

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN
CITY OF BEL-NOR
September 19, 2016**

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Bel-Nor met in public session pursuant to law at the City Hall, 8416 Natural Bridge Road, Bel-Nor, MO 63121 at 7:30 p.m. September 19, 2016. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, the roll was called and the following members were present: Alderman Hook, Alderman Stephanie Kreis, Alderman Jan Nelson, Alderman Conrad Philipp, and Mayor Christina Buchek. Also present: Stephanie Karr, City Attorney, and Diana Krosnicki, City Clerk.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Following review by the Board, Alderman Nelson made the motion to approve the Minutes for August 15, 2016 and September 1, 2016 as submitted and Alderman Philipp seconded. Upon unanimous voice vote the Minutes for August 15, 2016 and September 1, 2016 were approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Rachel Burse, Accountant reviewed the Treasurer's Report for the month of August 2016. Following discussion and answering questions from the public Alderman Hook made the motion to approve the Treasurer's Report for the month of August 2016 and Alderman Nelson seconded. Upon unanimous voice vote the Treasurer's Report for August 2016 was approved as submitted.

REPORT OF THE SAFETY COMMITTEE:

Chief Ford read the monthly statistics report and answered questions from the public.

Chief Ford answered the public that best way to contact department is to call the watch phone.

Mayor Buchek said that she would like to publicly thank Chief Ford for all work he does and also work he does to solve crimes.

Mayor Buchek announced a new procedure for speaking at the meeting. She walked over to show where to stand to speak and explained the procedure would be to form a line, limit comments to 2 minutes, when done speaking have a seat.

Mayor Buchek said they can come up and speak again.

Mayor Buchek let the public know to give their name and address prior to speaking.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mayor Buchek addressed the discussion of the chicken ordinance.

Alderman Nelson made a motion for a 1st reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 240 of the municipal code pertaining to regulations and prohibitions on keeping of certain animals and Alderman Philipp seconded. Following unanimous voice vote Mayor Buchek gave the 1st reading of an ordinance amending Chapter 240 of the municipal code pertaining to regulations and prohibitions on keeping of certain animals.

Mayor Buchek explained the chicken ordinance proposed was a large document about the keeping of chickens, the number of chickens and coups allowed and what action taken.

Stephanie Karr, City Attorney said copies of the ordinance could be made available here for review until next month.

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Stephanie Karr, City Attorney answered Pat Flatley, 3010 Delavan that coups were limited by floor area, if there is an attached or detached garage or a shed and always a limit on the number of chickens.

Charlie McBride was told in regard to the development plan that it would be inspected prior to permit approval.

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Dennis Blase, 8128 Audrain said he was neutral on chickens and asked if the vast majority allow them.

Stephanie Karr, City Attorney explained to Dennis Blase that years ago prior to trend municipal attorneys started looking at ordinance to update from the blanket ordinance denying domesticated farm animals.

Douglas Anders asked if the utility tax will be collected once reserve met.

Alderman Nelson said once the reserve has been met, we have many trees that need to come down, some of the streets will need to be redone. She mentioned with the utility tax several years down the road the money could be used for that.

Stephanie Karr, City Attorney explained to Charlie McBride that in the 1950's it is the way the legal description was drawn up in regard to Bel-Nor being responsible for street Normandy that Greendale and the Golf Course use.

Stephanie Karr, City Attorney said there are a couple of options; a boundary revision or intergovernmental cooperation agreement with Greendale for approval.

Dave Ruth, 7300 Greendale, Treasurer for Greendale said Greendale made an offer to pay half of Bel-Nor's match and then Greendale would assume control and they were turned down.

The Board preferred to keep filing for Alderman in Bel-Nor in response to St. Louis County Election Board offer to do them.

Alderman Nelson made a motion to approve the certification of the election results for August 2, 2016 and Alderman Philipp seconded. The motion was approved by unanimous voice vote.

NEW BUSINESS:

Jocelyn McIntosh, 7651 Horatio said this area has not had any attention and she has not seen the trees trimmed, the grass cutting bad over on Horatio.

Alderman Kreis said that when the budget on track Horatio is on the list.

Paulette McIntosh, 2806 Woodview mentioned tree branches hanging in the street and the parking issues with cars on both sides of the street during the week.

Terri Brockschmitt, 2975 Clearview said that some houses have shared driveways for parking.

