

**City Council Meeting
January 13, 2016
City Hall Meeting Room**

The City Council Meeting was called to order by Mayor Winford Gilliam on January 13, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. Aldermen Sweiven, Alderman Trosper, Alderman Moss and Alderwoman Kavanaugh answered roll call. City Administrator Dale Wallace, City Clerk Debra Davis and Legal Counsel Robert Cowherd were present.

Alderman Trosper made a motion to approve the agenda. Alderwoman Kavanaugh seconded the motion. Vote: Kavanaugh – aye, Sweiven – aye, Moss - aye and Trosper - aye.

Alderwoman Kavanaugh made a motion to approve the bills for December 2015 as presented. Alderman Moss seconded the motion. Vote: Kavanaugh – aye, Sweiven – aye, Moss - aye and Trosper - aye.

Alderman Moss made a motion to approve December 2, 2015 Council Meeting minutes. Alderwoman Kavanaugh seconded the motion. Vote: Kavanaugh – aye, Sweiven – aye, Moss - aye and Trosper - aye.

Public Participation – Steve Dahms, speaking for local Landlords, stood to discuss State Statute 250.140, Owners Responsible For Unpaid Utility Bills. The Landlord’s consensus is that they don’t feel it’s the right thing to do, the City is not obligated to enforce it and they want it removed. Steven Brown and Tim Leader spoke on the same subject and Mr. Leader gave the Council a bulleted handout for why the City shouldn’t enforce this law (Doc 1). The Mayor stated the subject would be tabled until end of this fiscal year (June 30, 2016) and will be addressed again at the July Council Meeting. Junior Blakely addressed the Council regarding not receiving a back flow preventer although his neighbors with similar flood issue have. Dale advised Mr. Blakely he is on a list to receive one and will get one when Rosenbaum Plumbing can get them scheduled.

Police Department - Sergeant Logan Branson was in attendance and gave the activity report for December 2015 (Doc 2). He submitted for approval, a Grant for Officer Safety Equipment (Doc 3). Alderwoman Kavanaugh made a motion to accept the proposed grant. Alderman Trosper seconded the motion. Vote: Kavanaugh – aye, Trosper – aye, Sweiven – aye, Moss – aye.

Public Works Department – A Report was submitted for work done in December and additionally the Dump Truck is in for repair (Doc4).

People Service Report (Doc 5)

City Administrator Report –

- a. **Pool Renovation Project – Sterling Construction is on site. They will meet every two weeks until the project is complete. New filters and slide will go in at the beginning of March. The project is ahead of schedule.**
- b. **Walking Trail Project Update – There was a meeting held January 12th; \$12,500 has been granted and must be spent by September 30th. The committee will contact an Engineer to do some preliminary designs – ADA accessibility, projected costs, surface, etc.**

- c. **City Filing Update – Sherria Kavanaugh and John Dawson have filed for East Ward and Fred Moss has filed for West Ward.**
- d. **Water Line Easements – Allen Gentry is working on attaining the remaining easements required, less than 80. Approximately 270 have been received to date.**

Alderman Trosper made a motion to set the next City Council Meeting for February 10, 2016. Alderman Moss seconded the motion. Vote: Moss – aye, Trosper – aye, Sweiven – aye, Kavanaugh - aye

Alderman Trosper made a motion to go into closed meeting at 6:25 p.m, with closed record and closed vote, pursuant to Section 610.021 for the following purposes:

- a. **Pursuant to 610.021 (1) to consider legal actions, causes of action or litigation involving a Public governmental body and any confidential or privileged communications between a public governmental body or its representatives and its' attorneys.**
- b. **Pursuant to 610.021 (2) to consider the leasing, purchase or sale of real estate and**
- c. **Pursuant to 610.021 (3) to consider the hiring, firing, disciplining or promotion of particular employees.**

Alderman Moss seconded the motion.

**Roll Call Vote: Kavanaugh –aye
Sweiven – aye
Moss – aye
Trosper – aye**

**Debra Davis
City Clerk**