

MINUTES
RAYTOWN BOARD OF ALDERMEN
AUGUST 9, 2016
REGULAR SESSION No. 32
RAYTOWN CITY HALL
10000 EAST 59TH STREET
RAYTOWN, MISSOURI 64133

OPENING SESSION
7:00 P.M.

Mayor Michael McDonough called the July 19, 2016 Board of Aldermen meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. Pastor James Fuller of Ivanhoe United Church of Christ Raytown provided the invocation and led the pledge of allegiance.

Roll Call

The roll was called and the attendance was as follows:

Present: Alderman Karen Black, Alderman Josh Green, Alderman Jim Aziere, Alderman Jason Greene, Alderman Janet Emerson, Alderman Mark Moore, Alderman Steve Meyers, Alderman Bill Van Buskirk, and Alderman Eric Teeman
Absent: None

Proclamations and Presentations

- ★ Proclamation recognizing Steve Guenther
- ★ Proclamation recognizing Israel Hanke

Public Comments

Chelsi Mock asked permission to plant a cherry blossom tree in honor of her father, Steve Mock, in front of the City Hall. She stated the tree would be paid for through donations and her family would plant the tree.

Communication from the Mayor

Mayor McDonough stated that on Saturday, July 30, he attended a fund raiser which was held for the Main Street Association to help buy LED Christmas lights for the streetscape downtown. Along with an auction held a few weeks earlier, \$12,000 was raised. To donate, see April Harrington at the Irish Pub, Sue Frank at State Farm on 63rd Street, or Pam Clark at Clark's Appliances on 63rd Street. The Mayor stated that the city also has 2 new businesses, Fiesta Azteca and Breakfast and Lunch Lover's Restaurant. He also wanted everyone to know that the new QuikTrip is also about to open. Raytown Schools will open on Monday, August 15.

Communication from the City Administrator

Mark Loughry, Interim City Administrator stated a conditional offer of employment was offered for a new Economic Development Director, who is scheduled to start August 22. He also stated that the building at 7611 Woodson has been demolished and the lot was in the process of getting cleaned up.

Committee Reports

Alderman Janet Emerson noted that on August 22, the Legislative Update Luncheon for the Chamber of Commerce will meet at 11:00 am at the Raytown Wellness Center. On August 27, the Raytown Arts and Music Festival will take place at Kenagy Park from 12:00 pm to 7:00 pm. On the Legislative Update, you need to register by Monday, August 22. The Senior Celebration for the Chamber on September 24 is sold out.

STUDY SESSION

Raytown Parks Master Plan
Kevin Boji, Parks and Recreation Director

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

1. **CONSENT AGENDA**

All matters listed under the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine by the Board of Aldermen and will be enacted by one motion without separate discussion or debate. The Mayor or a member of the Board of Aldermen may request that any item be removed from the consent agenda. If there is no objection by the remaining members of the board, such item will be removed from the consent agenda and considered separately. If there is an objection, the item may only be removed by a motion and vote of the board.

Approval of the Regular July 19, 2016 Board of Aldermen meeting minutes.

Alderman Janet Emerson, seconded by Alderman Mark Moore, made a motion to approve the consent agenda. The motion was approved by a vote of 8-0-1.

Ayes: Aldermen Janet Emerson, Mark Moore, Eric Teeman, Bill Van Buskirk, Steve Meyers, Jason Greene, Jim Aziere, Josh Greene

Nays: None

Abstain: Alderman Karen Black

REGULAR AGENDA

2. **R-2893-16: A RESOLUTION** AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE PURCHASE OF COMPUTER EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES FROM DELL MARKETING, L.P. OFF THE MIDWESTERN HIGHER EDUCATION COMMISSION AGREEMENT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$19,777.33 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016. Point of Contact: Jim Lynch, Police Chief.

The resolution was read by title only by Teresa Henry, City Clerk.

Chief Jim Lynch and Captain Doug Goode provided the Staff Report and remained available for discussion.

Discussion included the San server is scheduled for replacement. The Dell pricing included special government pricing. The current server, which is no longer supported by Dell, would be decommissioned and sold at auction.

