

MARCH 14, 2017

The Jerseyville City Council met in regular session on Tuesday, March 14, 2017, at 6:00 p.m. in the Jerseyville City Hall.

Roll call: Present were Commissioners Gary Goetten, Kevin Stork, Richard Perdun and Mayor Bill Russell. Also present was City Attorney Bill Strang. Comm. Steve Pohlman was absent.

Comm. Perdun led the opening prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

A motion was made by Comm. Stork and seconded by Comm. Goetten, to approve the minutes of the last regular meeting on February 28, 2017, Roll call vote showed all present voted aye, no nays, motion carried.

A motion was made by Comm. Stork, seconded by Comm. Perdun, to approve the bills as presented which totaled \$333,471.00. Roll call vote showed all present voted aye, no nays, motion carried.

A motion was made by Comm. Perdun, seconded by Comm. Stork, to approve the Shriners Annual Paper Drive to be held on September 16<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at the intersection of West County Rd and State Hwy #109. Roll call vote showed all present voted aye, no nays, motion carried.

SHRINERS FUNDRAISER SET FOR SEPT 16<sup>TH</sup>, 2017

Mayor Russell read a letter of resignation from Lisa Wieneke announcing her retirement from the City Clerk's office as of June 2, 2017. A motion was made by Comm. Stork, seconded by Comm. Goetten, to accept her resignation with regrets. Roll call vote showed all present voted aye, no nays, motion carried.

LISA WIENEKE RETIRES FROM THE CITY CLERKS OFFICE AS OF 6/2/17

A motion was made by Comm. Stork, seconded by Comm. Perdun, to donate \$200 to the KC Dinner Auction. Roll call vote showed all ayes, no nays, motion carried.

DONATION TO THE KC DINNER AUCTION FOR \$200

A motion was made by Comm. Perdun, seconded by Comm. Stork, to donate \$350.00 to the JCHS Theatre Friends to renew the City's membership. Roll call vote showed all present voted aye, no nays, motion carried.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL WITH THE JCHS THEATRE FRIENDS \$350

Comm. Stork spoke about the necessity of raising the rates of the Water & Sewer Department to cover the expenses. City funds were being used to subsidize the Water & Sewer Department, resulting in an existing debt of \$1.8 million and could no longer afford to do so. The City Clerk's office tested the actual data from the previous billing of water used in December-billed/paid in February to give the Council examples of the revenue that could be generated by increasing the minimum, reducing the amount of water allowed for a minimum bill, and/or increasing the rate per 100 gallons used above that minimum use on both the water and the sewer rate. We need to have revenue to cover infrastructure improvements and we have lines that date back to 1896 and the 1920's. After discussing several combinations of the changes, Comm. Goetten made a motion, seconded by Comm. Perdun, to change the rates to include a minimum of 1500 gallons for a minimum charge of \$48.00 with a \$.10 raise on both the water & sewer rate per 100 gallons of water used over 1500 gallons and build in a 2.5% increase over the minimum each year to handle the annual increases in payroll and the cost of operations. Roll call vote showed all present voted aye, no nays, motion carried. This raise would be effective on the water used in March billed to be paid during the month of May 2017.

**ORD #1692**  
WATER & SEWER RATE INCREASE  
1500 GAL MIN FOR \$48 WITH \$.10  
RAISE TO WATER & SEWER RATE  
AND A 2.5% ANNUAL RAISE ON USE  
OVER THE MIN

Comm. Goetten reported that the ball fields were ready for the season to begin. The Mayor again stated (in respect to the rate increase) in order to provide the services we do provide this action had to be taken. This was a very hard decision for the Council and, with the combined efforts of the employees & Council to research the information, they came to a difficult but informed decision. He also thanked Lisa Wieneke for her years with the City and wished her well. A motion was made by Comm. Stork, seconded by Comm. Goetten to go into closed session to discuss the sale and/or purchase of land. Roll call vote showed all present voted aye, no nays, motion carried. Open session resumed and a motion to adjourn was made by Comm. Perdun, seconded by Comm. Stork. Roll call vote showed all present voted aye, no nays, motion carried.

BALL FIELDS READY FOR 2017 SEASON

CLOSED SESSION DISCUSSING SALE/PURCHASE OF LAND

RESUME OPEN SESSION

ADJOURNMENT