

Council Chambers
City Hall
January 20, 2009
7:30 P.M.

Council met in regular session with Mayor Sharon Brown presiding and roll call showing Councilmembers: Daton Hess, Rhys Baker, Charles Smith, Butch Hess, Connie Jordan, Jack Wallace, Steve Fox and Justin Begnoche present.

Copies of the minutes of the previous meeting were presented and approved by the Council.
Copies of the minutes of the previous Public Utilities Commission meeting were presented.

Municipal Judge's receipts for the month of December 2008 were \$3,065.00.

Appropriation Ordinance Nos. 3260, 3261, and 3262, allowing claims, which had been checked by the Council, were presented. Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Jordan, that these ordinances be approved for payment. Upon being put to a vote by roll call this motion carried by a vote of 7-1. Councilmember B. Hess voted "nay".

City Clerk, Calvin Wohler, presented an Electrical Contractors license for Heartland Electric Corporation of Belton, Missouri, for approval. Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember B. Hess, to approve the electrical license as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Committee reports were as follows:

Ways and Means-Mayor Brown informed the Council of comments she has had concerning the City not observing the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday. Martin Luther King holiday is a federally observed holiday that the City has not taken. Clay County does observe this holiday. Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Wallace, to begin observing this holiday in 2010. The motion carried unanimously.

Streets and Alleys-The department is doing a good job of cleaning up the burn site near the WasteWater Plant.

There will be a bid opening on February 2, 2009 for a new trash truck.

City Property-Committee will have a meeting on January 27, 2009 at 5:00 p.m. to discuss specifications to demolish the old Swift building.

The Library Board has made a request to the City to purchase three new furnaces for them. Two of the furnaces are for the upstairs and one for the basement. Bids were reviewed from Carlson Heating & AC, Hood Heating, Air, Plumbing, Electric and Kevin Griggs Electric. Moved by Councilmember Fox, seconded by Councilmember Wallace to accept the Griggs bid of \$18,356.00. The motion carried unanimously.

Building Permits-Moved by Councilmember Baker, seconded by Councilmember D. Hess to approve a permit for Norma Fay Ellis and Wayne McCann for an 8' x 14' metal awning on front of their house at 908 Grant Avenue. The motion carried unanimously.

Airport-Before the council meeting during the work session, Jami Williams, CCEDG director, appeared before the Council to discuss land for industrial purposes. Ms. Williams would like the City to amend the Airport Layout Plan to make more room for industrial usage and also annex the land into the City limits.

Council discussed beginning the process of making improvements to the Airport Industrial Park. Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Begnoche, to ask BWR to give the City some options for upgrading the Airport and/or amending the master plan and costs involved. The motion carried unanimously.

There was a brief discussion of getting some utilities to the Airport, etc., water and sewer.

Mr. Wohler gave a report to the Council of State funds that may not be received in 2009 even though the revenue is in the budget. Council asked Mayor Brown to write a letter to our State Representatives about funding concerns. The Council wants to sign this letter also.

Old Business-Mayor Brown reported that she has talked to two auctioneers in regard to getting rid of some city owned lots. Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Begnoche, to allow Mayor Brown to contract with the auctioneer who has the best bid. The motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Brown reported that twenty applications have been received for the recently created City Administrator position. The committee to select an Administrator will meet at 1:00 p.m. on January 26, 2009 to begin an interview process. Four or five applicants will be interviewed either in person or by phone.

Mayor Brown reminded everyone that noon on January 27, 2009 is the deadline to file for one of the four council seats.

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember B. Hess, to adjourn the meeting.