

**CITY OF NEW FLORENCE  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
May 11, 2015**

The Board of Aldermen for the City of New Florence met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. on May 11, 2015.

Mayor Burroughs called the meeting to order.

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**

Administrator/Chief David Ingle  
City Clerk Adell Jonas  
Superintendent Alan Weber  
Attorney David Ferman

**VISITORS:**

There were no visitors.

**CONSENT ITEMS:** The consent items consisted of the minutes from the April Open and Closed Board meetings, a special sessions meeting held on April 27, and the claims. Clerk Jonas asked permission to add several bills to the claims that had come in that day.

**Motion:**

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

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| <b>Vote:</b> | Mayor John Burroughs        | None    |
|              | Alderman Adrian Heichelbech | Aye     |
|              | Alderman Andy Johnson       | Abstain |
|              | Alderman Corey Johnson      | Aye     |
|              | Alderman Steve Williams     | Aye     |

**The motion carries.**

**VISITOR COMMENTS:**

There were no visitor comments.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Motion:**

Bill E1-2015 authorizing an agreement with American Bank to provide funding for the Franklin Street water tower painting and sanitation was given first reading by caption. Alderman Corey Johnson made a motion to accept the reading, seconded by Alderman Williams. Alderman Corey Johnson then made a motion to waive procedure and go to second reading, seconded by Alderman Andy Johnson. Bill E1-2015 was given second reading 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 E1-2015 is now **Ordinance E1-2015**.

There was discussion as to whether to borrow \$54,000, the amount listed in the letter of intent, or to only borrow a portion. It was decided to borrow the \$54,000.

**Motion:**

Alderman Williams made a motion to authorize Mayor Burroughs and President of the Board Corey Johnson to sign the contract for \$54,000.00. 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:** A review of the 2015-16 city budget was the next agenda item. Alderman Johnson inquired as to why so much was budgeted for salaries. Administrator Ingle addressed this. He stated that the actual salary amount was listed elsewhere in the budget but this figure allowed for overtime and seasonal help. He further stated that the unused excess would drop into the capital expenditures line item for the following budget year.

The Tourism and Development Committee met and have tentatively agreed to fund 25% of the total project cost for an early warning siren system, depending on grant funding available. They might fund more. The sign project on Interstate 70, as well as advertising for local events such as the Party in the Park, Old Settlers and the Montgomery County Fair to draw people to the area hotels were some of the items discussed. Alderman Williams asked if they would consider funding for fireworks for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration. Administrator Ingle gave options as to how the funds could be spent but reminded them that the Board of Aldermen makes the final decisions. Alderman Johnson said he would like to see the money grow to build a YMCA.

**Motion:** Alderman Andy Johnson made a motion to put bids out for the early warning siren system, 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.**

**DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:**

**Administration:** Administrator Ingle presented his report. He pointed out that he had listed the inspections/code enforcement action separately. He stated that another twelve had been done this past week. He is continuing on high grass and derelict vehicle enforcement. Ingle was asked about the chip and seal on Hudson and Flynn Streets by Alderman Andy Johnson. The question was redirected to Superintendent Weber who said that it was a pilot program piggybacked with the City of Hermann. They will do more later if they are happy with the results. This was less expensive than the traditional chip and seal.

**Police:** Chief Ingle presented his report. He stated calls for service were ongoing. Several investigations were taking a lot of time. The Eastern MO Drug Task Force was also doing investigations. He hoped that would be finished in the next month.

**Parks:** Alderman Williams stated that volleyball leagues were started two weeks ago. Last week was cancelled due to weather issues. There were 6 teams playing. The Park Committee is working on plans for Party in the Park. He had bids out for a DJ for the event. He asked Superintendent Weber about the hole with the orange fencing around it. Weber stated that they would be putting a concrete collar around it. Williams also asked if they had located the PA system to see if it was usable. Ingle advised that he would undertake this project.