Terri Brockschmitt, 2975 Clearview also mentioned there are too many signs on the street.

Lodell Parks and Mike Hammock mentioned instances where told cars could not park in front of driveway.

Kimberly Scales, 8301 Racquet said there was no parking where she lived in Georgia.

Mayor Buchek let Jocelyn McIntosh know in regard to her issue of pot holes, curbs torn up and the area being a mess that engineer would be rating all the streets.

Following discussion and ordinance information given by the City Attorney regarding Board of Adjustment ordinance Alderman Nelson made a motion to park a dump truck at the residence and Alderman Kreis seconded. Diana Krosnicki, City Clerk gave a roll call vote. The roll call votes are as follows:

Alderman Hook, Nay;
Alderman Nelson, Nay;
Alderman Kreis, Nay;
Alderman Philipp, Nay. Application denied.

Stephanie Karr, City Attorney said cell phone tower request would need research for boundary is unknown.

Stephanie Karr, City Attorney said the city can't charge for use of the right of way.

Mike Hammock, 3047 Delavan mentioned pole could be dangerous if down too low.

Ameren Franchise Agreement no longer needed.

In response to the questions from Chuck Vogel, 2900 Ridgeview Mayor Buchek explained the loan renewal for \$36,000 with an interest rate of 4.35 % and the loan term for 3 years with a line of credit of \$100,000.

Mayor Buchek said the line of credit is in addition to the loan and that she talked to Steve Landry with Simmons Bank about the line of credit and there is no fee for non-use etc.

Mayor Buchek said that city pays street loan first and submit receipts for reimbursement and that line of credit is there if needed.

Stephanie Karr, City Attorney summarized how the tax rate is set and dictated by the Hancock Amendment.

Following discussion Alderman Philipp made a motion for a 1st reading of Bill No. 980 an ordinance establishing the annual rate of tax levy for the year 2016 on all property within the City of Bel-Nor and Alderman Kreis seconded. Following unanimous voice vote Mayor Buchek gave the 1st reading of Bill No. 980 an ordinance establishing the annual rate of tax levy for the year 2016 on all property within the City of Bel-Nor. Alderman Nelson made the motion for a 2nd reading of Bill No. 980 an ordinance establishing the annual rate of tax levy for the year 2016 on all property within the City of Bel-Nor and Alderman Kreis seconded. Following unanimous voice vote Mayor Buchek gave the 2nd reading of Bill No. 980 an ordinance establishing the annual rate of tax levy for the year 2016 on all property within the City of Bel-Nor. Following discussion Alderman Hook made the motion to approve Bill No. 980 an ordinance establishing the annual rate of tax levy for the year 2016 on all property within the City of Bel-Nor and Alderman Kreis seconded. Diana Krosnicki, City Clerk gave a roll call vote. The roll call votes are as follows:

Alderman Hook, Aye;
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Alderman Kreis, Aye;
Alderman Philipp, Aye.

Bill No. 980 becomes Ord. No. 948.

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Alderman Hook, Aye;
Alderman Nelson, Aye;
Alderman Kreis, Aye;
Alderman Philipp, Aye.

Bill No. 981 becomes Ord. No. 949.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

Alderman Philipp made a motion to move to closed and Alderman Nelson seconded.
Diana Krosnicki, City Clerk gave a roll call vote. The roll call votes are as follows:

Alderman Hook, Aye;
Alderman Kreis, Aye;
Alderman Philipp, Aye;
Alderman Nelson, Aye.

The Board convened in closed session at 10:11 p.m.

Motion was made by Bill to move back into open session. Jan seconded the motion. All members of the board voted "Aye" and the motion was approved.

The Board went back in open session at 10:15 pm.

Following discussion about police officer overtime, the Mayor presented an amendment to existing policy concerning the accrual of overtime for administrative police officers.

Motion was made by Conrad to approve the policy amendment. Jan seconded the motion. All members of the board voted "Aye" and the motion was approved.

Motion was made by Jan to adjourn the meeting. Stephanie seconded the motion. All members of the Board voted "Aye" and the motion to adjourn was approved.

The meeting adjourned at 10:20 pm.

Minutes prepared by Diana Krosnicki, City Clerk.

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Discussion was had concerning a personnel matter where individually identifiable information about police officers was part of the discussion, namely those officers scheduled for and who had worked overtime during the last few months.

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