

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

January 3, 2017

The Board of Aldermen met in regular session with Mayor R.E. Graner at City Hall, 206 North 16th Street, on Tuesday, January 3, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.

Present: Graner, Ishmael, Brejnik, Williams, Miles

Absent: none

Others Present: Jonne Slemmons, Nita Schroff, Tara Walker, Charles Crabtree, Phil Conger, Jan Johns, Lance Johns, Jerry Collins, Marvin Casady, Kenny Robertson, and Brian Groom.

Meeting Called To Order Mayor R. E. Graner called meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approve Agenda Mayor R.E. Graner called for a motion for approval or amending of the agenda.

Motion made by Alderman Gene Ishmael to approve the agenda and seconded by Alderman Randy Brejnik.

Miles – Aye Williams – Aye
Brejnik – Aye Ishmael – Aye

Approve Bills Mayor R. E. Graner asked if there were any questions on bills presented for payment and if not, a motion to approve the bills.

Motion made by Alderman Steve Miles to approve the bills as presented for payment and seconded by Alderman Todd Williams.

Miles - Aye Williams – Aye
Brejnik - Aye Ishmael – Aye

Advanced Tire	45.00	Owens, Denise	150.00
Andereck, Evans, Widger	2,288.76	Thomas, Johnathan	175.78
Barco Municipal Products	565.46	Jeff Ellis & Assoc	4,008.20
Bethany Printing Co	391.68	John Deere Financial	358.05
Cintas	284.88	Kriz Davis Company	63.86
City of Bethany	17,683.44	Maryville Typewriter	710.53
Commerce Bank	2,559.94	Missouri Dept of Revenue	976.00
Energyworldnet Inc	630.00	Missouri Municipal Leag	729.20
Fonseca, Brian	375.00	Missouri One Call System	33.80
Girsch Construction	1,534.00	Missouri Sales Use Tax	14,616.38
Harrison Co Ad-Visor	15.40	Nail Excavating	8,872.50
Harrison Co Treasurer	6,958.88	Olsson Associates	4,127.36
Home Town Title LLC	6,700.00	Petty Cash	100.00
Hoover, Brenda	70.00	Powerplan	654.03
Armstrong, Troy	12.29	Sanders Electric Heating	489.77
Hill, Howard	76.80	Analytics Inc	80.00
Nighthart, Mallorie	191.59	Tyler Technologies	4,205.84

Verizon Wireless	293.38	Woody's Outdoor Power Equip	83.94
Wal-Mart	2,182.34		
Total \$83,294.08			

Payroll
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Johnson, Cathy	941.61	Parkhurst, Aaron	1,005.40
Jennings, Randy	833.92	Rimmer, Eric	1,044.01
Russell, Melvin	650.12	Alborn, Andrew	875.13
Russell, Robert	911.56	Denum, Jacob	1,182.91
Bennett, Charlie	827.91	Lykins, Michael	747.31
Brown, Johnathan	796.73	Lehleitner, Janee	552.08
Stottlemeyer, Lela	298.69	Hinkle, Judith	141.42
Gard, Paul	981.99	Sanders, Linda	190.96
Doll, Mason	38.86	Robertson, Kenneth	880.14
Clawson, Nicole	231.56	Willis, Brian	827.86
Johns, Gavin	37.09	Clemmons, Ted	961.57
Ellis, Cole	84.78	Puffer, Toby	776.29
Slemons, Jonne	1,616.73	Schroff, Michelle	937.88
Schroff, Jaunita	1,133.32	Willis, Jennie	700.08
Anderson, Trayce	974.01	Kohler, Ann	343.57
Ellis, Joyce	773.90	Sweat, Morganne	118.34
Groom, Brian	1,056.83	Voya Financial	745.00
Holloway, Bryan	1,019.05	BTC Bank	7,672.47

