**TOULON CITY COUNCIL**

**RGULAR MEETING**

**JANUARY 13,2025**

**TOULON FIREHOUSE**

**PRESENT:** Mayor, Barbara J Cantwell, Kate Carter city attorney

Donna Lefler, Mitch Hulsey Alderman Ward #1

Michael Schott, Connie Jacobson Alderman Ward #2

Ryan Kelly (absent), Brandon Simpson Alderman Ward #3

**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 THE DECEMBER 9, 2024 MEETING:** Page 2 misspelled Reeise under Engineer Report. Page 3 changed I to he and changed where the trees were to be planted from the school to the sewer plant under Al Curry Free Trees. Under Employee Rates changed raises on the 3rd sentence to review and the word resend to rescind. Added the paragraph below employee rates to be Christmas Bonuses. Page 5 under Trees on N Fuller Street the 6th line changed the word draw to drop. Page 6 under TIF changed from Fy-2025-7 to FY-2025-7. Brandon Simpson made a motion to accept the amended minutes of the December 9th, 2024 meeting. Donna Lefler 2nd, Ryan Kelly absent, motion passed.

**CASH RECEIPT REPORT:** Total Cash Receipt for December 2024 is $108,902.94. Donna Lefler made a motion to accept the Cash Receipt Report for December 2024. Brandon Simpson 2nd, Ryan Kelly absent, motion passed.

**TREASURER REPORT:** Total Treasurer Report for December 2024 is $1,179,894.00. Donna Lefler made a motion to accept the December 2024 Treasurer Report. Connie Jacobson 2nd, Ryan Kelly absent, motion passed.

**REPORT FROM CITY EMPOLOYEES/COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN:** Matt Forstrom reported they are shutting the water plant down at 8:00 p.m. to put in the high service water pumps.

Matt also talked to Justin Reeise about starting work on the MFT program. The plan is to pave West Jefferson Street from Franklin Street to South Henderson Street. East Court Street will be paved also. James King reported some problems at the water plant which was just a bad board at the R/O. James reported that Kurt would like to go electronic on the monthly reports and all the paperwork. Donna Lefler reported she gave James’s permission to buy the lime, chlorine cylinders and anti scalant. Donna would also like the city to start publishing any meetings or notices electronically by using the website localpublicnotices.org. The Illinois Municipal League is encouraging municipalities to use this. Donna wants Brad Milburn to start doing the calling if there are any questions he needs answered. The mayor reported he is going to put in the paper about mowing bids for the cemetery.

**APPROVAL OF SUBMITTED CLAIMS:** Brandon Simpson reported the finance committee made some changes to Core & Main, Galena Road & Gravel. Brandon Simpson made a motion to approve the amended claims as submitted. Donna Lefler 2nd, Ryan Kelly absent, motion passed.

**ATTORNEY REPORT:** Kate Carter reported the demolition order was obtained for 213 East Greenwood, a reminder to send Kate the invoices for the demo charges so the liens can be put on the properties.

**ENGINEER REPORTS:** Justin Reeise was present and reported that we can start advertising for bids on the new water tower. The city can start putting together the OSLAD grant for the park. Will need to put bids out for park equipment and installation. The 2024 MFT program is getting closed out. For the 2025 MFT Justin will get an estimate and bring a resolution to next month’s council meeting for approval so he can submit to IDOT. Caustic needs some water samples that the city doesn’t normally do so Kurt was going to get those samples that the EPA is asking for.

**HOMETOWN CONSULTING:** Cole McDaniel was present to report to us, and passed out pamphlets with info for Toulon.

**BIDS FOR MAUSOLEUM ROOF:** We received one bid from R.A. Oldeen, Inc. for a complete tear off to the roof, $41,899.00 for the roofing, $4,979.00 for additional 2-3” roof drains. Michael Schott made a motion to accept the bid for $41,899.00 for the roof tear off and an additional $4,979 for 2-3” of roof drains from R.A. Oldeen for a total of $46,878.00. Mitch Hulsey 2nd, Ryan Kelly absent, motion passed.

