



## CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

July 9, 2013

### REGULAR MEETING OF THE CARTERVILLE CITY COUNCIL

The meeting was held in the Council Chambers with Mayor Bradley M. Robinson presiding. He called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

#### ROLL CALL

Bradley M. Robinson	Mayor	Present
Michele A. Edwards	City Clerk	Present
Mary Jane Fuller	Deputy City Clerk	Present (Late)
Mark Carney	City Treasurer	Present
Rick Ellet	Alderman/Ward 4	Present
Phyllis Emery	Alderman/Ward 4	Present
Tom Gentry	Alderman/Ward 1	Present
John Gooden	Alderman/Ward 3	Present
Mike Helfrich	Alderman/Ward 2	Present
James Houseworth	Alderman/Ward 1	Present
Curt Oetjen	Alderman/Ward 2	Present
Tony Trombino	Alderman/Ward 3	Present

The Mayor declared a quorum present.

Others present were: Marvin Oetjen , Kamper Supply; Garry Wiggs, Street Superintendent; Bud Edwards, Maintenance Superintendent; John and Janice McConaughy; Bruce Talley, Fire Chief; Ralph Graul, Volunteer Fire Department; John Frost, Assistant Police Chief; Retia Watson (Clerk); John H. Crawford, Crawford & Associates (7:35 p.m.); Bill Kirk, Planning/Zoning Commission; John and Crystal Flora, Create-A-Smile Thrift Shop; William Bateman, The Courier; Bob Browning, Paul Gandrimas (7:20 p.m.), and Larry Motsinger, Lion's Club; Roger Norman, Tri-C Athletics Mike and Rhonda Robinson; and two unidentified gentlemen in the back of the audience.

**Motion 1:** Gooden moved and Helfrich seconded to approve the *minutes of the Regular Meeting* of June 11, 2013 as presented in pamphlet form. All voted yea and the Mayor declared the motion carried.

*Mark Carney presented the June 2013 Treasurer's Report.*

**Motion 2:** Helfrich moved and Trombino seconded to approve *the June 2013 Treasurer's Report* as prepared and submitted by Mark Carney. A roll call vote was taken and all present voted yea. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

**Recognition of Guests** - No comments or concerns from the audience.

**Departments/Committees**

*Bud Edwards explained that everything approved for the parks at the last meeting has been completed with the exception of the dugout benches. The Mayor stated that he had received many compliments on the condition of both parks and he wanted to commend him and his staff for their hard work. Bud Edwards explained that he will pass this along to his staff.*

*Roger Norman, Tri-C Athletics, thanked the City workers for their hard work and concern for safety especially at James Street Park. Tri-C is looking at the possibility of having **fall baseball/softball** for ages 7-10 on a couple of evenings and Saturday afternoons. This will be coordinated with soccer and football.*

**Motion 3:** Houseworth moved and Emery seconded to allow Tri-C Athletics the use of City facilities for a fall baseball/softball program for 7-10 year olds [with details to be worked out in committee]. A roll call vote was taken, and all present voted yea. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

*Roger Norman further explained that the **tackle football program** which includes 5<sup>th</sup> thru 8<sup>th</sup> grades has been given permission to use the High School football field until August 17, 2013. Their season will not end until October 1. The City's football field on Dent Street is used primarily for flag football. They have also used the outfield of both James Street and Cannon Park. This causes so much damage to these fields that they have to be reseeded and repaired. The Mayor suggested that he work with Roger, Bud Edwards, and the Park Committee to find a solution to this problem. Phyllis Emery informed Roger Norman that the City is still working on removal of damaged trees.*

*The Mayor explained that Khrissy Hollister received a request from Mississippi River Radio asking for **free use of the Community Building** for a trivia night. They voiced the possibility that they could provide free advertising for our Christmas in Carterville event.*

**Motion 4:** Emery moved and Houseworth seconded to allow the **free use of the Community Center by Mississippi River Radio** [with the possibility of receiving free advertising for our Christmas in Carterville event and payment for cleanup]. A roll call vote was taken, and all present voted yea. Jake Rendleman declared the motion carried.

*John Gooden received an email from Reed Fozzard regarding **replacement of the fountain at Cannon Park**. Fozzard has come up with a plan to install PVC pipe to a 2 ½ hp pump in the middle of the water and all electrical would be land based. This will be a three-tier fountain that would be maintenance free. The approximate cost would be \$3,460.00 and we have already accumulated approximately \$1,600.00 toward this project. Several people mentioned that they have been approached by additional donors who would like to contribute to this project. This is an update only and the Council will make a decision when we have final figures and find additional donors.*

