

CITY OF TOULON
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
DECEMBER 11, 2023
TOULON FIREHOUSE

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

Donna Lefler, Art Nutzhorn 1st Ward Alderman

Michael Schott, Connie Jacobson 2nd Ward Alderman

Ryan Kelly, Brandon Simpson 3rd 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 NOVEMBER 13, 2023 MEETING: Page 2 under APPROVAL OF CLAIMS: next to the last line changed submitted to amended. Page 4 under BASEBALL DIAMOND PARKING LOT: removed the sentence Potter & Sons will remove sod and dirt and place typar paper down. Place 6" to 8" CA-6 white rock over 52,064 sq ft. Michael Schott made a motion to amend the minutes to the November 13, 2023 meeting. Brandon Simpson 2nd, Connie abstained, motion passed.

CASH RECEIPT REPORT: Total Cash Receipt for November 2023 is \$107,103.67. Donna Lefler made a motion to approve the Cash Receipt Report for November 2023. Ryan Kelly 2nd, motion passed.

TREASURER REPORT: The Treasurer Report for November 2023 is \$1,110,130.80. Donna Lefler made a motion to approve the Treasurer Report for November 2023. Art Nutzhorn 2nd, motion passed.

REPORT FROM CITY EMPLOYEES/COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN: Jake Streitmatter reported it took 2 days longer to install the new vessels and the membranes.

There had to be more fabrication done than was originally planned. Matt Forstrom reported the retaining wall at the baseball diamond is done and the concrete has been poured and almost done with the new parking lot. Donna Lefler wanted to note that Teresa Macy is up to 901 hours and Wendell Cochran is up to 917 hours worked. Ryan reported on the police report. Gary reported that the police officers are out of compliance with the Illinois Training Board because the state has downloaded new classes and updated their system which put all the officers out of compliance.

APPROVAL OF SUBMITTED CLAIMS: Brandon Simpson made a motion to approve the claims as submitted. Donna Lefler 2nd, motion passed.

ATTORNEY REPORT: Kate carter said there was nothing new to report.

TURNER STREET SEWER: Justin Reise reported that Ameren had a location conflict and that has been taken care of and the contractor will move forward soon.

UNSEWERED COMMUNITY PLANNING REPORT GRANT: Justin Reise reported he has addressed a couple of conflicts that NCICG had and the City should be receiving the 2nd payment of grant.

ENGINEERING PLANS FOR WATER MAINS: Justin Reise reported there is nothing new and after the first of the year there will be a public meeting to discuss the project.

FIRE HYDRANTS/INSTAVALVES: Jake Streitmatter reported Baileys gave a couple options as to how to do the work. The council will continue looking into this when it's warmer.

BASEBALL RAILING: Michael Schott reported he has received a quote from Jeffery Hobbs from BSN Sports and the total was \$9,894.04 to do 200' of railing. Michael would like to see some pictures before proceeding with anything. Need to have someone come and look to give a quote.

WATER TOWER GRANT: NCICG didn't get the publication into the paper in time to have the public hearing which was supposed to be tonight just before this meeting so the Mayor would like to have a meeting on December 27, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. The grant will be applied for in January so the meeting must be before January. The fee for this grant from NCICG is \$2,500.00.

PUBLIC CONCERNS: None

AFTER PROM – KARIN ORWIG: Karin Orwig and Wendy German was present to ask for a donation to the Stark County 2024 After Prom. Donna Lefler made a motion to donate \$1,500 to the Stark County After Prom. Connie Jacobson 2nd, motion passed.

CHRISTMAS BONUS: Michael Schott made a motion to give all part-time employees \$300.00. Don Schmidt, John McRell, Wendell Cochran, Abbey DeSplinter. Donna Lefler 2nd, motion passed.

Connie Jacobson made a motion to give the police dept. \$600.00 for Gary to divide up how he wants. Art Nutzhorn 2nd, motion passed.

Ryan Kelly made a motion to give the full-time employees Barbara Cantwell, Jake Streitmatter, Matt Forstrom, and Gary Bent \$150.00 bonus and give Teresa Macy \$600.00 bonus. Michael Schott 2nd, Art Nutzhorn, Connie Jacobson, Brandon Simpson voted no, Mayor voted yes, motion passed.

EMPLOYEE REVIEWS: Brandon Simpson would like to set a specific time of the year to have employee reviews. Brandon would like to have the first of February reviews, and March to discuss raises every year. Brandon made a motion to review all employees at the March council meeting every year. Michael Schott 2nd, motion passed.