**3RD EMPLOYEE FOR CITY OUTSIDE WORK:** Matt and the Mayor are still looking at this and making a case to see how this can be supported.

**COMMITTEE MEETINGS:** Brandon Simpson would like to see more committee meetings. He would like the meetings to start quarterly or at the very least semi-annually.

**FLASHING SPEED LIMIT SIGNS:** Brandon Simpson reported he’s working on borrowing a speed trailer. IDOT would put a permanent electric speed sign up for the cost of $6,000.00 - $10,000.00.

**BARB’S PERFORMANCE BONUS:** Michael Schott made a motion to approve a bonus of $1,800.00. Brandon Simpson 2nd, Ryan Kelly absent, motion passed.

**PUBLIC CONCERNS:** Linda Dean was present and is concerned about the speeding up and down Franklin St. She reported on multiple options on traffic speeding. She mentioned speed bumps, speed flashing signs, markings on the road in red background with speed limit 20 painted in red.

**MID CENTURY:** A representative was at the meeting to present the city as a designated NTCA , a World Broad Band Association, Smart Rural Community. A plaque was presented, and a picture was taken.

**SC PARENTS CLUB DONATION:** Donna Lefler made a motion to donate $1,250.00. Connie Jacobson 2nd, Ryan Kelly absent, motion passed.

**BIDS FOR DEMOLISHING 213 E. GREENWOOD:** A bid from Gordon Whittaker for $19,500.00, NRE Land Solutions for $15,735.00, CB Excavating (Chris Baumann) for $16,000.00, Elevation Septic & Excavating for $17,900.00. Matt Forstrom gave a bid on the city removing the house at 213 E Greenwood and 227 E South St. for $9,000.00.

There were no bids excepted at this time. Donna Lefler made a motion to pay for dumpsters for the demolishing of houses not to exceed $9,000.00. Michael Schott 2nd, Ryan Kelly absent, motion passed.

Donna Lefler made a motion to rent an excavator and a bucket from Altorfer not to exceed $6,600.00. Michael Schott 2nd, Ryan Kelly absent, motion passed.

**REPLACE CHEVY TRUCK:** Matt Forstrom would like to replace the old chevy for a ¾ ton truck, nothing new. This vehicle would be TIF eligible. Matt found one at Gustafson Ford in Kewanee 2022 F350 for $42,673.00. Mitch Hulsey made a motion to purchase the 2022 F350 Ford from Gustafson Ford for $42,673.00. Connie Jacobson 2nd, Ryan Kelly absent, Brandon Simpson voted no, Larry voted yes, motion passed.

**FERGUSON NEPTUNE 360 MAINTENANCE:** Brandon Simpson made a motion to except the Ferguson Waterworks Neptune 360 maintenance quote for $3,026.28. Michael Schott 2nd, Ryan Kelly absent, motion passed.

**SCHOOL DITCH:** The school is finishing the parking lots, part of the ditch work is finished but needs to extend it clear to the south end of property. There is a chance that Matt can do the ditch work and not Baileys, but Matt needs to send his laser in to get calibrated. So, holding off to wait for Matt and the calibrator.

**VINE STREET SEWER LINING:** The sewer line is bad on Vine Street . We have a quote from Hoerr Construction, Inc. to put a liner like was done on Miller Street for $33,666.00. This project is TIF eligible. Michael Schott made a motion to approve the quote from Hoerr Construction for $33,666.00 to line Vine Street sewer. Brandon Simpson 2nd, Ryan Kelly absent, motion passed.

**ORDINANCE #973 REMOVING 422 A & B E. JEFFERSON OUT OF TIF DISTRICT:** This property is Brandon Simpsons duplex rental property on 422 E Jefferson Street. This will be held till next month because of the lack of proper voting.

**TIF:** Held over till next month also.

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Michael Schott made a motion to adjourn. Connie Jacobson 2nd, Ryan Kelly absent, motion passed.