

City of Hannibal

OFFICIAL COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

**Tuesday March 1, 2022
Council Chambers
7:00 p.m.**

ROLL CALL

Present: Council Members Veach, McCoy, Mayor Hark, and Council Member Bowen - 4

Absent: Mayor Pro Tem Dobson, Council Members Franke, and Welch – 3

CALL TO ORDER

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

INVOCATION

The invocation was then given by Council Member McCoy.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Hark then requested Police Lt. Alex Grote to lead the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Mayor Hark asked Council for a motion to excuse Mayor Pro Tem Dobson and Council Member Welch from this meeting.

A motion was made by Council Member McCoy to excuse Mayor Pro Tem Dobson and Council Member Welch from the meeting. The motion was seconded by Council Member Veach.

Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Council Member Veach to approve the agenda, as presented, and posted. The motion was seconded by Council Member McCoy.

Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Regularly Scheduled Council Meeting – February 15, 2022

A motion was made by Council Member Veach to approve the regularly scheduled Council meeting minutes from February 15, 2022. The motion was seconded by Council Member McCoy.

Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF PAYROLL AND CLAIMS
Second Half – February 2022

A motion was made by Council Member McCoy to approve the payroll and claims for the second half of February 2022. The motion was seconded by Council Member Veach.

Motion carried.

JEFF LANDRUM – YMCA
Re: Request, AMENDED Street Closure – 8th Annual Shamrock Shuffle 5k Run/Walk
Saturday, March 19, 2022 – 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Jeff Landrum, representing the YMCA's Shamrock Shuffle 5K event approached Council. Mayor Hark advised a change has been made to the route, which the map was included in the agenda packet. It appears the Police Department has worked with Mr. Landrum and an agreement has been made on the route and road closures. The YMCA will also have volunteers in place for traffic control with the local resident's traffic not being blocked. Barricades will be placed on Palmyra Road for traffic to detour to Country Club Drive and Central Avenue.

City Clerk Zerbonia also stated that a certificate of insurance is still required for this event.

A motion was made by Council Member Veach to approve the amended street closures for the YMCA's Shamrock Shuffle, pending receipt of insurance, to be held on March 19, 2022. The motion was seconded by Council Member Bowen.

Motion carried.

DONNA WILLIAMS – EMBASSY CHRISTIAN CENTER
Re: Shelter Services

Mayor Hark then requested Donna Williams representing Embassy Christian Center to come forward. As Ms. Williams was not in attendance, Mayor advised this subject will be passed and if Ms. Williams makes contact and requests, she will be put on the next agenda.

Mayor Hark then advised Council he would be changing the order of the agenda and City Manager Lisa Peck will start by presenting her items.

LISA PECK – CITY MANAGER

Re: Approval, Request for Qualifications - City Hall HVAC Engineering/Architectural Design

City Manager, Lisa Peck advised she has two requests this evening. Her first request is approval to issue request for qualifications for engineering of City Hall’s heating, ventilation, air conditioning (HVAC) system.

She is requesting the RFQ to remedy the continual HVAC issues at City Hall. The boiler is oversized, due to the removal of many radiators, and the introduction of a combination of window heating and cooling units. The current system is experiencing frequent maintenance issues and is unreliable. At one point, the boiler heated the building and now it heats the hallways, lobbies, and the areas only which makes it short cycles. Last summer the building had no air conditioning during some of the hottest days.

With experiencing the frequent need to replace window units and the fact that it is the boiler is oversized, the HVAC forced air portion is not functional or reliable. Peck would like to issue a RFQ to see the cost to replace. The project would include the building envelope, (windows and doors) and converting to one type of heating and air conditioning system for all the offices.

Council Member Bowen questioned Peck if she had any idea of a cost estimate to replace, in which Peck advised that is the purpose for obtaining the RFQ’s, is to determine a cost estimate.

A motion was made by Council Member Veach to approve the request for qualification for engineering/architectural design to remedy the HVAC issues at City Hall. The motion was seconded by Council Member McCoy.

Motion carried.

Re: Code Amendment, Chapter 17, Article II – Administration and Enforcement, Division 2 – Committee for Management of Traffic Problems
(Bill No. 22-004, to follow)

Peck’s next item is a Code amendment to Chapter 17, Article II – Administration and Enforcement, Division 2 – *Committee for Management of Traffic Problems*. This amendment removes areas of the Code which are no longer in use, and updates with those that used, also removing language regarding individual members collecting data on traffic accidents at intersections, a function of the police department, not the Traffic Committee. The amendment also removes the semi-annual report requirement as the Traffic Committee only meets couple of times a year. The amended language regarding handicap parking will now allow the Director of Central Services to issue permits to those that meet the criteria for such, instead of convening a whole committee for an issue that is pretty “cut and dry.”

