

CITY OF TOULON
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 12, 2024
TOULON FIREHOUSE

PRESENT: Mayor Hollis, Barbara J Cantwell City Clerk, Kate Carter attorney

Donna Lefler, Art Nutzhorn 1st Ward Alderman

Michael Schott, Connie Jacobson 2nd Ward Alderman

Ryan Kelly, Brandon Simpson 3rd Ward Alderman

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Hollis called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

MINUTES TO THE JANUARY 8, 2024 MEETING: Page 2 under Report From City Employees/Committee Chairman removed the last sentence. Michael Schott made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Brandon Simpson 2nd motion passed.

CASH RECEIPT REPORT: Total Cash Receipt for January 2024 is \$85,581.37. Donna Lefler made a motion to approve the Cash Receipt Report for January 2024. Ryan Kelly 2nd motion passed.

TREASURER REPORT: The Treasurer Report for January 2024 is \$933,853.28. Donna Lefler made a motion to approve the Treasurer Report for January 2024. Connie Jacobson 2nd motion passed.

REPORT FROM CITY EMPLOYEES/COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN: Matt Forstrom reported the skid steer contract is up in June of 2024. Jake Streitmatter reported he has started the treatments in the lagoons for bacteria and ammonia. Donna Lefler reported she had approved the expenditure expense for the lagoon treatment. Ryan Kelly reported of incidents this month from police dept.

APPROVAL OF SUBMITTED CLAIMS: Brandon Simpson reported the invoice for Bobs Concrete was added to the claims list for the February payment. Ryan Kelly asked if the Visa bills were approved? Donna Lefler reported yes they were approved but no more small spending for tools. Brandon Simpson made a motion to approve the claims as submitted. Michael Schott 2nd, Ryan Kelly voted no, motion passed.

ATTORNEY REPORT: Nothing to report.

TURNER STREET: Matt Forstrom reported that Turner St has been started but Roto-Rooter had an emergency in Galesburg and would be back to finish up next week.

Donna Lefler made a motion to move the Unsewered Community Planning Report Grant, the Engineering Plans for Water Mains, and the Water Tower Grant later on the agenda, just until the engineer arrives for the meeting. Michael Schott 2nd, motion passed.

BASEBALL RAILING: Michael Schott reported Mitch Hulseley gave a quote for \$17,000.00 for 200 ft. of steel handrail for the ball diamond. The city will be responsible for the painting of the handrail. Riley Musselman did not get a quote back. This cost is TIF-eligible. Brandon Simpson made a motion to approve the Hulseley quote not to exceed \$17,000.00 for the hand railing at the baseball diamond. Michael Schott 2nd, motion passed.

WATER PLANT CAUSTIC: Nothing to report.

SEWER OPERATOR CONTRACT – JAKE STREITMATTER: No action was taken.

REVIEW ORDINANCE #755: The Mayor would like the rate of pay to be consistent across the board for the alderman and the same consistency for the clerk and the treasurer. Micheal Schott made a motion to table Ordinance #755 until the next meeting. Donna Lefler 2nd, motion passed.

PUBLIC CONCERNS: Art Nutzhorn asked if there was any way to get a grate on the ends of the new culvert on Jefferson Street.

HOMETOWN CONSULTANTS: Matt Fick and Cole McDaniel were present at the meeting and passed out 2 booklets that were made for Toulon. They asked the council to read them and contact them if there were any questions. They are planning on coming back in April 2024 with reports of the vacant buildings in town and what can be done. The clerk was ok'd to go ahead and pay Hometown Consultants the \$7,500.00 invoice for the first quarter.

MFT: The new resolution is for \$80,000 but the estimate comes in at about \$70,000.00 for the overage of adding rock and the 2 layers of seal coat to the full length of Elm Street. Donna Lefler made a motion to approve the MFT resolution for \$80,000.00. Michael Schott 2nd, motion passed.

Justin Reeise arrived at the meeting.

UNSEWERED COMMUNITY PLANNING REPORT GRANT: No news to report.

ENGINEERING PLANS FOR WATER MAINS: Justin would like to move forward on the whole town evaluating for main replacements.

WATER TOWER: Justin reported we received the permit just in time for the grant location that was submitted. NCICG said we should hear back on the grant in June or July.

