

**CITY OF NEW FLORENCE
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
February 9, 2015**

The Board of Aldermen for the City of New Florence met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. on February 9, 2015.

Mayor Burroughs called the meeting to order.

Present for roll call were:

Council Members Present

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

Staff Present

Administrator/Chief David Ingle
City Clerk Adell Jonas
Attorney David Ferman

Alderman Andy Johnson was not in attendance. Staff members Alan Weber and Amy Talbot were also absent.

MAYOR COMMENTS:

None.

VISITORS:

There were no visitors.

CONSENT ITEMS: The consent items consisted of the minutes from the January Board meeting and the claims. Clerk Jonas asked permission to add several bills to the claims that had come in that day.

Motion:

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

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

The motion carries.

VISITOR COMMENTS:

There were no visitor comments.

OLD BUSINESS: Not having a super-majority, Bill B2-2015 regarding the farming contract was tabled. An update for filing of liens was given. This was for mowings for the 2014 season. There was one mowing where the property changed hands. It was recommended that this one be written off.

NEW BUSINESS: Again, not having a super-majority, Bill B1-2015 for the formation of a Tourism and Development Advisory Committee was tabled. A list of names for the committee members was presented. These include Mayor Burroughs, Gale Johnson, Vipin Bhatt, Karen Garrett and Jeremiah Jackman as voting members, and David Ingle and Amy Talbot in advisory and financial positions.

Motion:

Alderman Williams made a motion to approve the appointments listed above to the Tourism and Development Advisory Committee. This was seconded by Alderman Corey Johnson.

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

The motion passes.

Administrator Ingle then discussed gas rates. Currently, there is a surplus in the gas fund and our buy to sell ratio is too great. With the new gas contract coming up, gas is expected to drop again. Ingle stated that there was a need for some equipment purchase and that some of the gas funds could be used for that. Additionally, it was recommended to drop the sell price by \$1.00 per 1,000 cubic feet. Bill B3-2015 that was drafted for a vote to reduce the gas prices was tabled, again because there was no super-majority.

The Greater Montgomery County Economic Development Council payment and participation was next up for discussion. The question was put to the city attorney whether this would constitute a contract situation where a super-majority attendance was required. Ingle stated that the money was in the budget that the Board approved, and that there was no contract; that it was more a participation or membership fee. Attorney Ferman stated that as long as this was a participation or membership fee, that the Board could vote on it tonight. The Board was polled and all Board members in attendance agreed to continue to participate and to pay the fee.

Ingle presented a child advocacy agreement for approval. This is an interagency agreement that is renewed every two years. It is a memo of understanding where the group interviews victims or accused individuals that are under the age of 17. They then make recommendations for placement. Alderman Williams stated that he would have to abstain if there was a vote because of his employment. There was no motion made, but all polled were in agreement of participation with the Child Center, Inc.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

Administration: Administrator Ingle presented his report and spoke about the topo for Clark Street, expecting it to cost \$2,000 or more.

Police: Chief Ingle presented his report. He stated the police department was staying constant with calls. He mentioned that the Crown Vic had been having electrical problems. After several attempts, the issues have been resolved. He also stated that this spring he would be needing tires for the Tahoe.

City Clerk: Clerk Jonas presented her report. She mentioned that the scrap surplus netted \$280.00. She also mentioned that Blue Cross/Blue Shield's system had been hacked and that sensitive personal information had been stolen on current and previous members. They will advise by mail and offer free credit monitoring.

Legal: Upon the Board receiving Andy Johnson's letter to resign, David Ferman recommended appointing someone to fill the vacancy until the election.

Parks/Recs: In the absence of Park Director Talbot, Administrator Ingle presented her report. Talbot had made up a calendar for activities this year. June 27 was the date the Park Committee had selected for the Annual Party in the Park. Alderman Corey Johnson stated that the Wings and Warriors event was taking place on that date. Several other dates were suggested. Pretty much all of the recommended dates conflicted with another community's activities. Alderman Williams, who is also a member of the Park Committee is to do some checking with the Park Committee for an alternate date.

Economic Development: Ingle stated that Economic Development Director Amy Talbot had been speaking with Booneslick Regional Planning and MoDOT about getting utilities under Interstate 70. Alderman Williams asked about putting another lagoon across the highway. Ingle suggested that it would probably be better to consider other options, such as a treatment plant or upgrading the current lagoon.

Public Works: In the absence of Superintendent Alan Weber, Administrator Ingle presented the Public Works report. He stated that Alan was concerned with the cinder spreader. He is also looking at funding for well pump meters. The current ones were installed in 1983.

Ingle advised that he plans to take vacation from March 13 through March 20. No objections were noted.

Motion:

Alderman Williams made a motion to adjourn to closed session to discuss legal and personnel issues. This was seconded by Alderman Heichelbech.

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

The motion carries.

Adell Jonas, City Clerk

John Burroughs, Mayor

