

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN
CITY OF BEL-NOR
May 16, 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. May 16, 2016. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, the roll was called and the following members were present: Alderwoman Stephanie Kreis, Alderman Conrad Philipp, Alderman Eric Reese and Mayor Kevin Buchek. Also present: Stephanie Karr, City Attorney, and Diana Krosnicki, City Clerk.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Following review by the Board, Alderwoman Kreis made the motion to approve the Minutes for April 18, 2016 as submitted and Alderman Philipp seconded. Upon unanimous voice vote the Minutes for April 18, 2016 were approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

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

REPORT OF THE SAFETY COMMITTEE:

Cpl. Bova read Chief Ford's monthly report for April, 2016 which noted monthly statistics and incidents.

Cpl. Bova answered questions from the public regarding incidents in her report.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:

OLD BUSINESS:

Mayor Kevin Buchek read the definition of commercial vehicle in the ordinance.

Following discussion Mayor Kevin Buchek gave the 1st reading of Bill No. 967 Ord. No. 936 an ordinance amending the definition of "commercial vehicle" in subsection "A" of section 365.070 of the municipal code Alderman Reese made the motion for a 2nd reading of Bill No. 967 Ord. No. 936 an ordinance amending the definition of "commercial vehicle" in subsection "A" of section 365.070 of the municipal code and Alderwoman Kreis seconded. Following unanimous voice vote Mayor Kevin Buchek gave the 2nd reading of Bill No. 967 Ord. No. 936 an ordinance amending the definition of "commercial vehicle" in subsection "A" of section 365.070 of the municipal code. Following discussion Alderman Philipp made the motion to approve Bill No. 967 Ord. No. 936 an ordinance amending the definition of "commercial vehicle" in subsection "A" of section 365.070 of the municipal code and Alderwoman Kreis seconded. Diana Krosnicki, City Clerk made a roll call vote. The roll call votes are as follows:

Alderwoman Kreis, Aye;
Alderman Philipp, Aye;
Alderman Reese, Aye.

Bill No. 967 becomes Ord. No. 936.

Mayor Kevin Buchek announced change of order on agenda to continue old business and then he gave some background information on Debra Irvin and her proposal for inspection services.

Following discussion Mayor Kevin Buchek gave the 1st reading of Bill No. 968 Ord. No. 937 an ordinance approving an agreement with Debra Irvin for Inspection, permit review and consultation services and amending certain sections of the municipal code relating to various permit and inspection fees. Alderman

Philipp made the motion for a 2nd reading of Bill No. 968 Ord. No. 937 an ordinance approving an agreement with Debra Irvin for Inspection, permit review and consultation services and amending certain sections of the municipal code relating to various permit and inspection fees and Alderwoman Kreis seconded. Following unanimous voice vote Mayor Kevin Buchek gave the 2nd reading of Bill No. 968 Ord. No. 937 an ordinance approving an agreement with Debra Irvin for Inspection, permit review and consultation services and amending certain sections of the municipal code relating to various permit and inspection fees. Following discussion Alderman Philipp made the motion to approve Bill No. 968 Ord. No. 937 with the change of adding under Section 2 Number 2 the fee for an initial inspection and one re-inspection of a residential structure shall be \$100.00 and delete sections H, I, J, K and the last sentence in Section 2 Number 2 the fee for each re-inspection relating to the same permit application shall be Twenty-Five Dollars for both residential and commercial property and Alderman Reese seconded. Diana Krosnicki, City Clerk made a roll call vote. The roll call votes are as follows:

Alderwoman Kreis, Aye;
Alderman Philipp, Aye;
Alderman Reese, Aye.

Bill No. 968 becomes Ord. No. 937.

Following discussion Mayor Kevin Buchek gave the 1st reading of Bill No. 969 Ord. No. 938 an ordinance approving an agreement with General Code Corporation for the purpose of updating the municipal code and appropriating funds for same. Alderman Reese made the motion for a 2nd reading of Bill No. 969 Ord. No. 938 an ordinance approving an agreement with General Code Corporation for the purpose of updating the municipal code and appropriating funds for same and Alderwoman Kreis seconded. Following unanimous voice vote Mayor Kevin Buchek gave the 2nd reading of Bill No. 969 Ord. No. 938 an ordinance approving an agreement with General Code Corporation for the purpose of updating the municipal code and appropriating funds for same. Following discussion Alderman Philipp made the motion to approve an ordinance approving an agreement with General Code Corporation for the purpose of updating the municipal code and appropriating funds for same under Section 2 in the amount of \$5,000.00 this fiscal year and Alderwoman Kreis seconded. Diana Krosnicki, City Clerk made a roll call vote. The roll call votes are as follows:

Alderwoman Kreis, Aye;
Alderman Philipp, Aye;
Alderman Reese, Aye.

