

**CITY OF NEW FLORENCE
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
January 11, 2016**

The Board of Aldermen for the City of New Florence met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. on January 11, 2016.

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:

Deana Dothage (BRPC), Gale Johnson, Steve Goodman, Katie Johnson, Amy Talbot and Landon Talbot.

VISITOR COMMENTS:

Mayor Burroughs opened the floor to Deana Dothage from Booneslick Regional Planning. She gave the Board an update of the MO Rides program. She hopes to renew the grant. She also was looking at a grant possibility for a volunteer driver program. She also gave a synopsis of the benefits that Booneslick Regional Planning Commission offers its members, as Chad Eggan, Executive Director, was unable to attend the meeting. These included economic development and community development assistance, mapping, grant writing, etc. Deana has been appointed as the liaison for New Florence.

MAYORAL COMMENTS: Mayor Burroughs mentioned the HB-1811 bill that would nullify the City's ability to ban pit bull dogs. He is against this legislation and has spoken with Representative Bart Korman. Korman says we will have to reword our ordinance because the State Supreme Court ruled that we can't keep out pit bulls.

CONSENT ITEMS: The consent items consisted of the minutes from the December 14 regular meeting and the claims. Clerk Jonas had two additional invoices come in that day that she wanted added to the claims.

Motion:

Alderman Williams made a motion to approve the minutes and claims to include the additional invoices. This was 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.

OLD BUSINESS:

The payoff amount of the Franklin Water Tower painting loan is \$48,197.09.

Motion:

Alderman Williams made a motion to pay off the Franklin Water Tower painting loan, 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 passes.

The bids for renovating Cemetery Street were reviewed. \$30,000 from Hotel/Motel Tax Funds was approved at a previous meeting. All three bids were between \$57,000 and \$58,000. Alderman Andy Johnson asked where the additional funds were coming from. Visitor Katie Johnson asked the justification of repairing Cemetery Street when streets in town needed repair. To answer the justification of project, Ingle stated that it was being funded from Hotel/Motel tax revenue. The hotels tax money cannot be spent on residential streets, but improvements for the business district, economic development and promotion of the City.

Motion:

Alderman Heichelbech made a motion to reject all bids and have the City Crew do the work themselves with the funding allocated and as time and weather permits. This was seconded by Alderman Corey Johnson.

Vote: Mayor John Burroughs None
Alderman Adrian Heichelbech Aye
Alderman Andy Johnson No
Alderman Corey Johnson Aye
Alderman Steve Williams Aye

The motion carries.

NEW BUSINESS:

A request to purchase a new safe was presented to the Board. The old safe's ball bearings had slipped, rendering the lock useless. To repair the old safe was estimated to cost between \$600 and \$800. A new safe with a fire rating of 1,800 BTU could be purchased from Orscheln's for \$950.00.

Motion:

Alderman Williams made a motion to approve the purchase of a safe, 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.

Appointment of a Budget Committee for the 2016-17 Budget Year was next. Administrator Ingle stated that this is normally comprised of the mayor and the two aldermen that are not up for re-election. Alderman Andy Johnson declined to sit this committee. It was decided that the committee will be comprised of Mayor Burroughs, Alderman Corey Johnson and Administrator Ingle with assistance from the department heads.

Various bills were drafted to increase fees for business licenses (from \$20.00 to \$30.00), animal tags (from \$2 and \$3 to \$5 and \$7) and setting fees for a non-commercial kennel license. Research was done on the business license fees charged in other local towns and we are by far lower than anyone else. The costs associated with animal

licensing are more than we are collecting currently through animal tags purchases. There are provisions for fees associated with a non-commercial kennel license currently in our ordinances, but there is no dollar amount. There is quite a bit of time and paperwork associated with issuing this license.

Motion:

Alderman Williams made a motion to increase the business license fee to \$30.00, 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.

Motion:

Alderman Andy Johnson made a motion to increase animal tag fees to \$5.00 for males and spayed females and \$7.00 for unspayed females. This motion 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.

Motion:

Alderman Heichelbech made a motion to impose an application fee of \$50.00 and a license fee of \$15.00 for each non-commercial kennel license. Alderman Williams seconded this 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.

Administrator Ingle then spoke about the RV Campground. The tenants were cited. Don Worley was advised that he needed a business license to operate the campground. Worley is in the process of getting the license. Ingle then stated that our ordinances have a provision for a special permit in order to stay in the campground after 60 days. He asked the Board to approve the issuing of a permit for an additional amount of time. Several amounts were discussed.

Motion:

Alderman Andy Johnson made a motion to set the campground permit for camping after 60 days at \$5.00 per day. Alderman Williams 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.

At the March Board Meeting, Bills A1, A2 and A3 will be presented and an ordinance will be drafted regarding the campground fees to be voted on.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

Administration: Administrator Ingle presented his report.

Police: Chief Ingle presented his report. He also presented his Police Department Annual Report and his 2015 Annual Traffic Safety Report. Steve Goodman, spoke out of turn without having the floor and verbally complained about the lack of patrol in town. He cited an incident where person(s) unknown were speeding through town and leaving black marks on the streets. He stated that the radio scanner indicated that Patrolman Waite was running radar on the Interstate at the time of this incident. Chief Ingle asked if he reported the incident. Goodman said no. Chief Ingle further asked Goodman as to when the occurrence took place. It was determined that Goodman's statement was not possible due to the fact that Officer Waite was not on duty during the time and date that Goodman said he was.. Chief Ingle advised Goodman that if he observed a violation of law he should call and report the violation at the time it happened instead of waiting for the board meeting. Mayor Burroughs brought the floor back into order and continued with the department reports.

Parks: Alderman/Parks Director Williams stated that currently nothing was going on with the Park. He intended to have a meeting with the Park Board this week or next.

Clerk: Clerk Jonas presented her report.

Legal: Attorney Ferman stated he had nothing to report.

Public Works: Superintendent Weber presented his report. Alderman Williams inquired as to status of the OSP (Owner Supervised Plan). Weber stated that he had recently met with the engineer.

There being nothing further on the agenda, Alderman Andy Johnson made a motion to adjourn. 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 and the meeting adjourned.

Adell Jonas, City Clerk

John Burroughs, Mayor

