

Council Meeting 07/01/2024

Minutes taken by Emily Bessette, City Clerk

Meeting:

Time: 6:00 PM

Presiding Officer: Mayor Anthony DaPrato

Council Present: Ball, Seals, Lister, Moore, Moeller

Attorney Barnes: Present

Employees: Shannon Seals, Emily Bessette, Dustin Bretsnyder

Visitors: Per Registry

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Mayor Anthony DaPrato.

Reading of Minutes

The minutes for the council meeting on March 4, 2024 were read for council input and approval. Motion to approve corrected and completed minutes by Lister, second by Moore, Seals abstained. Motion carried.

6/13/2024 Minutes

No action taken due to questions on vacation time.

6/17/2024 Minutes

Motion to approve minutes with correction to state "to allow kayaks" by Seals, 2nd by Lister, motion carried.

6/26/2024 Minutes

Motion to approve corrected minutes to state "Motion by K. Seals to pay from equipment reserve fund to pay from AXON down payment of the \$30,000.00 purchase. The remain balance of 43,829.70 will be divided into five annual payments of \$8,765.95 to be paid in January excessively until paid. Motion by Seals to approve corrected minutes with corrected numbers, 2nd by Lister, Motion carried.

Tom Barnes

Tom Barnes was sworn in by Emily Bessette as the duties of city attorney. First meeting of each month he covers Harveyville so about 15 minutes till he will start packing up.

Tyler Beckman

Tyler read in the paper that Carbondale East Lake was now a no wake lake due to kayaks. He has been fishing for the last 7 years. During that time kayaks, paddleboards and other boats have been on the lake with no issues. It takes 15 minutes to cross the lake as a no wake lake. He brought up that different sizes

of boats make different sizes of wakes. Beckman is concerned kayaks will take over the lake like they have at Lone Star lake. His boat goes 30 miles per hour. He talked about fisherman code where you slow down if you pass another fisherman. There are certain people who don't follow that but they are the same ones who have bonfires and leave beer bottles which is against lake rules. He had the idea on putting buoys out for part of the lake to be no wake or even making it seasonal. K. Seals mentioned it is a community lake not just a fishing lake so both should be allowed on the lake. The no wake forces boaters to slow down. Topic tabled until 7/15/2024. There was discussion on the number of lakes around that allow kayakers and how they have overtaken lakes. It was suggested for Beckman to look at the map of the lake and see if there is a spot he feels best to designate for a kayaking area. Beckman brought up he doesn't know how Carbondale Police Department can give a boat a ticket by running radar, are they going to sit there for six hours until they come in? Now they are five miles out of town when most recently there been having quite a few issues in town that they are needed for.

Lions Club

Kelli Moore wrote in requesting a sponsorship for fall festival 2024. In 2023 City of Carbondale donated \$2,500 which paid for the band. Donations come from General Operating account. Motion by Lister to donate \$2,500 to the Lions Club for Fall Festival, 2nd by Seals, motion carried.

The band does have his own trailer but they are unsure about power. Discussion on power verse using the generator. There was a consensus The Lions Club could use the generator. It is a good idea to run the generator to make sure it is functioning.

Ordinance No 277

Lister wants to put a time limit on meetings. She suggested there was too much chitchat during the meetings. Barnes stated it falls on the mayor to keep the meeting going to just simply state we have heard as much as we need to, next topic and move on. Everything on the agenda does have to be discussed. K. Seals spoke that he didn't think Ball would make it on time during the school year. Moore and Lister get off at 4:00. Often Moore works out of town so he would like to keep it at 7:00. Barnes stated 6:00 works so well for him but it is the City of Carbondale's meeting so it is up to them. Lister didn't care either way. Seals questioned what section three was in Ordinance No 277. Barnes suggested taking that part out of the meeting. Seals wanted to try 6:00 for a period of time but meeting time is set by ordinance. No motion was made so time stayed at 7:00. No action taken.

Barnes left the meeting at 6:40pm

Police

There have been no issues with the firework stands.

New cameras have been ordered and contract signed. Discussion on how set up will work and when. (*Ball arrived to meeting*) There will be no downtime without any equipment, they will do them one by one.

Moore had questions on fireworks being illegal. Chief Seals mentioned they don't have a real way of monitoring because by the time the firework has went off the proof has been blown up so unless they see it ahead of time. Modified fireworks also make it difficult. They do code enforcement for leaving trash in the streets. With the high-water levels some things recently have been washed out of ditches.

K. Seals had questions with tires being in ditches and it is being addressed.

Executive Session

Seals made a motion to go into executive session for 15 minutes to discuss nonelected personnel. Resuming at 7:08PM. 2nd by Ball. Meeting resumed, in executive session for 15 minutes with no decisions made.

Maintenance

Water plant is doing good. They have sprayed for weeds and knocked some down.

The forms are still on the dock but they can be pulled whenever. The dock should be showing up next Monday. It is going on the opposite side of the boat ramp.