Bill No. 969 becomes Ord. No. 938.

NEW BUSINESS:

Diana Krosnicki, City Clerk read the Certification of the election results from the St. Louis County Election Board for the General Municipal Election on April 5, 2016. The election results were certified as follows:

Alderman Reese thanked the residents and the board members that served with him. Alderman Reese commended the new members and let them know he is only a phone call away.

Mayor Kevin Buchek read a certificate of appreciation to Alderman Reese for his dedicated service to the City of Bel-Nor.

Mayor Kevin Buchek explained that he always said he would not step down until he found a qualified person to take over as Mayor.

Mayor Kevin Buchek said the new Mayor is more qualified and organized.

Alderman Conrad Philipp read a certificate of appreciation to Mayor Kevin Buchek thanking him for his many years of dedicated service.

Mayor Christina Buchek announced the application for business license for 8406 Natural Bridge.

Applicant Sam Salem explained that he took over old Spiros restaurant and that he was new to food business but had ran a gas station and a convenience store.

Sam Salem said that it would be a family business and that he had three people to run the kitchen, experienced cooks.

Sam Salem said he would be open for breakfast, lunch and dinner 7 days a week between 7 a.m. (as allowed by same as construction) until 10:00 p.m.

Anna Hook, 2809 Wakonda asked about the grassy area in front of the restaurant and who would take care of it.

Sam Salem answered that he couldn't tell what part belongs to state and what part to property owner and that they were waiting to hear from the state.

Sam Salem answered Kevin Buchek, 8100 Audrain that inspection was done and there was a hot water leak to get taken care of.

Mayor Buchek asked if there is a motion for the business license?

Alderwoman Jan Nelson made the motion to approve the business license and Alderman Conrad Philipp seconded. Upon unanimous voice vote the business license was approved.

Mayor Christina Buchek mentioned the regulations on signs and Kevin Buchek went to get the ordinance on signs.

Following a motion, second and unanimous voice vote the board set aside the sign application.

Mayor Christina Buchek explained the close budget every year and that a 25% cushion was recommended by the person doing the bonds for the streets.

Mayor Christina Buchek said she spoke with other municipal leaders and did some research into the utilities tax and that it was based on a percentage and some cities charged up to 11 %.

The Board of Alderman and the public discussed percentages between 3 % and 6 %.

Alderman Bill Hook made a motion for a 1st reading of the Utility tax bill and Alderwoman Kreis seconded. Following unanimous voice vote Mayor Christina Buchek gave the 1st reading of Bill No. an ordinance calling for an election in the City of Bel-Nor seeking voter approval of a public utilities business license tax. The Board of Alderman tabled utility tax discussion and returned to the sign application. Stephanie Karr, City Attorney read the sign ordinance and said they would have to get a variance because poles are no longer allowed. It would have to go to board of adjustment.

Following discussion of the utility tax percentage, Alderwoman Jan Nelson made a motion for a utility tax and Bill Hook seconded. Following discussion a motion was made by Bill Hook to approve utility tax with additions of 6% and name of Proposition 1 and Alderwoman Kreis seconded. Diana Krosnicki, City Clerk gave a roll call vote. The roll call votes are as follows:

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

Bill No. 970 becomes Ord. No. 939.

MISCELLANEOUS:

Alderwoman Jan Nelson asked Stephanie Karr, City Attorney about ordinances of decency and vacant property.

Stephanie Karr, City Attorney explained procedures for sending notice on vacant properties, keeping vacant property list up to date and getting a lien.

Stephanie Karr, City Attorney answered Alderwoman Nelson that there is a bill in legislation and 4th Class City doesn't have authority to charge rental property fee and there is a legal issue with Charter City.

Mayor Christina Buchek mentioned the public notice for public hearing of Community Development Block Grant Funds, the Bel-Nor website of Bel-Nor.org and the Bel-Nor Chimes.

Following a motion, second and unanimous voice vote the meeting adjourned.

Minutes prepared by Diana Krosnicki, City Clerk.