Machine *(Richmond Machinery)*

Mr. Chaplin then informed Council that the Street Department/DPW is searching for a concrete curb machine to repair and replace existing curbing on the city streets. This machine is capable of helping in all departments in areas such as the river front and city streets. A machine was located at Richmond Machinery in Richmond, VA. Two city employees went to view this machine and it was exactly what we are in the market for. This machine is capable of making new curbs and islands to new projects. Attached are two cost variables of the exact machine. I am asking Council to allow me to purchase this machine in the amount of \$17,985.00. One person can run the machine their self. Council Member Van Hoose questioned if parts would be hard to find. Mr. Chaplin responded that parts can be bought in St. Louis. City Attorney Lemon stated that a bid waver would be needed for this purchase. Motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Knickerbocker to approve a bid waver for the curb machine. Motion was seconded by Mayor Hark.

Motion carried

Mayor Pro Tem Knickerbocker then made a motion to approve the purchase of the curb machine. Motion seconded by Council Member Dobson

Motion carried.

LYNDELL DAVIS – POLICE CHIEF
Re: Purchase Approval – 2 Cargo Vans
(Joe Machens Ford)

Lyndell Davis, Police Chief, informed Council that the Hannibal Police Department (HPD) requested price quotes from local vehicle dealers and one state bid contractor for two Cargo Vans with a trade-in allowance applied to the final cost. They received a price quote locally from Poage Chrysler, Dodge, Jeep, Ram and the state bid contractor Joe Machens Ford of Columbia, Missouri. The lowest quote received was from Joe Machens Ford for \$39,414.00 (State Contract Number: C116024002 which includes the trade-in of the two current vans in use by our Community Service Officers (CSO). The current CSO vans were purchased in 2007 and have been prone lately to mechanical breakdowns.

In accordance with Hannibal City Charter Sec. 9.13 paragraph (a) line (6), he ask for Council's permission to accept the Joe Machens Ford quote. It is estimated by the dealer that the vans may take up to six months to arrive plus time will be needed after arrival for decals, two-way radio and other relevant equipment to be installed.

The vehicles and necessary equipment would be purchased by funds in the HPD Capital Improvement budget. A total of \$50,000 was budgeted for this purchase which will be more than adequate to acquire the vans and necessary equipment. Motion was made by Council Member Ipson to approve the request. Motion seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Knickerbocker.

Motion carried.

Chief Davis then informed Council that local support for the HPD has been overwhelming. They have received cards and many calls thanking them for what they do. Despite national use, our local police department is being supported.

RESOLUTION NO. 2044-16

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE HANNIBAL BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS TO ENTER INTO NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE MISSOURI JOINT MUNICIPAL ELECTRIC UTILITY COMMISSION TO OBTAIN A LONG TERM PURCHASE POWER AGREEMENT FOR WIND ENERGY TO BE DELIVERED TO THE CITY OF HANNIBAL

Motion was made by Council Member Lionberger to have the City Clerk read Resolution No. 2044-16 and call the roll for adoption. Motion was seconded by Mayor Pro Tem Knickerbocker.

Motion carried.

Roll Call

Yes: Council Members Dobson, Lionberger, Mayor Hark, Council Members Van Hoose, Ipson, and Knickerbocker - 6

No: -0-

Absent: Council Member Locke - 1

Mayor Hark declared Resolution No. 2044-16 duly approved and adopted on this date.

BILL NO. 16-020

**AN ORDINANCE APPROVING ANNEXATION OF PROPERTY LOCATED IN
THE ROLLING MEADOWS SUBDIVISION IN THE CITY OF HANNIBAL,
MARION COUNTY, MISSOURI**

Second & Final Reading

Motion was made by Council Member Ipson to give Bill No. 16-020 a second and final reading and call the roll for adoption. Motion was seconded by Council Member Van Hoose.

Motion carried.

Roll Call

Yes: Council Members Dobson, Lionberger, Mayor Hark, Council Members Van Hoose, Ipson, and Knickerbocker - 6

No: -0-

Absent: Council Member Locke - 1

Mayor Hark declared Bill No. 16-020 duly approved and adopted on this date.

BILL NO. 16-021

**AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR A MUNICIPAL ELECTION TO BE HELD ON
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2016 TO ALLOW HANNIBAL VOTERS TO CONSIDER
APPROVAL OF A RECYCLING FEE OF \$1.90 PER MONTH TO BE APPLIED TO
EACH RESIDENTIAL UTILITY BILL FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING THE
COMMUNITY WIDE RECYCLING WHICH IS OPERATED BY NORTHEAST
MISSOURI SHELTERED WORKSHOP, INC, d/b/a 2 RIVERS INDUSTRIES, INC.**

Second & Final Reading

Motion was made by Council Member Lionberger to give Bill No. 16-021 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, Council Members Van Hoose, Ipson, and Knickerbocker - 6

No: -0-

Absent: Council Member Locke - 1

Mayor Hark declared Bill No. 16-021 duly approved and adopted on this date.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Motion carried.