

March 18, 2013

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm by Mayor McCormick.

Roll Call: Evans, Skelton, Albers, Thomas & Nolan Absent: Blackstock

Opening prayer was offered by Mayor McCormick.

Skelton made motion to accept the minutes from the February 18, 2013 board meeting, as issued in print, with second from Nolan. Vote: 5-0
Motion carried.

Thomas made motion to accept the minutes from the Police and Water & Sewer committee meetings on March 5, 2013, as issued in print, with a change noted of: "striking 'and Albers' from the second paragraph under ordinance violations, first sentence" with second from Albers. Vote: 5-0
Motion carried.

Skelton made motion to approve the treasurer's report, subject to audit with second by Nolan. Vote: 5-0 Motion carried

Citizen Concern:

LeBron was not present at the meeting to address the one-way alley issue. McCormick explained which alley was in question. No further discussion was had about the issue.

Maintenance personnel reports:

- Conrad explained that the Chevy 2500 dump truck had been damaged, while plowing snow, by a man-hole cover getting lodged in the underneath of the truck causing approximately \$2600.00 damage. The insurance company has been notified and an adjuster has examined the truck. Truck will be taken for repairs as soon as possible.
- Conrad reported that the hole in the road at 100 E. Race Street is getting bigger and needs attention. The hole is a result of the storm drain pipe collapsing. Skelton asked about the easement. Conrad stated that he had the contact information on the owner of the property that is involved and will make contact once the issue of easement is decided.
- Conrad reported that the used John Deere tractor, which belonged to Mason City, is up for sale at a price of \$45,500.00. The size of the tractor was discussed. Skelton stated that this could not be afforded at this time.
- Conrad reported that there was a sewer blockage in the 300 block of south First Street. Hunter Sewer Service was called to "jet" the line which resulted in a 3' root ball being removed from the line.

Mayor:

- McCormick reported that Russell Hancock had quit his position as part-time maintenance person.
- McCormick informed the board about the reception and proclamation that will take place on April 15, 2013 to honor the Illini Central Basketball team on their State Championship. The reception will be from 5:00pm-6:30 pm at the lodge with the proclamation and presentation of plaque to follow. There will be refreshments served at the reception.

Clerk:

No topics discussed.

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Engineer:

-Burris presented a letter to an IDOT representative requesting signs to reflect the state championship accomplishment of the Illini Central Cougars to be displayed at the village limits on Rt. 136. McCormick will sign said letter and send it to IDOT and await response. McCormick stated that if the signs were not available through this avenue with IDOT then the head coach (Giesler) has stated that the school would purchase the two (2) signs to be placed in the same location for the village. Burris was thanked for his help with obtaining these signs.

-Burris stated that he was going to be meeting with K. Albers in regards to finishing the water mains project. Money for said project will come through grant money and a loan. Burris will report back as progress is made.

-Nolan asked about the aforementioned drainage issue that was discussed during maintenance reports. Burris stated he would look into the easement issue at his next visit to the Mason County Courthouse and report back with his findings later this week in a meeting with Conrad.

-Committee Reports-

Water & Sewer:

-K. Albers and Coon's water reports were reviewed. Nolan asked Coon about the increase in the percentage of the unaccounted for water loss. Coon could not give an explanation about the increase. There was discussion about the thawing of the ground being a possible cause.

-Nolan made motion to accept the recommendations from the March 5, 2013 Water & Sewer committee meeting with second from Thomas.

Vote: 4-1 (Skelton, Abstain; Family) Motion carried

Break was taken for board members to review outstanding bills.

Meeting resumed. Skelton made motion to pay outstanding bills with second from Nolan. Vote: 5-0 Motion carried

Police:

-Hodgson reviewed the report that was issued in print.

-Hodgson explained that he had been chosen to participate in an out-of-state training conference to be held April 7-11, 2013 that is being completely funded (airfare, lodging, and meals) by the organization sponsoring the event. Hodgson asked if the board would consider paying his normal wages during the time he would be attending this conference. There was discussion about the type of training to be attended and Hodgson pointed out that this training would go as part of his normally needed training hours for his state certification. Nolan made motion to pay Hodgson his normal wages for four (4) days while attending this conference with second from Albers. Call of roll: Blackstock; Absent, Evans; Aye, Skelton; Aye, Albers; Aye, Thomas; Aye, Nolan; Aye Vote: 5-0 Motion carried

-Nolan asked Hodgson why the squad car was not involved in the procession of cars, "parade", which came through San Jose with the returning Illini Central Basketball team after their State Championship victory. Hodgson explained that Spickard had contacted him in regards to this "parade" and offered to drive the squad car if requested to do so. Hodgson stated that Spickard took it upon himself to wash the car and no further contact was made between Hodgson and Spickard in regards to the car being in the "parade". Nolan stated her disappointment and asked that in the future Hodgson contact a board member or the Mayor in regards to the need for participation in such an event.

-Albers made motion to accept the recommendations from the March 5, 2013 Police committee meeting with second from Nolan. Vote: 5-0 Motion carried.

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Buildings & Grounds:

-Nolan reported that there was a problem with an abandoned house at 105 W. Walnut Street where the gas company was called due to a smell coming from the house. Said smell was found to be coming from dead and decaying animal carcasses in the house. Hodgson was asked to contact the Mason County Health Department to see what could be done to take care of this matter.

Streets & Alleys:

-McCormick explained that a load of gravel had already been ordered following a conversation with Engineer Burris that showed a \$1000.00 allotment in the budget for the purchase of gravel. A second load will be ordered if deemed necessary.

-Skelton explained that he had been asked by a citizen if the village would deliver gravel to their driveway for personal use, understanding that a fee would be involved. Skelton stated that he had explained to this citizen that the village is not interested in doing things of this nature due to the potential for the high demand for such a service.

Health:

-Evans stated he would also be looking into the health issue at the 105 W. Walnut Street house and report back with his findings.

Old business:

-McCormick reported that the change in insurance for Hodgson would begin April 1, 2013. This change will be discussed further in the April board meeting and voted on at that time.

New business:

No topics discussed.

Nolan made motion to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55pm

Recorded by:

Stacy Coon, Village Clerk

Money turned in:

Water Deposit (Canada & Kohtz): \$150.00

ATV sticker renewal: \$50.00

Building Permit (Gattung, Thomas, Hancock): \$150.00

Lion's Club (Lodge rental): \$60.00

San Jose Homemakers (Lodge rental): \$20.00

Solicitor's License: \$25.00

Liquor License (Casey's #1613) \$250.00

Lodge Rental: \$ 40.00