

**CITY OF TOULON**  
**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**  
**MAY 13, 2024**  
**TOULON FIREHOUSE**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Hollis, Barbara J Cantwell City Clerk, Kate Carter attorney

Donna Lefler, Art Nutzhorn 1<sup>st</sup> Ward Alderman

Michael Schott, Connie Jacobson 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward Alderman

Ryan Kelly, Brandon Simpson 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward Alderman

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Hollis called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**MINUTES TO APRIL 8, 2024 MEETING:** No corrections or amendments. Brandon Simpson made a motion to approve the April 8, 2024 minutes. Art Nutzhorn 2<sup>nd</sup>. Ryan Kelly and Donna Lefler abstained, motion passed.

**MINUTES TO APRIL 23, 2024 SPECIAL MEETING:** No corrections or amendments. Michael Schott made a motion to approve the April 23, 2024 minutes. Brandon Simpson 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passed.

**CASH RECEIPT REPORT:** Total Cash Receipts for April 2024 is \$83,151.58. Donna Lefler made a motion to approve the Cash Receipts for April 2024. Michael Schott 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passed.

**TREASURER REPORT:** The Treasurer Report for April 2024 is \$768,787.09. Donna Lefler made a motion to approve the Treasurer Report for April 2024. Art Nutzhorn 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passed.

**REPORT FROM CITY EMPLOYEE/COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN:** Matt Forstrom reported the stairs at the ball diamond are finished just need to be painted and

put some grass seed down, also Turner Street is finished but still needs the dirt moved out and graded. Ryan Kelly read a list of stops and complaints from the police dept.

**APPROVAL OF SUBMITTED CLAIMS:** Brandon Simpson made a motion to approve the submitted claims. Connie Jacobson 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passed.

**ATTORNEY REPORT:** The notices have been sent to 213 East Greenwood and 311 Fuller Streets with no response, so the office has prepared complaints for filing with the court for the mayor's signature and review. Once those are filed with the court the demolition procedures can be done. They will have 30 days to respond.

Donna Lefler made a motion to move Justin Reeise's engineering reports until he arrived at the meeting. Michael Schott 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passed.

**REVIEW OF ORDINANCE #755 & 704:** These ordinances are for the alderman, treasurer, and clerks pay. The mayor is going to write something up that will be a fair representation of what should be done. Then the council can look at it. Tabled till later.

**POLICE VEHICLE:** Gary Bent reported that he asked for another quote for the GMC truck. The incentives are different every month so whenever we decide to purchase it, we will have to go with whatever incentives they have for that month. Gary would also like the council to just set an amount not to go over for the equipment needed on the truck because prices change constantly. Going to use the standard radios until Henry County gets their updating done, then we can go to the radios we bought so we will only have to pay once for the programming. Michael Schott made a motion to purchase the GMC from Light House Buick for \$60,806.00, not to exceed \$61,000.00. Art Nutzhorn 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passed.

**HEALTH INSURANCE:** The council discussed health insurance and decided to table it at a special meeting. Michael Schott made a motion to table the Health Insurance for a special meeting. Donna Lefler 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passed.

**R/O WATER SYSTEMS ELECTRONICS UPGRADE:** This has to do with the electronics at the water plant. The electronic circuit needs to be updated on the r/o system. The quoted price is \$41,200.00 from Britton Electronics. Donna Lefler made a motion to go with the HS/PLC and RO PLC quote for \$41,200.00 from Britton for the water plant. Ryan Kelly 2<sup>nd</sup>, Brandon Simpson and Michael Schott voted nay, motion passed.

**PUBLIC CONCERNS:** Ty and Eddy Pullen were present at the meeting and would like to see the Spoon River Drive back in Toulon. The Mayor asked them to come to the Civic Association meetings on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of every month @6:00 p.m. John Gerard was present and would like things cleaned up around the town.