*John Gooden explained the **camera security project** that he has been working on for the Community Center and Cannon Park. He displayed on his laptop the cameras already connected in the Community Center. He is working with an IT person to work out the bugs in this system. There is a question about expectation of privacy with this type of system and John Frost will talk to the State Attorney's Office about this legal issue. Anyone who is given the IP address can view these pictures from their computers. Phase I of the project is cameras inside of the Community Building. Phase II would be installing wireless cameras in the park. These cameras can be setup in several different ways including night vision and motion sensitive. Council members agreed that we should continue pursuing this as they could help us secure our investment at Cannon Park. When we get actual pricing and definite plans we will get final approval of the project.*

*Bruce Talley, Fire Chief, asked that the Council purchase three (3) new sets of bunker gear and three (3) handheld radios.*

**Motion 5:** Emery moved and Trombino seconded to authorize the ***purchase of three (3) sets of bunker gear*** for the Fire Department at a cost of \$6,800.00. A roll call vote was taken and all present voted yea. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

**Motion 6:** Trombino and Emery seconded to authorize the ***purchase of three (3) handheld radios*** for the Fire Department at a cost of \$1,950.00. A roll call vote was taken, and all present voted yea. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

*Bruce Talley thanked the Council for their favorable response to his requests.*

*The Mayor and John Frost explained that the **purchase of the bullet proof vests** that was approved at the June meeting was contingent upon a grant with City share of \$4,000.00. At that time the Chief did not know that this was a 50/50 grant and the cost of the vests was \$13,000.00. Therefore, the City's share of this cost is \$6,500.00.*

**Motion 7:** Emery moved and Gooden seconded to ***contribute \$7,500.00 toward the purchase of bullet proof vests*** for the Police Department. A roll call vote was taken, and all present voted yea. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

**Motion 8:** Helfrich moved and Gooden seconded to ***confirm the Mayor's appointment of Kris Whitlock as Auxiliary Police Officer.*** A roll call vote was taken, and all present voted yea. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

*Tom Gentry asked about the Police Department giving **City ordinance violation tickets**. The Mayor explained that he and Josh Bradley are planning a meeting with Williamson County officials to discuss this matter.*

*Garry Wiggs explained the need for a **mower attachment of the track hoe**. F. B. McAffoos has given us a price of \$6,000.00 which reflects a \$1,500.00 trade-in and a \$1,000.00 government discount. Wiggs also mentioned that there is a balance of \$2,000.00 from the sale of the street sweeper.*

**Motion 9:** Oetjen moved and Trombino seconded to authorize the purchase of **mulching mower attachment for the Kubota track hoe** from F. B. McAffoos at a cost of \$6,000.00. A roll call vote was taken and all present voted yea. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

*Garry Wiggs indicated that the Phase I work is completed on Whipoorwill and he will be looking for a contractor to complete Phase II.*

*The Mayor asked that any questions regarding building issues be held until Jim Adams returns from vacation on July 15. He is working on the zoning code with regard to construction of pole barns before residential structures are built.*

*Mickey Edwards explained that the **American Heart Walk is scheduled for October 5, 2013** and encouraged the Council to, once again, support this event and challenge local churches and organizations to join us. Additional information will be distributed at the August meeting.*

*John Crawford arrived at 7:35 p.m.*

*The Mayor announced that he and Bud Edwards met with representatives from the Lion's Club regarding the **100<sup>th</sup> Free Fair**. The vendor for the rides is once again asking that he **be allowed to place these on the asphalt road**, and the Mayor indicated that they would like this issue revisited. This was discussed in committee and they recommended an area that could be used that would not obstruct any facilities. Bud Edwards stated that there was no damage to the asphalt from last year's event and as long as they do not obstruct the bathrooms he does not feel that this would be a problem. He also checked with Herrin Fest and other events and found that they had no problems with streets because of the rides. The heaviest ride would be the weight of a large pickup. There were questions from the Council regarding repairs of damage to the park and Bob Browning indicated that the Lion's Club has an insurance policy to cover these issues.*

**Motion 10:** Houseworth moved and Emery seconded to **allow the Lion's Club Free Fair rides on the asphalt as specified by Bud Edwards**. A roll call vote was taken and all present voted yea. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

**Motion 11:** Houseworth moved and Emery seconded to **allow the Lion's Club to have Helicopter Rides** during the Free Fair. [The logistics were discussed with Bud Edwards and they have a location selected and these rides will be handled by the company providing the copter]. A roll call vote was taken, and all present voted yea. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

*The Mayor indicated that there is one other event being finalized - **Monster Truck Rides**. This truck holds 14 people and is not a typical event. The Lion's Club will bring this issue back to the Council at the August meeting when details are finalized.*

*The Mayor explained the next item on the agenda is the **Create-A-Smile Thrift Store**. John Flora has been very cooperative since the fire and has repaired deficiencies found by a structural engineer. We have a letter from the engineer stating that these items have all been repaired. John Flora said that there was a very small area that the engineer could not inspect but all items have been repaired. The Mayor thanked Mr. Flora for his cooperation and understanding during this time.*

**Motion 12:** Houseworth moved and Emery seconded to *rescind the Order of Condemnation on Create-A-Smile Thrift Store* and allow them to open. *The building is now insured.* A roll call vote was taken, and all present voted yea. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