Alderman Bill Van Buskirk, seconded by Alderman Eric Teeman, made a motion to adopt. The motion was approved by a vote of 9-0.

Ayes: Aldermen Bill Van Buskirk, Eric Teeman, Josh Greene, Jason Greene, Mark Moore, Karen Black, Jim Aziere, Janet Emerson, Steve Meyers

Nays: None

3. **R-2894-16: A RESOLUTION** AUTHORIZING THE AFFIRMATIVE ASSENT OF THE CITY OF RAYTOWN, MISSOURI ON THE QUESTION OF WHETHER LITTLE BLUE VALLEY SEWER DISTRICT SHOULD ISSUE REVENUE BONDS PAYABLE FROM REVENUES TO BE DERIVED FROM THE OPERATION OF THE LITTLE BLUE VALLEY SEWER SYSTEM IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$20,000,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF IMPROVING, EXTENDING OR REHABILITATING THE LITTLE BLUE VALLEY SEWER DISTRICT SYSTEM INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO ADVANCED AIR EMISSIONS CONTROLS FOR THE ATHERTON WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITIES. Point of Contact: Kati Horner Gonzalez, Acting Public Works Director.

Kati Horner Gonzalez, Acting Director of Public Works, provided the Staff Report and remained available for discussion.

Discussion included The Little Blue Valley Sewer District needs approval by resolution from 10 of the 13 customer agencies covered in order to issue these 20- year bonds. Greg Boettcher, Executive Director of the Little Blue Valley Sewer District presented. EPA has changed emission controls, which must be in place by 2020. Optimizations and restructuring have allowed the costs to be covered with no deviation from the 2010 Financial Plan, and will not extend the service contract term. The alternative of sending sludge to a landfill instead of incinerating it would increase costs \$300,000/month in trucking and tipping fees. Costs are allocated in the same way to all customers based on flow projection. Thus far, 4 of the customer agencies have approved.

Alderman Josh Greene, seconded by Alderman Jim Aziere, made a motion to adopt. The motion was approved by a vote of 7-2.

Ayes: Aldermen Josh Greene, Jim Aziere, Jason Greene, Steve Meyers, Janet Emerson, Karen Black, Eric Teeman, Josh Greene

Nays: Aldermen Bill Van Buskirk, Mark Moore

4. **R-2895-16: A RESOLUTION** AUTHORIZING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH OLSSON ASSOCIATES FOR THE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION SERVICES OF THE 83RD STREET BRIDGE IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$408,071.96 AND AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016 BUDGET. Point of Contact: Kati Horner Gonzalez, Acting Director of Public Works.

Katie Horner Gonzalez, Acting Director of Public Works, provided the Staff Report and remained available for discussion.

Discussion included a breakdown of included items. The bridge will be replaced, not renovated. Temporary easements will be required. Public involvement will be crucial, and the school district will be involved. The intent is to avoid shutting down the bridge before school is out. The contract has been reviewed by legal representation as well as public works. We applied for two grants for this project. The grants are reimbursements, and they can be applied to any approved portion of the project. \$600,000 has been requested from STP. While we have been recommended for approval, nothing is finalized, nor will it be until October. \$500,000 has been requested from Missouri Moves Cost Share Program. Everything in the contract is reflective of the grant requirements. If we do not receive the grants, the contract stipulates that we would complete the relevant portions of the contract and would not get billed for the other portions. This project was on schedule to go forward regardless of whether grants are received. Steve Mock was a huge advocate of this bridge, and it was suggested the bridge be named after him.

Alderman Eric Teeman, seconded by Alderman Karen Black, made a motion to adopt. The motion was approved by a vote of 9-0.

Ayes: Aldermen Eric Teeman, Karen Black, Bill Van Buskirk, Josh Greene, Jason Greene, Mark Moore, Jim Aziere, Steve Meyers, Janet Emerson

Nays: None

5. **R-2896-16: A RESOLUTION** AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FOR THE PARK MASTER PLAN WITH PROS CONSULTING, INC. IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$29,172.37 AND AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016 BUDGET. Point of Contact: Kevin Boji, Parks and Recreation Director.

