

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

The Board of Aldermen for the City of New Florence met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. on March 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
Superintendent Alan Weber
Accounts Clerk Amy Talbot

Attorney David Ferman arrived late.

MAYOR COMMENTS:

Mayor Burroughs had Administrator Ingle explain his findings regarding the empty seat on the Board with the resignation of Alderman Andy Johnson. Prior to this meeting it was the opinion of Attorney David Ferman that without a full Board (super-majority), ordinances, resolutions and contracts could not be voted on. It is the opinion of MML that if the three remaining aldermen vote the same on these issues, they can be passed. A split vote would result in the motion not carrying. Ingle then asked if the Board would like to vote on the ordinances that were tabled last month or hold them until we had a full board.

VISITORS:

There were no visitors.

CONSENT ITEMS: The consent items consisted of the minutes from the February Open and Closed Board meetings and the claims. Clerk Jonas asked permission to add several bills to the claims that had come in that day, as well as pay the Sprint bill when it came in.

Motion:

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

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

The motion carries.

VISITOR COMMENTS:

There were no visitor comments.

OLD BUSINESS: Bill B1-2015 creating a Tourism and Development Advisory Committee was read by caption. Alderman Williams made a motion to accept first reading, seconded by Alderman Heichelbech. Alderman Corey Johnson made a motion to waive the procedure for reading ordinances and continue to second reading, seconded by Alderman Williams. Bill B1-2015 was given second reading.

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

The motion carries. Bill B1-2015 is now **Ordinance C1-2015.**

Bill B2-2015 approving a farming agreement with Missouri Farm Systems was read by caption. Alderman Williams made the motion to accept, with a second from Alderman Heichelbech. Alderman Corey Johnson made a motion to waive the procedure for reading ordinances and continue to second reading. This was seconded by Alderman Heichelbech. Bill B2-2015 was again read by caption.

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

The motion carries. Bill B2-2015 is now **Ordinance C2-2015.**

Bill B3-2015 amending natural gas rates was given first reading by caption. Alderman Williams made the motion to accept, with a second from Alderman Heichelbech. Alderman Corey Johnson made the motion to waive procedure, seconded by Alderman Heichelbech. Bill B3-2015 was given second reading.

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

The motion carries. Bill B3-2015 is now **Ordinance C3-2015.**

Bill C3-2015 amending the water rates was given first reading by caption. Alderman Heichelbech made the motion to approve, seconded by Alderman Williams. Alderman Corey Johnson made a motion to waive procedure, seconded by Alderman Heichelbech. Bill C3-2015 was again read by caption.

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

The motion carries. Bill C3-2015 is now **Ordinance C4-2015.**

NEW BUSINESS: A date for the Party in the Park was brought before the Board. Because the 4th of July is on Saturday, and because of the various activities planned in the county for that day, the Park Board was split on when to host activities in the City. A majority of the Park Board Committee wanted to have it on July 11 because of personal commitments on the 4th. Director Talbot wanted it on the 4th but cannot do it alone. Alderman Heichelbech made a motion to hold it on July 3. This motion died for lack of a second. Alderman Corey Johnson made a motion to hold it on the 4th. This was seconded by Alderman Heichelbech.

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

The motion carries. It was further decided that because of prepping for the Party in the Park on Friday, the City's Independence Day holiday would be on July 6. The offices will be closed.

The next agenda item was approval of a liquor license for the City. This has to be put in an individual's name. Previously, this was in David Ingle's name. He would like to take it out of his name if the Board still wanted the City to have a liquor license. The Board was in agreement to continue with the liquor license. Alderman Williams stated that he would have it put in his name.

The next agenda item involved purchase of equipment. The gas account has a surplus of money and there is a need for equipment. Superintendent Weber requested to purchase a mini excavator to be used mainly for gas. He presented three bids. His preference was the Bobcat because there are more options available and it has heavier load ability. Alderman Williams made a motion to purchase the Bobcat Mini Excavator. This was seconded by Alderman Heichelbech.

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

The motion carries.

Administrator Ingle stated that according to our City Code, compensation for the court judge and court clerk were to be set in July of each year. This was not done last July. Bill C1-2015 setting the court judge compensation was then read by caption. Alderman Williams motioned to approve first reading, seconded by Alderman Johnson. Alderman Heichelbech made a motion to waive and proceed to second reading. This was seconded by Alderman Williams.

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

The motion carries and Bill C1-2015 is now **Ordinance C5-2015**.

Bill C2-2015 establishing the court clerk's compensation was read by caption. Alderman Williams made the motion to approve first reading, seconded by Alderman Johnson. Alderman Johnson then made the motion to waive procedure and continue to second reading, seconded by Alderman Heichelbech. Bill C2-2015 was again read by caption.

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

The motion carries and Bill C3-2015 is now **Ordinance C6-2015**.