Mayor Hark stated Bill No. 22-004 is to follow, for a first reading.

Mayor Hark advised he would now proceed to his items of business.

JAMES R. HARK – MAYOR
Re: Oath of Office – Hannibal Police Officers

- *Cade Bergman*
- *Shane Grimes*
- *Cameron Perkins*
- *Matthew Rose*

Mayor Hark then called Lt. Alex Grote to come forward to provide an introduction and biography of four new police officers. Lt. Grote then introduced Officers Cade Bergman, Shane Grimes, Cameron Perkins, and Matthew Rose.

Lt. Grote advised Officers Berman and Grimes started their careers with the Hannibal Police Department in late August, both attended the Law Enforcement Training Institute in Columbia MO and graduated on December 17, 2021.

Officer Perkins began his career with the Hannibal Police Department in November. He was a former Deputy in Bradford County, Florida with the Sheriff's Department. Officer Perkins is a Hannibal native, returning back to Hannibal in 2021. He has successfully converted his police certification to a Missouri license.

Officer Rose began his career as a Hannibal Police officer at the end of December. A former military Police Officer, with the rank of a Specialist, Rose received his Missouri police certification by successfully passing the test, giving his military police background. He has now started his field training process.

Mayor Hark then requested the Officers to come forward, at which time he administered the Oath of Office. The City Council and audience welcomed the new officers to the City.

Re: Truck Traffic – St. Mary's Avenue to Pleasant Street

Mayor Hark advised his next issue is "truck traffic" on St. Mary's Avenue and Pleasant Street which relates to the new Huck's station. With Council's permission he would like to direct staff to look into solutions of the traffic problems that are occurring at this location. Council Member Veach advised he has a recommendation and that would be remove the off ramp onto St. Mary's Avenue. Mayor Hark advised it was his understanding, initially there would be no truck traffic going in that direction. He is suggesting a meeting with Huck's personnel and City staff to work out a solution to the problem. Another problem the Mayor sees is St. Mary's Avenue is not designed for the weight of a trucks that size. The community is enjoying the new business; however, we also need to look out for the safety of the motorists and residents now and in the

future. He feels we need a good solution and after which potential enforcement may be necessary.

He then called Director of Central Services, Andy Dorian to come forward, Dorian advised the condition of the road in that area is not good and will continue to get worse. If truck traffic is allowed to go left or right. Having a lot of truck traffic, the City would need to make the entire road concrete, a complete overhaul of St. Mary's Avenue would be necessary. He indicated he is willing to speak to Huck's and ask that they reroute trucks to Highway 61. Rerouting to James Road is not any better, there really are no other options.

Council Member Veach informed Dorian he would like to be involved in any meetings. Council Member Bowen then questioned the idea of placing an "archway" that would not allow for large trucks to pass under the area. Council Member Veach feels that semis would take out the archway. Dorian informed Council after meeting with Hucks he would bring back ideas to address the issuers. Mayor Hark indicated that he believes there was a traffic study done in the area prior to the construction of Hucks. Dorian stated he would pull the traffic study from the Planning & Zoning traffic planning.

Mayor Hark advised that a right turn going out of the area, going through the neighborhood is not acceptable, nor practical for a big semi. Dorian advised he will speak to Hucks and see if they have any ideas.

Re: Code Amendment, Chapter 26, Signs
(Bill No. 22-003, to follow)

Mayor Hark advised his final item is an issue brought forth by Mayor Pro Tem Dobson, who is unable to be in attendance this evening. This issue relates to a Code amendment, Section 26-8, specifically A-Frame signs which are allowed to be placed during the months of May through October.

This is largely the sandwich boards, primarily the timeframe in which the sandwich boards are allowed to be placed outside. The new ordinance removes the May through October limitation and allows signs on the sidewalks year-round.

City Attorney Lemon addressed Council advising that the bulk of the amendment was the information provided in Mayor Pro Tem Dobson provided to everyone in the memo. There were areas that were cleared up to add clarity. One area is consistent in both districts to allow for A-frame signs. There was also unclerness about the dimensions of the signs, which was clarified in the amendment. This has been talked about over the last year and a half, several times Mayor Pro Tem Dobson has gone to the downtown merchants and got consensus. City Manager Peck advised that the Historic Downtown Development Commission (HDDC) and Historic Hannibal Marketing Council (HHMC) have also approved the amendment for the signs.

