

City Council Minutes
March 1, 2011

REGULAR MEETING at City Hall
Petersburg, Illinois

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor John Stiltz called the City Council to order at 7:00 p.m.

II. PRELIMINARY MATTERS

Members present were Mayor John Stiltz, Aldermen Ray Jordan, Keith Wilson, Kevin Molohon, Perry Wilson, Stacey Frick, Ken Ortman, Treasurer Dave Frick and City Clerk Sue Freeland.

Mayor Stiltz led the Council in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

A motion was made by Alderman K.Wilson and seconded by Alderman Molohon to approve the agenda as amended. Votes: P.Wilson, yes; Molohon, yes; Ortman, yes; Jordan, yes; K.Wilson, yes; Frick, yes. Mayor Stiltz declared the MOTION CARRIED.

III. CITY CLERK

The City Clerk presented the warrant list. A motion was made by Alderman Frick and seconded by Alderman Jordan to approve payment of the bills as listed on the Accounts Payable and Warrant List as amended to remove payment to Nationwide Environmental Service in the amount of \$1604.46 and the addition of Springfield Electric in the amount of \$148.64. Votes: Molohon, yes; Ortman, yes; Jordan, yes; K.Wilson, yes; Frick, yes; P.Wilson, yes. Mayor Stiltz declared the MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Alderman Frick and seconded by Alderman K.Wilson to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of February 15, 2011 as presented. Votes: Ortman, yes; Jordan, yes; K.Wilson, yes; Frick, abstain; P.Wilson, yes; Molohon, yes. Mayor Stiltz declared the MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Alderman Jordan and seconded by Alderman Frick to approve the Executive session minutes from February 15, 2011 as presented. VOTES: Jordan, yes; K.Wilson, yes; Frick, yes; P.Wilson, yes; Molohon, yes; Ortman, yes. Mayor Stiltz declared the MOTION CARRIED.

IV. HEARING OF CITIZENS

Dave Cox, from the Abe's Tri-Series Triathlon, informed the Council that the triathlon will be April 17, 2011 and requested use of the streets. It will be the same route as last year during the hours of 12:00 noon to approximately 4:00 p.m. A motion was made by Alderman Ortman and seconded by Alderman K.Wilson to grant the request from the Abe's Tri-Series Triathlon for use of the City streets as discussed. VOTES: Frick, yes; K.Wilson, yes; Molohon, yes; Ortman, yes; Jordan, yes; P.Wilson. Mayor Stiltz declared the MOTION CARRIED

Hannah Jordan addressed the Council. She informed the Council that there

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is damage and graffiti painted on the equipment at the Jaycee park and requested it be fixed. Mayor Stiltz suggested she talk with the chairman of the Parks and Playground Committee, and thanked her for her information.

V. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

A. Street

The Council reviewed the Street Department report.

B. Police

Police Chief Terry Johnston presented the Police Department report.

A motion was made by Alderman Ortman and seconded by Alderman P.Wilson to authorize the purchase of a 2008 Chevrolet Trail Blazer from Nikles of Petersburg at a cost not to exceed \$17,105.00. Votes: P.Wilson, yes; Molohon, yes; Ortman, yes; Jordan, yes; K.Wilson, yes; Frick, yes. Mayor Stiltz declared the MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Alderman Jordan and seconded by Alderman Ortman to accept the Personnel Committee's recommendation and hire David Toledo as a full-time police officer at a rate of \$12.18 per hour, effective March 7, 2011. Votes: Molohon, yes; Ortman, yes; Jordan, yes; K.Wilson, yes; Frick, yes; P.Wilson, yes. Mayor Stiltz declared the MOTION CARRIED.

C. Water

Brandon Sonnemaker presented the Water Department report.

Discussion on repairs to the transmission of a 2002 Chevy truck was held. The Council asked for re-bids of the estimates to include prices for the torque convertor.

D. Zoning

Attorney Myer discussed with the Council the ordinance granting a variance to W.C. Media and J. Truck Line, Inc. for a billboard. Attorney Jerry Tice was present representing W.C. Media. A motion was made by Alderman P.Wilson and seconded by Alderman K.Wilson to deny the recommendation of the Zoning Board of Appeals to grant the variance for a billboard to W.C. Media and J. Truck Line, Inc. Votes: K.Wilson, yes; Frick, no; P.Wilson, yes; Molohon, no; Ortman, no; Jordan, no. Mayor Stiltz declared the MOTION FAILED.

