

Regular Council Meeting
January 5, 2016

Meeting called to order by Mayor David George.

Councilmembers present; Jeff Bohn, Bob Franke, Joe Horan, Steve Smothers. Absent; Dan Poppinga.

Mayor George welcomed newly elected city council member Bob Franke.

Agenda approved with no additions.

Horan made a motion, second by Bohn to approve the minutes as written. Roll Call: Ayes; Bohn, Franke, Horan, Smothers. Nays: None. Absent; Poppinga.

Mayor George reported on the establishment of the regional area fire agency. Financing of the agency was discussed further. Another meeting with the township and community representatives will be scheduled.

Superintendent Kirchoff reported on completed work projects.

A copy of the police activity report was distributed.

Thelma McGough, community economic development coordinator, will be inquiring about an additional community sign that may be used in the downtown area. A Calhoun County Community Foundation grant application has been submitted for a possible sign around the Highway 7 area of the city. Discussion was held on moving the senior citizen congregate meal site to the MACC. This will be discussed further with the MACC board.

McGough has contacted property owners about locating a can redemption site on property. Permission was granted to place collection area that would be available to non-profit organizations to collect donated cans. Horan made a motion, second by Bohn to approve of purchasing up to four chain link boxed kennels that would be made available to non-profit organizations. Roll Call: Ayes; Bohn, Franke, Horan, Smothers. Nays; None. Absent; Poppinga. McGough and Clerk Thompson will work on establishing rules for rental and use.

Horan made a motion, second by Smothers to appoint Becky Thompson as city clerk/treasurer. Roll Call: Ayes; Bohn, Franke, Horan, Smothers. Nays; None. Absent; Poppinga.

Bohn made a motion, second by Franke to appoint Thomas Ritts as police chief as recommended by Mayor George. Roll Call: Ayes; Bohn, Franke, Horan, Smothers. Nays; None. Absent; Poppinga.

Mayor George appointed Steve Smothers as Mayor Pro-tem.

Smothers made a motion, second by Horan to accept the resignation of Richard Hall as reserve police officer. Roll Call: Ayes; Bohn, Franke, Horan, Smothers. Nays; None. Absent; Poppinga.

Bohn made a motion, second by Franke to accept the resignation of Mel Renken to the Library Board of Trustees. Roll Call: Ayes; Bohn, Franke, Horan, Smothers. Nays; None. Absent; Poppinga. Franke made a motion, second by Horan to appoint Jim Schlapkohl to the Library

Board of Trustees with the term to expire June 30, 2016. Roll Call: Ayes; Bohn, Franke, Horan, Smothers. Nays; None. Absent; Poppinga.

Horan made a motion, second by Franke to approve payment of the bills presented. Roll Call: Ayes; Bohn, Franke, Horan, Smothers. Nays; None. Absent; Poppinga.

Smothers made a motion, second by Franke to adjourn the meeting. Roll Call: Ayes; Bohn, Franke, Horan, Smothers. Nays; None. Absent; Poppinga.

David George, Mayor

Attest; Becky Thompson, City Clerk