Mayor Hark stated Bill No. 22-003 is to follow, for a first reading.

Re: Presentation - Articles of Impeachment and Hearing Dates

3rd Ward Council Member – Stephan Franke

Mayor Hark then advised the first hearing date for the impeachment process of Stephan Franke was originally set for this evening, however, it has been continued. Additionally, there are some amendments to the articles of impeachment, which have been provided to the Council. These amendments were made under direction of the City's special counsel Nicole Volkert.

He then welcomed Ms. Volkert who addressed Council advising that she spoke to the respondent's attorney, and he has requested she and Council wait to hold a discussion relating to the amended articles until such time he is able to attend. She is presenting Council with the newly amended articles of impeachment and consideration of dates to set the hearing. The respondent's counsel has proposed two dates in April, the 18th and 21st requesting to begin at 1:30 p.m. as they feel the process will take several hours and likely go into the evening. If neither date works for Council, and request additional dates. She feels it is likely impossible to set a date this evening without having all of the Council Members present.

Mayor Hark advised he is aware of a conflict on April 21st and unavailable for certain. Ms. Volkert will go back to the respondent's attorneys and obtain additional dates for the Council to consider. She does believe one of the attorneys has a conflict with the 18th and the Municipal Judge has advised Monday's and Tuesday's work best for him. Ms. Volkert indicated she is not available the last week of April and will take all unavailable dates back to the respondent's counsel.

Council Member Bowen stated he has two questions; advising with the election being held in April, and he is not running, would he still be allowed to participate and vote in the process if it occurs after the election? Ms. Volkert advised that the hearing will be held and presented to the Council seated at that time. He then requested clarification that he indeed would still be able to participate and vote, in which Ms. Volkert advised that he would not be if the process is held after the election when is no longer seated.

Council Member Bowen then asked why these amendments did not coincide with the initial impeachment "papers" and did it get "washed" or how does that work? Ms. Volkert advised that the respondents attorney requested she not address questions as such, relating to the articles of impeachment. He then asked if these are "what we go with" and what would happen with the other allegations? Mayor Hark advised that the articles are a part of the court record.

BILL NO. 22-001

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HANNIBAL AMENDING
THE ANNUAL BID LIMITS IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 9.13
(b) OF THE CITY OF HANNIBAL CHARTER**

Second and Final Reading

A motion was made by Council Member Veach to have the City Clerk read Bill No. 22-001 and call the roll for adoption. The motion was seconded by Council Member McCoy.

ROLL CALL

Yes: Council Members Veach, McCoy, Mayor Hark, and Council Member Bowen - 4

No: - 0 -

Absent: Mayor Pro Tem Dobson, Council Members Welch, and Franke – 3

Motion carried.

BILL NO. 22-002

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HANNIBAL APPROVING AND ACCEPTING DEDICATION OF *BRAEBURN DRIVE* IN FETTE SUBDIVISION, FIRST ADDITION, IN THE CITY OF HANNIBAL, MARION COUNTY, MISSOURI

Second and Final Reading

A motion was made by Council Member McCoy to have the City Clerk read Bill No. 22-001 and call the roll for adoption. The motion was seconded by Council Member Veach.

ROLL CALL

Yes: Council Members Veach, McCoy, Mayor Hark, and Council Member Bowen - 4

No: - 0 -

Absent: Mayor Pro Tem Dobson, Council Members Welch, and Franke – 3

Motion carried.

BILL NO. 22-003

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HANNIBAL REVISING CHAPTER 26 – *SIGNS*, IN ORDER TO CLARIFY CERTAIN GUIDELINES REGARDING

**PORTABLE SIGNS, LOCATIONS IN WHICH THEY MAY
BE USED AND RESTRICTIONS ON SUCH USE**

First Reading

A motion was made by Council Member Veach to give Bill No. 22-003 a first reading. The motion was seconded by Council Member McCoy.

Motion carried.

BILL NO. 22-004

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF HANNIBAL REVISING
CHAPTER 17, ARTICLE II –ADMINSTRATION AND
ENFORCEMENT, OF THE REVISED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY
OF HANNIBAL BY REVOKING DIVISION 2 – COMMITTEE FOR
MANAGEMENT OF TRAFFIC PROBLEMS AND ENACTING
A NEW DIVISION 2 IN ITS PLACE**

First Reading

A motion was made by Council Member McCoy to give Bill No. 22-001 a first reading. The motion was seconded by Council Member Veach.

Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was then made by Council Member Veach to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Council Member McCoy.

Motion carried.

James R. Hark, Mayor

Angelica N. Zerbonia, MRCC, CMO - City Clerk