A motion was made by Alderman Ortman and seconded by Alderman Jordan to accept the recommendation of the Zoning Board of Appeals and approve Ordinance 2011-04 "An Ordinance Granting a Zoning Variance as to Certain Property (W.C. Media-J. Truck Lines, Inc.) VOTES: Frick, yes; K.Wilson, no; Molohon, yes; Ortman, yes; Jordan, yes; P.Wilson, no. Mayor Stiltz declared the MOTION CARRIED.

E. Fire

None

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VI. OFFICERS' REPORTS

A. Mayor's Report

A motion was made by Alderman Jordan and seconded by Alderman K.Wilson to enter into Executive session to discuss possible litigation. VOTES: K.Wilson, yes; Frick, yes; P.Wilson, yes; Molohon, yes; Ortman, yes; Jordan, yes. Mayor Stiltz declared the MOTION CARRIED, and the Council entered Executive session at 8:10 p.m.

A motion was made by Alderman Jordan and seconded by Alderman Frick to resume the regular session. Votes: P.Wilson, yes; Molohon, yes; Ortman, yes; Jordan, yes; K.Wilson, yes; Frick, yes. Mayor Stiltz declared the MOTION CARRIED, and the Council resumed the regular session at 8:34 p.m.

A motion was made by Alderman Jordan and seconded by Alderman Ortman to authorize Attorney Swartz to proceed as discussed. VOTES: Jordan, yes; K.Wilson, yes; Frick, yes; P.Wilson, yes; Molohon, yes; Ortman, yes. Mayor Stiltz declared the MOTION CARRIED.

A motion was made by Alderman K.Wilson and seconded by Alderman P.Wilson to not make a donation to the Town & Country's Women's Club Easter Egg Hunt. Votes: K.Wilson, yes; Frick, no; P.Wilson, yes; Molohon, yes; Ortman, yes; Jordan, no. Mayor Stiltz declared the MOTION CARRIED.

B. Treasurer's Report

None

VII. STANDING COMMITTEES' REPORT

A. Finance: No report

B. Judiciary: No report

C. Streets: No report

D. Police: A motion was made by Alderman Jordan and seconded by Alderman Molohon to accept the minutes of the Police Committee meeting from February 24, 2011 as presented. VOTES: Frick, yes; K.Wilson, yes; Molohon, yes; Ortman, yes; Jordan, yes; P.Wilson. Mayor Stiltz declared the MOTION CARRIED.

E. Health: No report

F. Fire: No report

G. Buildings and Grounds: No report

H. Playgrounds and Parks: No report

I. Water and Sewer: No report

J. Personnel: A motion was made by Alderman Ortman and seconded by

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Alderman K.Wilson to accept the minutes of the Personnel Committee meeting from February 7, 2011 as presented. Votes: P.Wilson, yes; Molohon, yes; Ortman, yes; Jordan, yes; K.Wilson, yes; Frick, yes. Mayor Stiltz declared the MOTION CARRIED.

VIII. SPECIAL COMMITTEES' REPORT

- A. Tree City: No report
- B. Library: No report
- C. Plan Commission: No report
- D. Zoning Board of Appeals: No report
- E. Revolving Loan Committee: No report
- F. E.L. Masters Board: No report.
- G. Community Development: No report

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Brandon Sonnemaker informed the Council that the clothes protection have not been tested yet.

A Water and Sewer Committee meeting was scheduled for Monday, March 7, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

X. NEW BUSINESS

None

XI. HEARING OF CITIZENS

Gina Wolter question why the variance granted to W.C. Media allowed such a large sign. She was informed that was the maximum size allowed by the City's zoning.

Charlie Angel addressed the Council. He questioned that while the City is repairing a line and breaks something that is on the customer's side of the meter, who is responsible; and why, when there was a water main repair, the main was shut off where it was. Mayor Stiltz directed him to contact the Water Department. He also inquired why his sick leave was taken away from him. He was informed that issue could not be discussed in open session as it was a personnel issue. He was informed to talk with the Personnel Committee.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Alderman Frick and seconded by Alderman Ortman to adjourn. Votes: Ortman, yes; Molohon, yes; Jordan, yes; K.Wilson, yes; Frick, yes; P.Wilson, yes. Mayor Stiltz declared the MOTION CARRIED, and the meeting adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted,

Sue Freeland, City Clerk

Approved: March 15, 2011