SEWER OPERATOR CONTRACT – JAKE STREITMATTER: The Mayor has spoken with Donald McCauley and Don would like Jake to take over the sewer operator portion of the contract that Don has with the city. Don valued that to be \$400.00

a month wage. Don would continue to be the water operator. Jake is now certified.

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Don McCauley would like Jake to also take the water exam to become the water operator. Jake would like to be paid \$400.00 a month at the end of the year beginning November 2024. This has been tabled until the next meeting for Kate Carter, our attorney, to prepare appropriate documentation.

INSURANCE: Ben Leezer was present at the meeting. Tokio Marine increased all buildings by 8% to keep up with inflation. Insurance went from 5.3 million to 6.4. The deductibles jumped from \$1,000 to \$2,500. Liability coverage stayed the same. Auto insurance deductibles changed from \$500 to \$1,000. The renewal only went up \$243.00. Ryan Kely made a motion to accept the renewal for city insurance with Leezer Insurance for \$46,330.00. Michael Schott 2nd, Art Nutzhorn, and Brandon Simpson abstained, motion passed.

NEW YEARS HOURS: The Mayor changed the New Years Hours for the bars to close at 12:00 and out at 1:00 A.M.

CEMETERY CD'S: The city has a CD that is only accruing at 1% int and we need to roll it over to get 4.8% on a \$3,000 CD. There is also one for \$103,267.00 that will renew in March of 2024 that will need to be taken care of then. Donna Lefler made a motion to roll over CD#10303 into a new CD and a higher int. rate. Ryan Kelly 2nd, motion passed.

ORDINANCE #958 TAX LEVY: This is the annual tax levy. It was kept under the 5% threshold. Michael Schott made the motion to approve Ordinance #958 - 2023 City of Toulon Annual Tax Levy in the amount of \$217,670. Donna Lefler 2nd, motion passed.

CALIBRATION & OR REPLACEMENT OF GUAGES ON R/O: Jake Streitmatter reported that he still hasn't received a quote from the EPA. The whole system needs to be recalibrated, especially since we have new membranes.

OPEN BIDS FOR RFP: There are 3 bids turned in. The city also has a grant of \$30,000 to fill the holes. We have approximately 200 holes. The first bid is from Laverdiere for \$328.00 per hole which will come to \$65,600. Second bid is

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from Hog Wash Hydrovac for \$200.00 a hole which comes to \$40,000.00. The third bid was from Massie Jet Vac for \$125.00 per hole which comes to \$25,000. Michael Schott made a motion to pay Massie Jet Vac \$125.00 per the 200 holes to identify the services lines. Brandon Simpson 2nd, motion passed.

METERS: Brandon Simpson made a motion to purchase 24 water meters from Ferguson not to exceed \$10,000.00. Michael Schott 2nd, Ryan Kelly voted no, motion passed.

RESOLUTION R959 WAVING CERTAIN CONDITIONS AT 107 WILLOW ST: The council set certain conditions and restrictions on the property back in 2008, located at Toulon Ridge Subdivision and these restrictions were recorded. The restrictions were for a property owner not to seek an exemption on the property taxes for the life of the TIF. There was property sold to Terry Warren which he has in turn sold the property to the Stark County School District. These conditions need to be waived for the school or the property of 107 Willow, and these restrictions remain for all the other properties on Willow Street. Ryan Kelly made a motion to approve Resolution R959 a RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF TOULON WAIVING CERTAIN CONDITIONS ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 107 WILLOW STREET. Donna Lefler 2nd, Brandon Simpson, Michael Schott abstained, motion passed.

ORDINANCE #960 SALE OF SALT SPREADER: Donna Lefler made a motion to approve Ordinance #960 an ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY IN THE POSSESSION OF THE CITY OF TOULON. Ryan Kelly 2nd, motion passed.

WATER PLANT CAUSTIC: This is a chemical that will raise the ph at the water plant. The City will have to upgrade our current lime feed system. Michael Schott

made a motion to proceed looking into caustic for our water treatment facilities.
Ryan Kelly 2nd, motion passed.

R/O RECALIBRATION: On agenda twice, so no business.

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The Mayor reported Hometown Consulting sent a pamphlet with a questionnaire form that the council needs to fill out.

TIF: FY2024-8 Connie Jacobson made a motion to repay Gen savings \$94,250.00, repay W/S savings \$5,000.00 for a total of \$99,250.00. Art Nutzhorn 2nd, Brandon Simpson, Michael Schott abstained, Larry voted yes, motion passed.

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

