

**CITY OF NEW FLORENCE
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
August 11, 2014**

The Board of Aldermen for the City of New Florence met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. on August 11, 2014 immediately after the Public Hearing to set the tax rate.

Present for roll call were:

Council Members Present

Mayor John Burroughs
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
Superintendent Alan Weber
Attorney David Ferman

Alderman Adrian Heichelbech arrived later in the meeting.

Visitors

Don Worley
Sue Worley
Jim Gerding

Mayor Burroughs called the meeting to order.

CONSENT ITEMS: The consent items consisted of the July 14 regular board meeting minutes and the claims. Clerk Jonas asked permission to add the Sprint bill, a bill for the brush hog, a Capital Quarries bill, a bill for locks and keys for gas meters and a reimbursement check for fuel put in the Tahoe to the claims.

Motion:

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

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

The motion carries.

VISITOR COMMENTS: Don Worley was recognized as the first speaker. Administrator Ingle gave a synopsis of the history of the tearing down of the horse barn, including notifications to the owner of the property and his agent, Don Worley. The floor was then turned over to Mr. Worley. Mr. Worley stated that he felt like he had done what was requested. The "City" wanted the barn down. It burned. Then

they wanted the debris piled up. That was done. Now they want the pile gone. He stated that he had someone contracted that would bury the debris. He was given an additional two weeks to have it gone, otherwise, tickets would be issued. Mr. Worley brought up B&A Plastics and inquired as to why the City had not done anything about that property. He also commented about how the City would not mow down Picnic Street but did mow down the mayor's street. Mr. Worley was given until September 1 to have the debris removed or a citation would be issued. Mr. and Mrs. Worley then left the meeting.

Alderman Andy Johnson asked Chief Ingle if we were doing anything about other properties. Ingle responded that B&A Plastics owner was notified and given until August 14. Since the owner had not contacted the City, a citation would be issued on that date. The old restaurant (Lucky's) was under a building permit. The owner was planning to take the building down to the original structure. He is not allowed to have a haunted house in it again.

Mr. Jim Gerding next addressed the Council. Administrator Ingle stated that in December of 2013 the main and secondary pumps had gone out that pumps effluent to the irrigation pivots. The City replaced the main pump. The secondary pump was not repaired due to cost. There is currently \$1,100 in the pump replacement account. It is going to take several thousand over that. He invited the Gerdings to the meeting to find out what their intent was and if they could help out with the expense. Mr. Gerding stated that they want to irrigate and are willing to pay more into the pump fund, but can't afford too much, especially since they haven't been able to use it much. He mentioned that they would be willing to put in \$1,000 per year. Administrator Ingle suggested \$1,500 per year with a five year contract that automatically renewed annually, with a 90 day out on either parties part. Mr. Gerding stated that he would have to discuss the matter with his brother. Superintendent Weber stated that we need to see when the DNR permit expired. Administrator Ingle will note some changes on the current contract and turn it over to City attorney, David Ferman for revision.

Motion:

After discussion, Alderman Williams made a motion to get the irrigation pump fixed, using sewer funds. This was seconded by Alderman Andy Johnson.

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

The motion carries.

Mr. Gerding then left the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS: Clerk Jonas stated that even though the Board had previously approved contracts for auditing services and water tank renovation, ordinances needed to be voted on for them. Bill H1-2014 for the auditing contract with Kenney Hales was read by caption.

Motion:

Alderman Williams made a motion to accept the reading, seconded by Alderman Andy Johnson. Alderman Corey Johnson made a motion to waive the procedure for reading ordinances, seconded by Alderman Williams. Bill H1-2014 was given second reading.

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

The motion passes and Bill H1-2014 is now **Ordinance H1-2014**.

Alderman Adrian Heichelbech entered the meeting.

Bill H2-2014 approving an agreement to renovate a water tank was given first reading by caption.

Motion:

Alderman Corey Johnson made a motion to accept Bill H2-2014, seconded by Alderman Andy Johnson. Alderman Williams made a motion to waive the procedure for reading ordinances, seconded by Alderman Heichelbech. Bill H2-2014 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 passes and Bill H2-2014 is now **Ordinance H2-2014**.

