

JULY 5, 2017

The Jerseyville City Council met in regular session on Wednesday, July 5, 2017, at 6:00 p.m. at the Jerseyville City Hall.

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

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

Retirement awards were presented to Lisa Wieneke for 30 years with the City Clerk's office and Marty Short with the Water/Sewer Department for 40 years with the City of Jerseyville.

LISA WIENEKE RETIRES

MARTY SHORT RETIRES

A motion was made by Comm. Perdun and seconded by Comm. Stork, to approve the minutes of the last regular meeting on June 20, 2017, Roll call vote showed all ayes, no nays, motion carried.

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

A motion was made by Comm. Stork, seconded by Comm. Goetten, to approve the bills as presented which totaled \$463,083.69. Roll call vote showed all ayes, no nays; motion carried.

BILLS APPROVED

A motion was made by Comm. Goetten and seconded by Comm. Perdun, to approve the appointment of Alan Karcher to the Board of Fire and Police Commissioners for a 3 year term to April of 2020. Roll call vote showed all ayes, no nays; motion carried.

ALAN KARCHER APT'S TO BRD OF FIRE & POLICE COMM.

A motion was by Comm. Stork and Comm. Pohlman to approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the City of Jerseyville and the Policemen's Benevolent Labor Committee effective July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018. Roll call voted showed all ayes, no nays; motion carried.

POLICE CONTRACT APPROVED

A motion was made by Comm. Goetten and seconded by Comm. Stork, to approve the renewal of the contract between the City of Jerseyville and IVEDC for trash removal. Comm. Goetten stated this is a two year contract in which IVEDC sends out 4 to 5 crews to remove trash at various locations throughout the City. The contract consists of a \$1.50 per hour increase per group/crew. Roll call vote showed all ayes, no nays, motion carried.

IVEDC CONTRACT FOR TRASH REMOVAL APPROVED

A motion was made by Comm. Perdun and seconded by Comm. Gotten, to approve a resolution regarding approval of an affidavit of non-acceptance of dedication of common ground in Miller's Park Estates and Miller's Park Estates, Phase 2. City attorney Strang mentioned at one time the City was going to create a park in the area Heidi Miller subdivided around lake, but now the City has decided against having a park in that area. By doing this formal refusal, Heidi Miller will be able to do something else with the property. Roll call voted showed all ayes, no nays; motion carried.

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NON-ACCEPTANCE OF GROUND FOR A PARK

A motion was made by Comm. Stork and seconded by Comm. Goetten, to approve the filing of the 2018 Appropriations Ordinance for public inspection with the public hearing scheduled for July 18 at 5:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers of the City Municipal building 115 E. Prairie St, Jerseyville. Comm. Stork mentioned this year's appropriations are \$310,000.00 less than last fiscal year in an effort to cut expenses. Roll call vote showed all ayes, no nays; motion carried.

2018 APPROPRIATIONS FILED FOR PUBLIC INSPECTION

Discussion was held regarding the Authorizing the sale of surplus real and personal property owned by the City of Jerseyville authorizing the issuance of a request for qualifications (RFQ) and confidential bid proposals (RFP) to purchase and operate the potable water and wastewater facilities and systems. Mayor Russell made an announcement that this process is strictly for review and an effort to establish value. A citizen's advisory committee is going to be formed with members being appointed by the Mayor. This committee will assist the Mayor and Council to review all the options available. The City is looking at the possibility of a regional water contract as one option but needs to get numbers to know what the City has to make an educated decision and move forward for the betterment of the community. The Mayor also stated he would rather do this than to see an increase in property taxes and/or rates especially with the possibility of a cut in

ORD# 1696 AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A REQUEST FOR RFQ & RFP FOR THE POTABLE WATER & WASTEWATER FACILITIES

funding from the State of Illinois. Comm. Pohlman stated he understands the legalities and time limits, but would like to have more input from the community with additional meetings.

Mike Bridgewater asked the Council if it could put out for bid and Attorney Strang responded that this process has to happen first. Attorney Strang mentioned the legislature of the Small Systems Viability Act passed in 2013 pertaining to municipalities having a hard time maintaining their water/sewer systems. He also mentioned a sunset provision until June 1, 2018 from the ICC.

Danny DeSherlia asked if approved, will the Council move forward without notice. Attorney Strang mentioned in the schedule there would be a public meeting before and after. Mayor Russell stressed this is going to be a community effort. Attorney Strang mentioned according to the Small Systems Viability Act all qualified employees must be offered employment. Mr. DeSherlia mentioned his concern that employees would maintain a position but would it be at another location. Mayor Russell said the Council will not move forward without input from the public. Mr. DeSherlia wanted to know if it could be put on a ballot for vote. Attorney Strang replied that because of the time schedule that would not be possible. Mayor Russell also stated we need to move forward because the water treatment plant will also need some major attention in the next 4 to 5 years and we need to know what our options are.

Comm. Stork stated that he is very interested in seeing what the numbers are from this process. The Council has met with regards to the Regional Water concept but until the City knows what they have to offer from the (RFQ) and (RFP) process they cannot make a decision.

Comm. Pohlman stated because of raising the rates recently, he would like to wait and see if we projected correctly with the additional revenue. He feels the plant belongs to the citizens.

Danny DeSherlia asked if it would be 11 months until approval and is the City committed to this. Attorney Strang said 7 months is the average without problems and if the City decides not to move forward with this then the Council would just vote it down.

Don Schaaf questioned why the City waited so long to do something. Both the Mayor and Attorney Strang said they have been meeting for a while to discuss the City's options beginning with the Regional Water Concept.

A motion was made by Comm. Perdun and seconded by Comm. Stork to approve authorizing the issuance of a request for qualifications (RFQ) and confidential bid proposals (RFP) to purchase and operate the potable water and wastewater facilities and systems. Roll call vote showed Goetten aye, Pohlman nay, Stork aye, Perdun aye, and Mayor Russell aye, motion carried. **ORD #1696.**

Under new business, Comm. Perdun complimented the fireworks display. Comm. Pohlman made mention of the upcoming fair parade wanting the community to come out and enjoy but to also be careful. Mayor Russell announced that Officer Miller is recovering well.

FIREWORKS DISPLAY
SAFETY IMPORTANT AT THE
FAIR PARADE
OFFICER MILLER DOING WELL

Under public comment, Mike Bridgewater questioned the results of the survey that was sent out previously. Mayor Russell said he would check with JEDC and get back to him.

A motion was made by Comm. Goetten and seconded by Comm. Stork to go into closed session to discuss personnel. Roll call vote showed all ayes, no nays, motion carried. Open session resumed and a motion was made by Comm. Stork, seconded by Comm. Perdun, to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 p.m. Roll call vote showed all ayes, no nays, motion carried

CLOSED SESSION FOR
PERSONNEL
RESUME OPEN SESSION
ADJOURNMENT