Justin Reese arrived at the meeting. He reported that the MFT program was approved but still waiting for them to finalize the specifications. The lead line inventory was submitted on April 15 then the EPA changed what they wanted. Letters must be sent out 30 days after the inventory is approved. The city will have to undertake a plan within the next 15 years to replace lead service lines. If a homeowner would replace the line on their own that would make the city replace our side also. A homeowner can have their water tested for lead they just have to notify the city. The city does not have to pay for it but needs to decide how the city wants to handle it. Nothing new on the tower grant but don't expect anything until the summer.

**EMPLOYEE POLICIES:** Moved June 19<sup>th</sup> to a Wednesday from a Friday, removed the paid sick leave paragraph from the first page and left it on the 2<sup>nd</sup> page but removed the sentence that says paid leave can be used for any reason.

**APPOINTMENTS:** Will remain the same as last year with no Water & Sewer Supt.

**HOMETOWN CONSULTING:** Cole McDaniel was present and told the council of the 6-month recommendations they recommend. The recommendations consist of creating a comprehensive business development resource program, developing

a marketing plan for community success stories, organizing a business competition, performing an online analysis of the city's economic development

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presence their website, preparing for the USDA RDBG grant application, and developing a marketing brochure for a new residential subdivision.

**HIGH-SERVICE PUMP REPLACEMENT:** Both of the high-service pumps lost their prime and the city lost water pressure. There is a rebuilt one that they are going to try to get up and going but there is not a 2<sup>nd</sup> one or a spare one.

**SKID STEER LEASE/SKID STEER:** Matt Forstrom did not recommend keeping the skid steer we currently have. The quote he got is for a lease from Martin Equipment for \$76,120.00. This is tabled for next month.

**SEWER SCREEN BUCKETS:** These are buckets for the sewer plant. Matt got several quotes from Easy Rack, \$2,238.00, Grainger \$1,447.95, A Plus \$1,903.75, Industrial Steel Dumping Hopper \$1,685.00, Hulsey Welding \$3,000.00. There are 2 needed at the plant. Michael Schott made a motion to purchase 2 manure buckets from Husley Welding for \$3,000.00. Connie Jacobson 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passed.

**WILLOW STREET DUST CONTROL:** Connie Jacobson made a motion to pay ERS Environmental Solutions Dust Control \$3,500.00. Brandon Simpson 2<sup>nd</sup>, Michael Schott voted no, motion passed.

**APPROPRIATIONS:** These are preliminary numbers for the council to look over and will have to be approved by July.

**PARK GRANT ADMINISTRATION NCICG:** NCICG will administer this grant for us for \$5,000.00. They will handle everything, manage the money, pay the bills, and set up the savings and checking accounts. Brandon Simpson made a motion to pay NCICG \$5,000.00 for administrating the duration of the park grant. Michael Schott 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passed.

**FAITH BAPTIST CHURCH/ORDINANCE #963 DONATION AGREEMENT:** Art Nutzhorn is leaving the council and wants to donate the building to the city. The city could use the basement for the police dept. and the upstairs for the council meetings. Brandon Simpson made a motion to approve Ordinance #963 An Ordinance Approving the Acceptance of Donation of 310 E. Vine, Toulon, Illinois.

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Michael Schott 2<sup>nd</sup>, Art Nutzhorn abstained, motion passed.

**ORDINANCE #955:** This ordinance is for the maintenance of the sewer. Michael Schott reported that he has had people making complaints. The ordinance says that the homeowner is responsible for the lateral. Michael Schott would like to see if the city could rewrite the ordinance to be more accommodating to the homeowner.

**TIF:** Brandon Simpson made a motion to pay Jacob & Klein \$457.95 and Economic Dev Group \$1,831.80 totaling \$2,289.75. Art Nutzhorn 2<sup>nd</sup>, Donna Lefler voted no, Michael Schott abstained, motion passed.

Donna Lefler made a motion to pay FY2025-1, repay w/s \$1,000.00, and Teresa Macy \$500.00 a quarter making it \$2,000.00 for the year for a total of \$3,000.00. Art Nutzhorn 2<sup>nd</sup>, Michael Schott abstained, motion passed.

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Michael Schott made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Art Nutzhorn 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion passed.