PARKING LOT BALL DIAMOND: The Mayor reported the email stating the \$94,500.00 was a quote to all the lots which was incorrect. The ball diamond lot was not a part of the quote. There is an invoice for \$33,000.00 which is the city's portion of the diamond parking lot. Mr. Elliott took responsibility for the misunderstanding. An invoice for \$35,000.00 has been sent to the school for their portion. The City has already paid the \$94,500.00 which is the school's portion.

LAGOON TREATMENT: There is a quote from the Bugman Aquafix for \$5,400.00 and this is to kill the bugs until May in the lagoon.

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Michael Schott made a motion to approve \$5,400.00 for Vitastim Polar 30# pail plus shipping costs not to exceed \$6,000.00. Brandon Simpson 2nd, Ryan Kelly voted no, motion passed.

GARBAGE CONTRACT: The current contract is up at the end of Aril, 2024. Not pleased with the new garbage contractors (GFL). We will put ads in the paper, and we are happy with the same services that we have now. Curbside pickup weekly, free dumpster at the maintenance shed once a month, and free city-wide clean up twice a year.

RECYCLING CONTRACT: This contract is also up in April 2024. Eagle Enterprises would like to just extend the contract. The Mayor will contact Eagle Ent. and get more information.

CEMETERY CONTRACT: We have one bid for the cemetery from Bock's Lawn Care of \$29,897.00 for the mowing year of 2024. Michael Schott made a motion to approve the bid for \$29,897.00. Connie Jacobson 2nd, motion passed.

STARK COUNTY 4-H EQUINE: Michael Schott made a motion to approve a donation to Stark County 4-H Equine for \$250.00. Ryan Kelly 2nd, motion passed.

TIRES FOR BACKHOE: Matt Forstrom had a bid for tires from Moore Tires for the backhoe. Michael Schott made a motion to pay Moore Tires \$1,932.23 for 2 tires on the backhoe. Brandon Simpson 2nd, motion passed.

NEPTUNE 360 MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT: There was a quote from Ferguson Waterworks for our maintenance agreement on the pocket pro reader, the belt clip, and the Neptune 360 AMR for \$3,352.09. Donna Lefler made a motion to pay Ferguson Waterworks \$3,352.09. Michael Schott 2nd, motion passed.

Teresa Macy is to check with TJ about the 659 meters on the quote because there are only 530 meters read each month.

TOUCH SCREEN FOR WELLS: Jake Streitmatter reported the touch screen on the computer for the wells is failing. It's the original one that's been on there from

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the beginning. BEA has tried to calibrate it but that hasn't worked. Donna Lefler made a motion to pay BEA to replace the touch screen not to exceed \$3,000.00. Michael Schott 2nd, Ryan Kelly voted no, motion passed.

LOCATOR: Jake Streitmatter reported the current locator we currently have just picks up metal. The locator we borrowed from Vermeer is a demo but will locate copper and tracer wires. Michael Schott made a motion to pay Vermeer Midwest \$3,000.00 for the locator. Ryan Kelly 2nd, motion passed.

SEWER MAIN CONSIDERATIONS: This is a case where there have been 3 or 4 residents who have sewer problems and their pipes run under other people's property or in the middle of the roads. Michael Schott would like to be sure that the city is conscious of the changes that have been made to the property lines over the last 50 years, and where there were no houses before there are houses now and give them a break when there seem to be problems with their sewer system.

MAINTENANCE BUILDING GENERATOR 3-YEAR CONTRACT: RAB comes every year and goes through maintenance on the generator. We have an invoice for a 3-year generator annual maintenance contract for \$525.00 from RAB. Ryan Kelly made a motion to pay RAB Electric, Inc. \$525.00 for a 3-year maintenance contract. Michael Schott 2nd, motion passed.

Brandon Simpson reported that he no longer has any interest in any property that is in the TIF District.

TIF: Brandon Simpson made a motion to approve Jacob & Klein \$460.75 and Ec. Dev. Bloomington \$4,161.47 for a total of \$4,622.22. Also, FY2024-10 repay w/s

\$10,000.00. Art Nutzhorn 2nd, Donna Lefler voted no, Michael Schott abstained, motion passed.

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Donna Lefler made a motion to go into executive session 2© (1) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act for discussion of employment and performance of employees. Ryan Kelly 2nd, motion passed.

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Donna Lefler made a motion to go back into regular session. Connie Jacobson 2nd, motion passed.

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Ryan Kelly made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting. Michael Schott 2nd, motion passed.

Meeting adjourned.