Resolution No. 2014-06 adopting a smoking policy in City Hall was read by caption.

Motion:

Alderman Andy Johnson made a motion to accept this resolution, 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. The resolution will become part of the City's policies and procedures.

NEW BUSINESS:

Bill H3-2014 setting the tax rate for real and personal property was read by caption.

Motion:

Alderman Andy Johnson made a motion to accept the first reading of the ordinance, seconded by Alderman Heichelbech. Alderman Corey Johnson made a motion to waive procedure and go into the second reading of the bill. This was seconded by Alderman Williams. Bill H3-2014 was given second reading.

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 Bill H3-2014 is now **Ordinance H3-2014**.

Clerk Jonas presented Resolution 2014-07 showing support to Governor Nixon for vetoing a series of senate and house bills that would have significantly diminished municipal sales tax revenues.

Motion:

Alderman Williams made a motion to accept **Resolution 2014-07**, seconded by Alderman Andy Johnson.

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

The motion carries.

Administrator Ingle presented a mapping program for the Board's consideration. He stated this will help with engineering specification problems in the future. It basically allows tracking of utilities, street repairs, police calls for service, fire hydrant replacement, etc. The cost for the program is \$1,400.00. We have the capacity for this on our current server. In the future, we may need an additional server. The GPS mapping is not included. It was Ingle's recommendation that the City purchases the mapping program and look at the cost of GPS mapping. MRWA is currently out a year to a year and a half, with an estimated cost for the mapping of \$5,000.00. Ingle further stated that we can build lines on the map now. Maintenance issues would be recorded. He stated that he had a donation from City of St. Charles of three new Tuff Book computers, one of which could be utilized by the city superintendent.

Motion:

Alderman Heichelbech made a motion to accept purchase of mapping program and approve signing of the contract upon legal review. This was seconded by Alderman Corey Johnson.

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

The motion carries.

The Prairie Street Project Phase II was the next agenda item. This portion involves the bad parts of Prairie between Railroad and First Street and First Street and Second Street. Last year \$10,000 was budgeted for the repairs done on Phase I. If approved, the city crew would like to start in October.

Motion:

Alderman Andy Johnson made a motion to approve a \$10,000 budget for repairs on Prairie Street. 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.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

Administration: Administrator Ingle stated that Officer Terry was on vacation this week. He stated that they intended to make one more run on tall grass, wrapping up in October. He asked about extending hours up into October for seasonal help or through the winter, or upping Lewis's hours to 24 per week instead of 16. Then the talk went to work on city streets. 1996 was the year that the streets were last paved. He wants to repave Illinois Street as much as possible in the near future.

Police: Chief Ingle stated that he had replaced a bulb in the spotlight of the Crown Vic and had purchased some replacement bulbs for stock. He mentioned the Old Settler's Parade and stated that Jody Devlin did an excellent job on the cleanup of the Tahoe for that event. He stated that the report writing program was doing well and that he should have a new sample report for the next board meeting.

City Clerk: Clerk Jonas presented her report and asked if there were any questions

Legal: Attorney Ferman stated that he did not have much to report. He mentioned that Ingle had given him a questionable Sunshine request regarding a dog bite case. He would correspond with the inquirer and let them know that this was an ongoing investigation.

Parks: Parks Director Talbot stated that Fall Volleyball starts next week. The home Run Derby went great.

Economic Development: Director Talbot stated that she would discuss her report in closed session.

Public Works: Superintendent Weber presented his report. He said things had pretty much been discussed during the business portion of the meeting. Alderman Corey Johnson asked about the holes on Clark Street behind Dad's Café. Weber said the city crew had put rock around the manhole. The other holes were not on city property. Weber did state that a different logo or font on the city's Franklin Street water tower would cost an additional \$3,500.00.

Motion:

There being no further business for open session, Alderman Andy Johnson made a motion to go to closed session. Alderman Williams seconded his 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.

Motion:

Upon return from closed session where no motions were made nor votes taken, Alderman Andy Johnson made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Alderman Corey Johnson.

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