Total \$32,911.08

Payroll
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Graner, Richard	75.00	Loving Colter	25.00
Miles, Steven	75.00	Denum, Jacob	75.00
Brejnrik, Randall	75.00	Jennings, Randy	75.00
Ishmael, Dale	75.00	Russell, Melvin	75.00
Williams, Robert	75.00	Russell, Robert	75.00
Slemons, Jonne	75.00	Bennett, Charlie	75.00
Schroff, Jaunita	75.00	Brown, Johnathan	75.00
Anderson, Trayce	75.00	Griffin, Larry	25.00
Ellis, Joyce	75.00	Lykins, Michael	75.00
Johnson, Cathy	75.00	Lehleitner, Janee	25.00
Groom, Brian	75.00	Hinkle, Judith	25.00
Holloway, Bryan	75.00	Stottlemeyer, Lela	25.00
Wills, Jesse	25.00	Sanders, Linda	25.00
Parkhurst, Aaron	75.00	Gard, Paul	75.00
Rimmer, Eric	75.00	Robertson, Kenneth	75.00
Alborn, Andrew	75.00	Willis, Brian	75.00
Kinnison, David	25.00	Clemmons, Ted	75.00
Martin, Tyson	25.00	Puffer, Toby	75.00
Martz, Phillip	25.00	Davidson, Colton	25.00
Russell, Richard	25.00	Doll, Mason	25.00
Wilson, Zachary	25.00	Schroff, Michelle	75.00
Loving Bobby	25.00	Willis, Jennie	75.00
Stanton, Dakota	25.00	Kohler, Ann	25.00
Cox, Quinton	25.00	Clawson, Nicole	25.00
Hall, Scott	25.00	Johns, Gavin	25.00

Sweat, Morganne	25.00	BTC	455.98
Ellis, Cole	25.00		

Total \$3,205.98

Void Check
12-23-16

Richard Graner	75.00
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Total \$75.00

Approve Dec 19, 2016 Mayor R. E. Graner called for approval or correction of the regular minutes of December 19, 2016.

Motion made by Alderman Randy Brejnik to approve the regular minutes of December 19, 2016. And seconded by Alderman Todd Williams.

Miles – Aye	Williams – Absent
Brejnik – Aye	Ishmael – Aye

Administrator Jonne Slemmons told Council that the reason to amend Ordinance #1250 is to authorize Mayor and City Clerk to execute loan documents. The original ordinance only included the Mayor.

Ordinance #1250 / Amended to authorize Mayor & City Clerk to execute loan documents	Mayor R. E. Graner read Ordinance #1250 – Amended as presented. AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE A LOAN OF INSURED FUNDS ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF BETHANY, MISSOURI WITH THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, OF \$1,256,000.00 AT AN INTEREST RATE OF 1.375% FOR A PERIOD OF THIRTY-FIVE (35) YEARS, FOR WHICH A SINGLE BOND SHALL BE ISSUED, SUCH LOAN TO BE USED FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NEW WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT; AND FURTHER, TO RE-AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO EXECUTE A LOAN OF INSURED FUNDS ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF BETHANY, MISSOURI WITH THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, OF \$4,659,000.00 AT AN INTEREST RATE OF 1.375% FOR A PERIOD OF THIRTY-FIVE (35) YEARS, FOR WHICH A SINGLE BOND SHALL BE ISSUED, SUCH LOAN ALSO TO BE USED FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NEW WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT; AND FURTHER, TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR AND CITY CLERK TO SIGN AND ISSUE A NOTICE OF AWARD AND OTHER RELATED DOCUMENTS FOR SUCH WORK TO FOLEY COMPANY, TO COMMENCE CONSTRUCTION OF THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT IN 2017, was read by R. E. Graner for the first reading.
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Motion made by Alderman Todd Williams to approve the first reading of Ordinance #1250 – Amended, and seconded by Alderman Steve Miles.

Miles – Aye	Williams – Aye
Brejnik – Aye	Ishmael – Aye

Mayor R. E. Graner read Ordinance #1250 – Amended, by title for its second and final reading.