There is an older gentleman who had a large amount of gravel/asphalt wash into his yard from the flooding. Consensus this does not fall on the city to remove from his yard. Ditches are the homeowner's responsibility, culverts are the owner's responsibility unless needs replaced, the water was coming over the road due to flooding. Consensus was that we can not do it for one and not for others since this was not a city issue that caused it. We got approximately eight inches of rain in a matter of hours.

They have been working on alleys and getting gravel put back into them that was washed out.

Mike Fulton called about a down tree in the easement on Wells where the house burned down. It is the homeowner's responsibility.

Bretsnyder said to go by the original street bids that he put in because they aren't even going to be able to get to all of those. He would like to next week patch some streets starting with 4th street terrace and then Kansas. David and 2nd were mentioned. Bretsnyder hopes to rent a cold planer to smooth them out. It will chew them out and asphalt can be put in the smooth them out. If they cannot get a cold planer they will have to dig them.

K. Seals had questions on the taste of the water. Bretsnyder mentioned they have had complaints on color, taste, order. Bretsnyder asked K. Seals what his complaint was and he responded he just hates water and Bretsnyder responded then don't drink it followed by laughs. Up until the last week the water has been fine and now has an after taste. City Hall water also has a bad taste. Bretsnyder mentioned last week there was a bridge in the carbon and it has been taken care of. Pipes in this town are old so they can play in the taste of water, in a perfect world water has no taste at all. Moore mentioned there are days he gags on the smell that comes out of his faucet but then the next day it is fine.

Bluegreen algae is pretty much nonexistent at Carbondale East Lake. There was one very low test result for Bluegreen algae. There is none visible at the lake and testing will continue until around November. The wind also creates a wave action pulling it under. There is no big bloom.

Josh Shreve was called out over the weekend to push brush at the forestry dump. He was there about 1 ½ hours but will get a 2-hour minimum for call out. Moore mentioned that forestry dump hours need to be approved through the Mayor and any unapproved hours will not be paid on payroll.

Trash rates

The \$0.75 increase for trash rate will be go on the customer's bill. Discussion on if rates needed to be put in the newspaper. Clerk will reach out to attorney.

Other Business

K. Seals brought up that it has been three or four years since the office computers have been updated. He presented two different quotes. One of the quotes was through Dell and was an all-in-one computer for \$1,076.702 and the other was for a monitor with the tower separate for \$815.54. Jayhawk is \$2,600. The all-in-one Dell does include a 3-year warranty. The old computers would be cleaned and trashed. Concerns with displacing staff while in the middle of budget, staff will not be affected. Motion by Seals to purchase two Dell OptiPlex All-in-One 7420 computers at the rate of \$1,076.70 each for the city office staff. 2nd by Moeller, Motion carried.

K. Seals presented a switch that is 16 ports. The switch currently in use is too small, eight ports. There are no extra ports at this time if one were to go bad or we needed to add too. There was also discussion on WIFI. Passwords have been changed but current WIFI is still accessible through the outside world. Two would be needed, one for the office and one for the police department. With it we could still work internally if the internet provider went down. It would help with accreditation as well since we are securing things better. K. Seals made a motion to purchase a TP-Link TL-SG1016PE, 16 port, Gigabit POE Switch from Amazon for \$145.56. 2nd by Moore, Motion Carried.

Chief Seals will check with Verizon Data Limits for transferring files.

Black Box under Treasurer's desk is a box that backs up Jayhawk to Jayhawk. Jayhawk wanted \$1,200 to replace the box. Thumb drives can be used to back it up. They can be encrypted as well as the PC. There is a new version of Jayhawk coming out that will be discussed at the next meeting. K. Seals stated to tell treasurer Michael Martin to be at the next meeting. Currently Jayhawk is only being backed up to the computer. Quickbooks and Jayhawk is only on the treasurer's computer. There is a box that can be converted to a server. K. Sands is off work on July 5, 2024 and will try to make it in then to work on it. This will give even more security.

Notes and FYI

Improvement Reserve deposits and purchases were reviewed. Council is still wanting to know what classifies money to go into the improvement reserve. City clerk and treasurer will continue to research it. Question on line item on budget that states 2023 budget on deposit to improvement reserve. Office staff has started budget and clerk does not remember seeing that as a line item but will check. What are we using it for and where is it coming from. Clerk stated it would take a lot of time to research individual deposits back from 2020. Clarification on if there are line items on budget for these deposits. Budget is started and county treasurer is not sending information this year and it will have to be estimated.

It would be nice to use some of the improvement reserve on the park as well as city hall, maintenance, and water plant security. Issuing keys to nonemployees could affect the accreditation.

Financial Statements from Gordon CPA audit is in the FYI folder.

No extension request.

Bills

Discussion on why a motion was needed for looking at the bills. Motion by K. Seals that they looked at the bills, 2nd by Ball, motion carried.

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn by Lister, 2nd by K. Seals, Motion carried at 8:08pm.