**City Clerk:** Clerk Jonas presented her report. She stated that she needed a decision from the Board as to whether to renew membership with MPUA. This organization is one that the City has belonged to for a number of years, but the City has never had cause to take advantage of their services since she had been here. She stated she contacted the City of Hermann to find out if they were members and what advantages they got from the organization. Their response was that they were members because their electric gets invoiced from MPUA. They do not do anything with the gas. Kathy Heberle stated that they do offer training that is free if you are a member.

**Motion:** Alderman Heichelbech made a motion to cancel membership with MPUA, seconded by Alderman Corey Johnson.

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| <b>Vote:</b> Mayor John Burroughs | None |
| Alderman Adrian Heichelbech       | Aye  |
| Alderman Andy Johnson             | Aye  |
| Alderman Corey Johnson            | Aye  |
| Alderman Steve Williams           | Aye  |

**The motion carries.**

Clerk Jonas stated that she had received a phone call from Brandy Pierson from City of Montgomery regarding Kingdom Projects' trash recycling. She stated that what Montgomery City is doing is getting a recycle trailer from Kingdom Projects and Montgomery City employees will take it to Kingdom Projects when it needs dumping. When asked what Kingdom Projects charged for this, Pierson stated that Steve Deves was on vacation, but if there was any cost involved, it was very little. Administrator Ingle asked for permission to speak with Deves and see if we could piggyback on this project. Alderman Williams suggested that if we get this done, it be emptied every Monday morning and have a sign stating that if the dumpster is full, hold recyclables until Monday afternoon.

Clerk Jonas stated that she had spoken with a resident about putting in a modular home on a foundation in town. The resident was told that she would have to go through the Variance Board, but ultimately the Board of Aldermen would make that decision. The resident asked Clerk Jonas to see if the Board would consider it. The Board's response was that it would have to meet the regulations required for stick built homes, such as set-backs and dimensions, etc.

Clerk Jonas then presented two applications she had received for the grass mowing position.

**Legal:** Attorney Ferman gave his report with questions asked.

**Public Works:** Superintendent Weber stated that the water tower project was completed and that Maguire Iron also cleaned out the tower on Booneslick Road. The lagoon was down to 12'3". Alderman Williams inquired as to whether the fill could be changed at the tower to fill from the top down, rather than from the bottom up. Weber stated that a mixer would work better and be more economical. Weber also stated that the Booneslick Tower had some paint chipping around the welds. He has not gotten the pictures yet. Weber stated that DNR had been out to inspect the water system. They seemed fairly happy with what they saw. He has not gotten their report yet. We are still 30 days out on the excavator. They have been working on grass mowing, etc. Mayor Burroughs inquired about spraying for mosquitos. Superintendent Weber stated that he had checked with both Co-op and MFA about granules to put in the ditches. Both said the same thing. They do not know of anything; and that he might have to contact some type of specialty company. There was discussion on ditching, as well as curb and gutter or tubing some problem areas.

Alderman Andy Johnson then asked for the floor. He asked about emergency contact phone numbers and if they were posted in case someone had a problem after hours. Administrator Ingle state that there are phone numbers posted. It was stated that people could call the 573-564-3378 non-emergency dispatch number and Dispatch would contact someone. Alderman Johnson then asked if the minutes on the website could be put on more timely. He also asked about putting a phone number on City Hall's recording for emergency services or have call forwarding. This is already being done. He asked about street lights, and if the police officer could get a list to be sent to Ameren. This is already being done. Administrator Ingle stated that people could go on the City's website under the "Contact Us" button, which would hit an e-mail to the City's e-mail to generate a work order that could be enacted. Alderman Johnson asked if the emergency numbers could be put on the website and in a newsletter. He then stated that he would like to talk about time cards and hours in closed session.

**Motion:**

Alderman Johnson then made a motion to go to closed session, seconded by Alderman Williams.

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| <b>Vote:</b> | 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 one motion was made with votes taken, Alderman Corey Johnson made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Alderman Andy Johnson.

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| <b>Vote:</b> | Mayor John Burroughs        | None |
|              | Alderman Adrian Heichelbech | Aye  |
|              | Alderman Corey Johnson      | Aye  |
|              | Alderman Steve Williams     | Aye  |

**The motion carries** and the meeting adjourned.

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Adell Jonas, City Clerk

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John Burroughs, Mayor