Approve Ordinance #1250-Amended	Motion made by Alderman Randy Brejnik to approve the second and final reading of Ordinance #1250 – Amended, and seconded by Alderman Todd Williams.
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Miles – Aye	Williams – Aye
Brejnik – Aye	Ishmael – Aye

Discussion Held / lower electric rates Administrator Jonne Slemons presented the ordinance on lowering the electric rates. Alderman Todd Williams disapproves of lowering the electric rates at this time. Alderman Todd Williams noted that he has spoken to several people that really like the new LED lights. Alderman Todd Williams would like to see new lights put on Babe Adams and Linch Ballfields, additional lights in Memorial Park, and lights along 39th and 30th Street. Alderman Todd Williams would like Administrator Jonne Slemons to talk to Grundy Electric about purchasing Daily Addition since it is now in city limits. Kenny Robertson told Council that Babe Adams Ballfield was included in the 2017 budget to complete, and Linch was included in 2018. Kenny Robertson told Council that the estimated cost to put new lights at Babe Adams Ballfield is \$215,000.00 and Linch Ballfield is \$136,000.00. Alderman Todd Williams believes that more projects need to be completed since the money is available, and lower the rates later. Alderman Randy Brejnik agrees that the city needs to purchase Daily Addition but believes the electric rates need to be lowered now.

Motion made by Randy Brejnik to lower the rates to \$.0125/KWH across the board and seconded by Alderman Gene Ishmael for purposes of discussion. Mayor R. E. Graner asked for a vote. Alderman Steve Miles commented that people like to see improvements that better Bethany and want the City to move forward with projects. Kenny Robertson, Chief Electric Operator, asked Council what the money is going toward on 39th Street. Alderman Todd Williams replied that it is only going toward concrete. Alderman Gene Ishmael commented that there is no reason to lower the rates this year only to raise them next year.

Mayor R. E. Graner asked for a vote on the motion from Alderman Randy Brejnik to lower the electric rates to \$.0125/KWH.

Miles – Nay
Brejnik – Aye

Williams – Nay
Ishmael – Nay

Public Input Mayor R. E. Graner asked for Public Input.

No public input at this time.

Discussion held regarding Police Academy tuition Administrator Jonne Slemons told Council at the last meeting the subject was discussed about the City paying for police academy tuition in exchange for a three-year employment commitment following all required training and certification. The agreement includes payment of starting salary while the recruit is in training. The academy starts January 17, 2017. The estimated cost is \$5,520. With salary, total cost would be approximately \$19,000.00. Brian Groom, Police Chief, responded that his son had to pay \$4,000, so the tuition cost might be lower than the \$5,520. If the police officer does not complete the three full years of employment the cost will be prorated with six months to pay the debt. Alderman Todd Williams commented that with his line of work the employee pays for all the tuition and signs a contract. The contract is for three years employment and he will be reimbursed a third of the cost each year of employment. Administrator Jonne Slemons told Council that the program is twenty-five weeks long and the people can afford to live while going to school if the salary was included. Lance Johns said that the City paid for Bryan Holloway eighteen years ago, and it has worked out well for the City. Administrator Jonne Slemons would like to add it to the Personnel Manual if Council approves.

Approve to pay police academy tuition & salary Motion made by Alderman Steve Miles to agree paying for police academy tuition and salary while attending the academy, in exchange for three years of full time employment following training and full certification. Seconded by Alderman Randy Brejnik.

Miles – Aye Williams – Nay
Brejnik – Aye Ishmael – Aye

Street Project Bid Opening set Jan 12th Administrator Jonne Slemons told Council that the Street Department Project Bid Opening is January 12, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.

Discussion / Municipal Court Administrator Jonne Slemons, Nita Schroff, City Clerk, and Tara Walker, Attorney met with Judge Tom Alley and discussed possible methods to comply with the new state regulations regarding Municipal Courts. Tara has recommended combining the Municipal Court with the State Associate Court. Judge Alley will be talking to his staff and getting back with the City. It will cost the City about \$300.00 per year.