Kevin Boji, Parks & Recreation Director, provided the Staff Report and remained available for discussion.

Discussion included the budget was scheduled to be paid over two fiscal years. The reason for the need for additional funds is we underspent in the first year and these costs are coming due in the second year of the project. Total costs are currently under budget. Fifteen percent was set aside for unexpected contingencies, and thus far there have been none.

Alderman Bill Van Buskirk, seconded by Alderman Steve Meyers, made a motion to adopt. The motion was approved by a vote of 9-0.

Ayes: Aldermen Bill Van Buskirk, Steve Meyers, Janet Emerson, Mark Moore, Karen Black, Jason Greene, Josh Greene, Jim Aziere, Eric Teeman
Nays: None

6. **R-2897-16: A RESOLUTION** AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING A MARKET ADJUSTMENT TO THE CITY OF RAYTOWN PARAMEDIC AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN WAGE SCALES AND AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016 BUDGET. Point of Contact: Doug Jonesi, Emergency Medical Services Director.

Doug Jonesi, EMS Director, provided the Staff Report and remained available for discussion.

Discussion included there has been an increase in turnover in recent years, and Raytown is the lowest paid EMS in the region. Increasing the wages will allow us to attract and retain candidates, as well as improve morale. The department has been understaffed for some time, causing an increased reliance on the Kansas City Fire Department. We had to rely on Kansas City Fire Department 337 times last year. This both adds to our cost and increases the response time. We recently approved a 3rd ambulance but don't have the ability to staff it. There are some structural changes that need to take place. We are not only the lowest paid, we are significantly lower than the next highest city. The proposal would take us half way up the scale. In comparison, the police department budget went from four million to eight million in the past fifteen years. A budget retreat is scheduled for August 30. We get 4400 emergency calls each year.

Three alternative options were discussed in the Finance Committee. EMS is funded in part by the fees that we generate. However, in the past when rates were increased, we billed more but were not able to collect more. Thus, this would not offset the increase in costs. Another option is privatization, which seems to be working well for Independence. The third option is merging services with the Fire Department. There have been discussions about mergers repeatedly over the past 30 years. The Fire District is not part of our city; it is a separate entity, run by its own board. The proposal they made to merge services had a lot of problems which made it untenable; it had elements that were not good for our citizens or our city. However, the idea of a merger, if a reasonable proposal is made, is a good one. Most communities have services either merged with the Fire Department or private services.

Mr. Loughry stated that the rate increase will not satisfy all the present needs in the department and while the proposal to increase salaries is a good one, we cannot fund it without cutting services somewhere else. The budget is not able to sustain this increase, and it will shorten the amount of time the current system is viable. Last year's budget was a deficit budget. Our revenue did not go up this year, and the departments have been asked to submit flat budgets. There needs to be some investigation of and dialogue about alternatives.

Alderman Janet Emerson, seconded by Alderman Bill Van Buskirk, made a motion to adopt

Alderman Josh Greene, seconded by Alderman Jim Aziere, made a motion to amend the proposal from a 10% raise to a 15% raise. This motion was approved by a vote of 6-3.

Ayes: Aldermen Josh Greene, Jim Aziere, Mark Moore, Jason Greene, Karen Black, Steve Meyers
Nays: Aldermen Bill Van Buskirk, Janet Emerson, Eric Teeman

Alderman Janet Emerson, seconded by Alderman Bill Van Buskirk, made a motion to adopt. The motion was approved by a vote of 7-2.

Ayes: Aldermen Steve Meyers, Jason Greene, Josh Greene, Mark Moore, Jim Aziere, Karen Black, Eric Teeman
Nays: Aldermen Janet Emerson, Bill Van Buskirk

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Karen Black, seconded by Alderman Eric Teeman, made a motion to adjourn. The motion was approved by a majority of those present.

The meeting adjourned at 10:42 p.m.

Teresa Henry, City Clerk