The final agenda item was a review of court fines. Administrator Ingle stated that there was a lot going on within the legislative body. The City will have to comply. Ingle further stated that he had reviewed our current court fines. These fines are set by the judge. Ingle compared ours with other fine schedules in the county. He then made adjustment to at or below their fines. This has been e-mailed to Judge McGuire for review. Ingle has not yet gotten a response but doesn't see a problem. He also presented the Board with a list of fines not collected. The people listed either have warrants, pay schedules or are out on bonds. The objective is to have people pay restitution at court time rather than be put on a pay schedule. Ingle also would like to have a warrant recall date. There would be no charge if they come in. He stated that the judge was reluctant. The judge thinks they should have appeared. This is still in negotiations.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

Administration: Administrator Ingle presented his report which includes a project list update. He stated that the paperwork submitted to DNR for the water grant was rejected due to lack of funds. The owner supervised plan is estimated to be about \$26,000. This is the plan that allows us to upgrade our system either by ourselves or by contracting it out. The water account funds are only maintaining our system. We will have to pay this expense from non-budgeted funds. He stated that we could wait until DNR has more funding available or we can get specs out for bid. Ingle stated that he would like to put bid specs together for approval by the Board in April.

Police: Chief Ingle stated that incident calls for service are starting to climb with the warmer weather. The Crown Vic is working okay since the repairs the previous month. Annual cleaning of vehicles is in the works. Alderman Williams inquired about whether the Crown Vic needed to be replaced. Ingle stated that he thought we could run it for at least another year before there would be any issues.

Clerk: Clerk Jonas presented her report. She stated that she had added several handouts with her report. Several involved legislation pending that impacts municipalities. She stated that there was a Partners in Governance Conference flyer in the packet. If there was any interest in attending, she would make the arrangements. Booneslick Regional Planning is applying for a grant for recycle bins again. Jonas stated that she had put in a request for five. The recycled material would have to be tracked for two years. There was a request to support a National Association of State Agencies for Surplus Property (NASASP). This would be an advocacy group. They are requesting membership dues of \$39.00 per year. The Board had no comment. Alderman Williams asked about the letter from Sullivan Publications regarding updating our code. This was done in March of 2013. Administrator Ingle stated that typically this is done every five years.

Parks & Recs: Director Talbot presented them with a calendar of events. The discussion then went into the planned adult Easter egg hunt activity. Mayor Burroughs stated that he was opposed. Director Talbot explained that the reason for the adult activities was to fund projects for the kids. The Dinner with Santa cost about \$2,000. It was completely free for the kids and included food, presents, carriage rides, visits and pictures with Santa. She further stated that she understood the criteria was that the park had to make money or break even. Mayor Burroughs was adamant about having a children's Easter egg hunt. If that happened, then he would be good with the adult egg hunt. Alderman Johnson asked if the Park was paying for the prizes for the adult hunt and if so, why? Talbot stated that you can't keep asking the same people for donations. The Board finally agreed to try the adult egg hunt this year.

Economic Development: Director Talbot spoke about a plan for boring under I-70 that would not cost the City money out of pocket. She said that the project cost is expected to be \$425,000. The City's cost basis would be \$212,500. The proposal would give the State shed a break on their monthly water and sewer bills for 25 years. There would be stipulations put into any agreement that if the shed closed, the City of New Florence would not be held responsible for any portion not used. Adjustments to time would also be factored in as water and sewer rates were adjusted. The only out of pocket the City would incur is the cost difference to put in a larger line than is being proposed by MoDOT, and fire hydrants. The Board gave Talbot permission to proceed with negotiations.

Legal: Attorney Ferman had nothing to report.

Public Works: Superintendent Weber presented his report. He presented the Board with a proposal to chip and seal Hudson and Flynn Streets from Main Street to Broadwater Street by piggybacking with Hermann. The outfit spreads oil and lime screenings. The lime screenings then have to be swept and backed off. The cost to do this is \$4,260.00 if we piggyback. This saves transportation costs for both Hermann and New Florence. This could be funded from the Street Fund's Capital Expenditures and Project Funds. We would have to be very restrictive in spending out of the Street budget for the rest of the budget year. Alderman Johnson made a motion to do the dust and seal, seconded by Alderman Williams.

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

The motion carries.

Director Talbot then presented a contract with Matt Wallach to DJ at the Party in the Park for all day and night, rather than get a live band. His cost would be \$1,200. She was instructed to get a quote from Ace High. If it came in under the \$1,200, she could then negotiate with Matt Wallach to see if he could give a better quote.

Accounts Clerk Talbot then asked about having Summit come down for a couple of days for some in-depth training. She was directed to get a cost to have them come down to do problem solving and training.

There being no further business for open session, Alderman Williams made a motion to go to closed session. Alderman Heichelbech seconded the motion.

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

The motion carries.

Adell Jonas, City Clerk

John Burroughs, Mayor