

**CITY OF NEW FLORENCE  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
May 9, 2016**

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

City Clerk Adell Jonas  
Public Works Kenny Williams  
Attorney David Ferman  
Sgt. Brandon LyBarger

**VISITORS:**

Vipin Bhatt, David Ingle, Amy Talbot

**MAYORAL COMMENTS:** Mayor Burroughs commented about the several city employees over rate over the past several months..

**VISITOR COMMENTS:** Mr. Vipin Bhatt from America's Best Inn & Suites addressed the Council. He is a member of the Tourism & Economic Development Committee and was unable to attend the past two meetings. The gist of his conversation were objections to spending \$30,000 from Hotel/Motel tax funds to repair Cemetery Street as he felt this did not fit the intent of the legislation (economic development, tourism and promotion of the city), lack of plans or prioritized list for spending funds and a lack of representation on the Committee from the hotel owners. He also questioned as to whether Days Inn had been approached to help with funding of that project since it improved their property. David Ingle addressed his questions. He stated that the Days Inn owners were not approached, nor expected to help fund the Cemetery Street repair as this was a city street. This street accessed the city cemetery, the hotel and a bar. The committee made that decision and it was then presented to the Board. The Board also voted to do this. That being said, the work has not been done and the Board could reverse their decision if they wanted to do so. Regarding a prioritized list of projects, Ingle stated that he had asked the Committee to come up with ideas or suggestions several times. There was the suggestion of installing welcome signs at the overhead. One committee member was tasked to check into this. That particular committee member has not attended the meeting since that time. Because of Mr. Bhatt going over the same things several times, Mayor Burroughs stated that Bhatt's time had expired. Mr. Bhatt stated that he was not done speaking, to which Mayor Burroughs indicated that he was out of order. Mr. Bhatt took issue with that and Mayor Burroughs called Mr. Bhatt out of order two or three times and told him that he was excused from the meeting. Mr. Bhatt then left the board room.

At this point, Alderman Andy Johnson asked if he could be excused. He then excused himself from the meeting with no objection from Mayor Burroughs.

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS:** Consent items consisting of the April 11th regular and closed meeting minutes and the claims, with four additions to the claims was approved by a motion from Alderman Heichelbech and a second from Alderman Corey Johnson.

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

**The motion carries.**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Motion:** Alderman Williams made a motion to approve the public works department reporting form developed by Superintendent Kenny Williams. This was seconded by Alderman Corey Johnson.

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

**The motion carries.**

Due to the absence of Alderman Andy Johnson, Bills D1-2016 and D2-2016 were tabled.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Bill E1-2016 was tabled until a full board was available. The next item was a review of the City's policies and procedures. At the end of the review discussion, Alderman Andy Johnson returned to the meeting.

**Motion:** Alderman Williams made a motion to make the recommended changes to the policies and procedures as listed. This was seconded by Alderman Heichelbech. Alderman Andy Johnson stated that he was voting no as he was not there for the discussion.

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

**The motion carries.**

We then went back to the bills that were held pending a full board.

Bill D1-2016 approving the 2016-2017 budget was given second reading.

**Motion:** Alderman Williams made a motion to accept, seconded by Alderman Heichelbech. Alderman Andy Johnson made a motion to waive procedure and continue to final reading, seconded by Alderman Heichelbech. Upon final reading, the vote was as follows:

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

**The motion passes** and Bill D1-2016 is now **Ordinance E1-2016**.

Bill D2-2016 classifying employee positions and compensations was given second reading.

**Motion:** Alderman Williams made the motion to accept, seconded by Alderman Heichelbech. Alderman Corey Johnson made the motion to waive procedure and place bill on final reading, seconded by Alderman Andy Johnson. After final reading the vote was as follows:

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

**The motion carries.** Bill D2-2016 is now **Ordinance E2-2016**.

Bill E1-2016 amending water rates (#4 of 5) was read by caption.

**Motion:** Alderman Williams made the motion to approve, seconded by Alderman Heichelbech. Alderman Corey Johnson made a motion to waive procedure and place on final reading, seconded by Alderman Andy Johnson. Bill E1-2016 was again read by caption.

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

**The motion carries** and Bill E1-2016 is now **Ordinance E3-2016**.

**Motion:** Alderman Andy Johnson made a motion to accept the resignation of David Ingle, seconded by Alderman Heichelbech.

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

**The motion carries.**

The ad for Chief of Police was discussed. Alderman Andy Johnson stated he would like to hire someone within Montgomery County and his preference would be that they live in New Florence. It was suggested that the ad be placed on the city's website, the Missouri Police Chief's Association website, Missouri Municipal League's website and advertised in the Montgomery Standard and the Warrenton Record.

**Motion:** Alderman Heichelbech made a motion to confirm the appointment of Sgt. Brandon LyBarger as the Acting Police Chief, seconded by Alderman Corey Johnson.

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

**The motion carries.**

**Motion:** Alderman Heichelbech made a motion to confirm Officer Matt Waite as part time police officer. This was seconded by Alderman Williams.

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

**The motion carries.**

**DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:**

**Administration:** None.

**Police:** The police department report was presented for review.

**Parks:** Alderman/Parks Director Williams stated that May 12 would begin the spring volleyball leagues to be held on Thursday nights. This was backed up a week due to end of year activities at school. May 20 would be the first Trivia Night. This was backed up so as not to conflict with the Old Settlers Paddle Auction being held on May 13.

**City Clerk:** Clerk Jonas presented her report. She requested permission to attend several upcoming events/conferences that were no cost provided that she could work it out with Myra. The Board had no objection.

**Legal:** None.

**Public Works:** Superintendent Williams presented his report. He presented the street bids for consideration. There were some minor changes to the bid specs.

**Motion:** Alderman Andy Johnson made a motion to advertise the street bids, seconded by Alderman Williams.

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

**The motion carries.**

**Motion:** Alderman Andy Johnson made a motion to go into closed session to discuss personnel issues. This was seconded by Alderman Heichelbech.

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

**The motion carries.**

**Motion:** Upon return from Closed Session where no motions were made with votes taken, Alderman Andy Johnson made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Alderman Heichelbech.

<b>Vote:</b>	Mayor John Burroughs	None		
	Alderman Adrian Heichelbech	Aye	Alderman Corey Johnson	Aye
	Alderman Andy 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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Corey Johnson, Mayor Pro Tem