

Shawneetown City Council Meeting

Monday, March 13, 2023. Called to order by Acting Mayor Steve Wood @ 6:00 PM

Agenda

Roll Call-absent: Michael Blaine

February Minutes

-Motion by Brandon Vickery, 2nd by June Rushing to approve February Meeting Minutes as presented. Motion passed

Guest Commentary-

- 1) Norma Dunk here to talk about TIF application and process.
- 2) Mark Harmon discussed Legion wanting to extend the fence down the property line.

Police Department Report-Meth, drugs, stolen goods, and a person locked in the American Legion were main issues.

-The Police Committee has asked for a hiring application to be completed by Garry Jones.

Fire Department Report-State Fire Marshall will help get dilapidated

homes/buildings torn down if we will send him pics and a letter.

-FD is short over \$14,000 to purchase two new boat motors. Fundraiser brought in not quite half of the needed money.

Water & Sewer Report-Lost power and blew a fuse during big March 3rd rain.

-Pharmacy line from meter in need of replacement.

Streets & Park Report-David Hardin says ditch filled up and water got in home.

Gas Dept Report-Account looking much better.

TIF Report- Committee met and decided not to give any money to individuals or businesses. Some misunderstandings were hashed out and that now may not be the recommendation by all committee members.

-Housing Authority to give City of Shawneetown 6 lots to be used for new park located between W. Logan and W. Wilson Ave. and butting up against Lincoln Blvd.

Treasurer's Report-Treasurer's Report accepted by the council.

Monthly Bills-Motion by Brandon Vickery, 2nd by Lisa Smith to approve monthly bills.
Motion passed.

Old Business-

1. Liquor Ordinance-add one line and then sign next month.
2. Employee evaluations-2 times a year. Will start this week.
3. Illinois Vehicle Code Ordinance-No update
4. Cameras-cost includes taxes; will be lower at purchase
 - a. Phase I to be \$3,163 for City Hall and FD. Real-time
 - b. Phase II to be \$4,074 for Park and Maint. Bldg

New Business

1. Mowing bids-Call insurance about high voltage and lagoon. Meet again after insurance questions.
 - a. Steve Dunk \$1,800 weekly including spray
 - b. Kenny Hewitt \$7,000 monthly
 - c. Audie Goebel \$1,220 weekly; \$325 per spray as needed
2. Side by side crossing-Garry should give tickets for crossings anywhere but McClain.
 - a. \$50 to get sticker for side by side by end of April
 - b. \$75 to get a sticker if purchased in May or later.
3. Saline Valley increased water price from \$3.49/1,000 gallon to \$3.77/1,000 gallons.
 - a. 8% increase overall. Will need to increase minimum charge 8% as well as water prices in computer program.
4. 2nd police officer-when the application is finished, it will be published.
5. Easter Egg Hunt-On mall April 1st. Motion by Lisa Smith and 2nd by Sheryl Scherrer to donate \$1,000 from the COVID fund to the Egg Hunt for prizes. Motion passed.
6. State Records-Retention office to return in April to let us know what we can shred. Has not been done since 1993.
7. Motion to go into Closed Session to discuss salaries and positions by Lisa Smith, 2nd by Sheryl Scherrer. Motion passed. Closed session entered at 8:20 PM
8. Motion to return from closed session by Brandon Vickery, 2nd by Sheryl Scherrer. Motion passed. Return from closed session at 9:07 PM
9. Motion by Brandon Vickery, 2nd by June Rushing to take \$14,500 out of COVID account to pay for 2 motors for Fire Dept boat. Motion passed.

Motion to adjourn by Lisa Smith, 2nd by Brandon Vickery. Motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 PM

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