City Employees to donate sick time to Charlie Bennett Administrator Jonne Slemons told council that new employee Charlie Bennett has just learned that his son is diagnosed with an aggressive cancer. Charlie has not been with the City long enough to use any sick leave. Jonne Slemons requested approval to all City employees to donate sick leave for Charlie's use.

Motion made by Alderman Todd Williams to approve employees to donate time to Charlie Bennett and seconded by Alderman Gene Ishmael.

Miles – Aye Williams – Aye
Brejnik – Aye Ishmael – Aye

Ad to be placed for sale of old generators Administrator Jonne Slemons would like the Council to authorize her to run an ad in the Republican Clipper and Ad-Visor to sell the old engine generators at the Power Plant.

Engineering complete on Lake Improvements Project The engineering is complete on the Lake Improvements Project and has been through a preliminary review by DNR. The updated project estimates and final design drawings have been forwarded by DNR for review by the USFWS. This review usually takes two to three months. Upon approval the grant will be issued and the bidding process can get underway. Construction will start this summer.

City Employee Health Insurance Administrator Jonne Slemons has received one proposal and has requested two others for consideration for providing the City's health insurance.

Missouri Photo Workshop has decided to go to Eldon, Missouri instead of Bethany for the 2017 Photo Workshop.

Bids submitted – for LED lights Kenny Robertson, Chief Electric Operator, submitted bids for 44 Cooper Caretaker LED lights. The bids submitted were: Kriz-Davis for \$99.43 each; Arkansas Electric for \$137.00 each; and Anixter for \$101.00 each. Kenny Robertson recommends going with Kriz-Davis for the lowest price.

Approve Kriz-Davis Bid for LED Lights Motion made by Alderman Todd Williams to approve Kriz-Davis for the 45 Cooper Caretaker LED lights and seconded by Alderman Randy Brejnik.

Miles – Aye Williams – Aye
Brejnik – Aye Ishmael – Aye

Council Reports & Comments	Mayor R. E. Graner asked for Council Reports and Comments.
Break-ins around the square	Alderman Randy Brejnik would like to know what is being done about all the break-ins that are happening around the square. Administrator Jonne Slemons said she would ask Chief Groom to brief the Council at the next meeting.
Several Street Lights out	Alderman Gene Ishmael reported that there are several street lights out. Gene commented that the Police Department can write down the street lights that are out.
Water Dept request a new AMI hand held	The Water Department would like to purchase a new hand held for the AMI meters. HD Supply is the only company that sells the reader that is compatible with Sensus. The cost for a new one is \$2,950.00.
Alderman Williams request list of dangerous properties	Alderman Todd Williams has not yet seen studies on the dangerous properties. Administrator Jonne Slemons told Alderman Todd Williams that she has given Jacob Denum seven properties and he is tackling each one at a time. He has sent letters to the property owners. Mayor R. E. Graner has no correspondence and appointments at this time.
Mayor's Christmas Tree	Mayor R. E. Graner reported that there were one hundred thirty-nine children from sixty-six families on the Mayor's Christmas Tree. The Angel Tree had sixty-eight children. Every present was picked up this year.
Firemen Chili Supper	Bethany Firemen Chili Supper is Saturday, January 7, 2017.
Closed Session	Motion made by Alderman Steve Miles to go into Closed Session for Legal at 6:30 p.m. and seconded by Alderman Todd Williams.

Miles – Aye	Williams – Aye
Brejnik – Aye	Ishmael – Aye

OPEN SESSION

Adjournment	Motion made by Alderman Randy Brejnik to adjourn at 6:41 p.m. and seconded by Alderman Todd Williams.
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Miles – Aye	Williams – Aye
Brejnik – Aye	Ishmael – Aye

R.E. Graner, Mayor

ATTEST:

Nita Schroff, City Clerk