

**CITY OF NEW FLORENCE
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
July 14, 2014**

The Board of Aldermen for the City of New Florence met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. on July 14, 2014.

Present for roll call were:

Council Members Present

Mayor John Burroughs
Alderman Adrian Heichelbech
Alderman Andy Johnson
Alderman Corey Johnson
Alderman Steve Williams

Staff Present

City Administrator/Police Chief Dave Ingle
City Clerk Adell Jonas
Accounts Clerk Amy Talbot
Attorney David Ferman

Superintendent Alan Weber was unable to attend.

Visitors

Vipin Bhatt from Americas Best Inn & Suites

Mayor Burroughs called the meeting to order.

CONSENT ITEMS: The consent items consisted of the June 9 regular and closed board meeting minutes and the claims. Clerk Jonas asked permission to add a uniform bill for the police department to the claims.

Motion:

Alderman Corey Johnson made a motion to accept the consent items with the addition to the claims. This was seconded by Alderman Williams.

Vote:	Mayor John Burroughs	None
	Alderman Adrian Heichelbech	Aye
	Alderman Andy Johnson	Aye
	Alderman Corey Johnson	Aye
	Alderman Steve Williams	Aye

The motion carries.

VISITOR COMMENTS: Vipin Bhatt from Americas Best Inn & Suites asked if the Council would reconsider the 5% hotel-motel tax. He is requesting that it be dropped down. He had checked the State Statutes and could see no reason that the Board couldn't change the percentage. Attorney Ferman also looked at the Statutes. It was the opinion of Attorney Ferman that "shall" means must and "may" means maybe; and that the voters passed the measure as "shall". Comments from several Board members also indicated that they believe it is the will of the voters. An option was offered that with the required percentage of registered voters in the City signing a petition, it could be put on a future ballot for a lower percentage rate.

OLD BUSINESS: Bill F1-2014 banning smoking in City Hall was presented again.

Motion:

Alderman Williams made a motion to accept this second presentation of Bill F1-2014. After discussion, this bill died for lack of a second.

Motion: Alderman Andy Johnson made a motion to allow smoking in designated areas of City Hall if an exhaust fan was installed, and made a part of City policy. This was seconded by Alderman Heichelbech.

Vote:	Mayor John Burroughs	None
	Alderman Adrian Heichelbech	Aye
	Alderman Andy Johnson	Aye
	Alderman Corey Johnson	Aye
	Alderman Steve Williams	Aye

The motion carries.

NEW BUSINESS: Bill G1-2014 for Conflict of Interest Disclosure was read by caption.

Motion:

Alderman Williams made the motion to accept the first reading. Alderman Heichelbech seconded his motion. Alderman Corey Johnson made a motion to waive the procedure for reading bills, seconded by Alderman Williams. The bill was again read by caption.

Vote:	Mayor John Burroughs	None
	Alderman Adrian Heichelbech	Aye
	Alderman Andy Johnson	Aye
	Alderman Corey Johnson	Aye
	Alderman Steve Williams	Aye

The motion carries. Bill G1-2014 for Conflict of Interest Disclosure becomes **Ordinance G1-2014.**

The water tower bids were discussed. In spite of advertising on the City's website and mailing invitations to bid to seven companies recommended by Booneslick Regional Planning, the bid from Maguire Iron was the only one received. A contract was presented.

Motion: Alderman Andy Johnson made a motion to accept the contract with Maguire Iron. Alderman Williams seconded the motion. Alderman Corey Johnson suggested that the Board have input on the lettering on the water tower after it is painted.

Vote:	Mayor John Burroughs	None
	Alderman Adrian Heichelbech	Aye
	Alderman Andy Johnson	Aye
	Alderman Corey Johnson	Aye
	Alderman Steve Williams	Aye

The motion carries.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

Administration: City Administrator Ingle presented his report. He stated that the projects are progressing as planned. He stated that Superintendent Weber is getting some mapping information together.

Police: Chief Ingle presented his report. He said calls for service are holding steady. Two notable calls for service already this month were for two dog bite incidents. Per our ordinances, they will probably be deemed as dangerous and will have to follow the restrictions set forth by ordinance. In the first incident, the dog owner was issued two tickets. The second incident was handled by the Montgomery County Sheriff's Department. Chief Ingle has not yet received their report. He mentioned that he had received and installed the records management program. There is a training webinar on July 15 that he and Clerk Jonas will participate in. The report formats will look different from what he has been including in the board packets. Ingle stated that he will continue to do notable calls for service report.

City Clerk: Clerk Jonas presented her report. She stated that the postage meter was in and installed. She mentioned that Alderman Adrian Heichelbech felt the MML Elected Officials Training that he attended was very informative.

Legal: Attorney Ferman stated that he had nothing to report.

Parks & Recs: Director Amy Talbot stated that she did not have a final number to give the Board for the Party in the Park since she had not received all the bills.

Economic Development: Accounts Clerk Amy Talbot stated that things were pretty much at a standstill for the moment. Josh Beck is to have a meeting with the interested party. They really want an existing building. She did say that the GMCEDC is paying for a soil study at the Gentry site. This is a \$5,000 expense that the City is not going to have to pay out of pocket.

Public Works: Superintendent Alan Weber was unable to attend the meeting. His report was presented, which included a request to purchase a brush hog. He had presented three price quotes.

Motion: Alderman Andy Johnson made a motion to purchase the John Deere MX6 brush hog for \$2,750.00. This was seconded by Alderman Williams.

Vote: Mayor John Burroughs	None
Alderman Adrian Heichelbech	Aye
Alderman Andy Johnson	Aye
Alderman Corey Johnson	Aye
Alderman Steve Williams	Aye

The motion carries.

It was decided a closed session was not needed.

Motion: Alderman Andy Johnson made a motion to adjourn. Alderman Corey Johnson seconded the motion.

Vote:	Mayor John Burroughs	None
	Alderman Adrian Heichelbech	Aye
	Alderman Andy Johnson	Aye
	Alderman Corey Johnson	Aye
	Alderman Steve Williams	Aye

The motion carries and the meeting adjourned.

Adell Jonas, City Clerk

John Burroughs, Mayor