**Motion 13:** Emery moved and Oetjen seconded to *pay the monthly bills* as listed on the spreadsheet submitted by the City Clerk. A roll call vote was taken, and all present voted yea. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

**Motion 14:** Emery moved and Gentry seconded to approve payment to *E & K Cleaning Service* in the amount of \$1,330.00 (*12 cleanings of the Community Center \$1,180.00 and City Council Chambers \$150.00*). Roll call vote: Ellet, yea; Emery, yea; Gentry, yea; Gooden, abstain; Helfrich, yea; Houseworth, yea; Oetjen, yea; Trombino, yea. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

#### **Curt Oetjen - Water and Sewer Board**

*There was very little activity last month with regard to leaks. The bridge to the water pump house was completed. KPS, Inc. began work on the Prairie Road sewer line extension. Water usage from Rend Lake was less than sold so we still have some discrepancies in this area. There will be a slave meter installed in the new water pump house that may help us explain the usage/loss figures.*

#### **John Crawford – Engineering Report**

- *Materials are on site for the West Grand Avenue waterline*

**Motion 15:** Gooden moved and Helfrich seconded to approve *payment to KPS, Inc. for materials for the West Grand Avenue waterline* in the amount of \$7,076.88. A roll call vote was taken, and all present voted yea. The Mayor declared the motion carried. [*Funds to be taken from ???-to be decided*].

- *John Crawford's office prepared the paperwork for the 2013 street work as follows:*

**Motion 16:** Houseworth moved and Gooden seconded to approve the *Municipal Estimate of Maintenance Costs* for 2013 at \$15,259.00. A roll call vote was taken, and all present voted yea. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

**Motion 17:** Gooden moved and Houseworth seconded to approve the *Maintenance Engineering to be performed by a Consulting Engineer contract* in the amount of \$1,250.00. A roll call vote was taken, and all present voted yea. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

**Motion 18:** Houseworth moved and Gooden seconded to pass *Resolution No. 401-13, RESOLUTION FOR MAINTENANCE OF STREETS AND HIGHWAYS B MUNICIPALITY UNDER THE ILLINOIS HIGHWAY CODE (\$17,000.00)*. A roll call vote was taken, and all present voted yea. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

- *John Crawford present petitions and ordinances for the vacation of a portion of Conestoga Trace and two lots in the Shawnee Place (Cook) subdivision.*

**Motion 19:** Gooden moved and Emery seconded to accept the petition and pass **Ordinance No. 1341-13, AN ORDINANCE VACATING LOTS 33 AND 35 IN SHAWNEE PLACE 1<sup>ST</sup> PLAT IN THE CITY OF CARTERVILLE.** A roll call vote was taken, and all present voted yea. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

**Motion 20:** Emery moved and Gooden seconded to accept the petition and pass **Ordinance No. 1342-13, AN ORDINANCE VACATING A PORTION OF ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY NAMED CONESTOGA TRACE IN THE CIT OF CARTERVILLE.** A roll call vote was taken, and all present voted yea. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

*The Mayor asked Garry Wiggs for estimates he had collected for demolition of 407 and 415 Onley. Wiggs had three estimates as follows:*

**Hall Trucking - \$9,719.00 McVicker Excavating - \$8,300.00 Calcaterra Excavating - \$6,900.00**  
*The City has a court order to demolish the Taylor property at 407 Onley and should have the order for the Dalzell property next week.*

**Motion 21:** Houseworth moved and Gentry seconded to **contract with Calcaterra Excavating for the demolition of 407 and 415 Onley.** A roll call vote was taken, and all present voted yea. The Mayor declared the motion carried.

**Motion 22:** Gentry moved and Gooden seconded to move to **EXECUTIVE SESSION** for the purpose of discussing personnel, possible litigation, and possible acquisition of property. A roll call vote was taken, and all present voted yea. The Mayor declared the motion carried and the Council left at 8:42 p.m.

**Motion 23:** Trombino moved and Oetjen seconded to return to **REGULAR SESSION** at 9:15 p.m. A roll call vote was taken, and all present voted yea. The Mayor declared the motion carried and reopened regular session.

*The Mayor explained a petition received from the citizens of Prairie Road and Clover Circle asking for a posted speed limit of 25 mph. This was too late for review by Street Committee so this will be referred to the Police Chief, Street Department, and Street Committee before the next meeting.*

*August committee meetings are scheduled for Tuesday, August 6, 2013. Also, the Mayor stated that there was no representation at the last two REDCO meetings but he will make sure that we have a representative in the future.*

**Motion 24:** Gentry moved and Trombino seconded to **adjourn the meeting.** All voted yea and the Mayor closed the meeting at 9:19 p.m.

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Michele A. Edwards, City Clerk

Next Ordinance No. 1343-13

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Bradley M. Robinson, Mayor

Next Resolution No. R402-13