

Council Meeting Minutes for September 22, 2014

7:00 Public Hearing on proposed Ordinance #586. An Ordinance of the City of LaGrange, Missouri amending section 405.010 Statutory Authorization, findings of Fact, and purposes. There were no Citizens attending this meeting. With no further discussion from the Council, Mayor Powers closed the public hearing. Mayor Ronnie Powers called the meeting to order at the conclusion of the Public Hearing.

Opening Prayer: City Engineer Mark Bross from Klingner & Associates gave the opening pray.

Roll Call: Councilmember Ed Cox present, Councilmember Paul Guilfoyle present, Councilmember Lannie Henze present, Councilmember Doug Lewis present, Councilmember Mike Lowe present and Councilmember John Solter present.

City Employees: City Administrator Brent Bury present, City Clerk Patty Spindler present, Finance Officer Kim Schneider absent, City Attorney Jeff Curl present, City Engineer Mark Bross present, Chief of Police Dale McNelly present, Public Works Foreman Ed Ensor present, Water Super/Fire Chief Grant Kennedy absent, Wastewater Mike Henderson present.

Additions to or Deletions from the agenda. City Attorney Jeff Curl asked to have the CenturyTel class action suit placed under new business. Motion by Councilmember Lowe, to approve the agenda with the added new business, Councilmember Solter, second the motion, motion carried six yes.

Presentations and Special Reports: City Administrator Brent Bury typed report. In addition to the typed report, City Administrator Bury added the property at 704 North 4th street is not completed. City Administrator Bury stated he was waiting on Liberty Gas to remove the line. City Administrator Bury stated he is looking into several resources on being able to take debit/credit cards here at City Hall. He stated that we were unable to use the meter reading system this month since the program was not installed properly in the new computer system. City Administrator Bury stated he is waiting on getting WCI and Steve Pautz from Ionware together and get the Easy Read program installed. City Administrator Bury spoke to the Council about the air condition unit freezing up and it needs to be replaced. Bury said that Campen has submitted a quote for replacing the unit. Councilmember Lowe made the motion to get two more quotes and bring those back to the Council. Councilmember Cox second the motion, motion carried six yes.

Three options for Sidewalk replacements and new sidewalks entire length of Route C out to Ball Park: City Administrator Bury spoke to the Council about the three different costs that City Engineer Mark Bross provided. The following are the three options presented. The cost for the entire length of Route C out to Ballpark \$255,150.00, replacing only existing Sidewalk on Route C out toward Ball Park \$100,305.00 and add new sidewalk from existing sidewalk on Route C out toward Ball Park \$154,845.00. City Administrator Bury stated this is an 80/20

match grant through MODOT. The cost to the City if awarded would be \$51,000 if the Council goes with option 1. Councilmember Guilfoyle motioned to go with option 1 for the complete sidewalk. Councilmember Lewis second the motion, motion carried six yes.

City Administrator Bury asked that the public hearings for October be cancelled. Bury stated he was sending a dangerous and unsafe building notice to Daniel Ray, and he already had sent one to Richard Demien and both of these could be held at the same time. Then a public hearing could be set at that time.

Public Comments/Visitors: There was no one present to speak to the Council.

Approval of Minutes 09/08/2014: Motion by Councilmember Solter, to approve the minutes, second by Councilmember Henze, motion carried six yes.

Approval of Bills: Motion by Councilmember Lowe, to pay the bills submitted, motion second by Councilmember Lewis, motion carried six yes.

Treasurer Report: No report presented at this meeting.

Old/Unfinished Business:

Mark Bross City Engineer present a typed report to the Council.

Sewer System Improvement: Manhole lining should be close to completion by 09/19/14. We are waiting on the final video of the sewer line to verify lining is properly completed without any issue. A final copy of the completed sewer video will be provided to the City. Visu-Sewer has submitted a Pay Request #2 of \$126,925.29. We recommend approval. There will be a final change order to adjust to final as-constructed quantities. We do not anticipate any change to contract price very much (it may possibly be a deduct change order). That will likely happen at one of the October City Council meetings. **Action Item: Visu-Sewer Pay Request No. 2 of \$126,925.29 – needs approval by Council and allow Mayor Powers to sign the change order.** Motion by Councilmember Guilfoyle, to approve pay request No. #2 of \$126,925.29, and money will be taken from the Bond project money, Councilmember Henze, second the motion, motion carried five yes with Councilmember Cox opposing.

Water System Improvements:

Contract #1 – Final grading completed and the fencing is due for installation 09/19/14 at the tank site. Final grading did require that a 12" hydrant extension be installed on the fire hydrant at the tank. Phoenix Fabricator is requesting a change order for the extension of \$956.00. Grant Kennedy approved it in the field and we are recommending approval. Motion by Councilmember Lowe, to approve the change order from Phoenix Fabricator of \$956.00 to come out of the bond monies. Councilmember Solter, second the motion, motion carried five yes, and Councilmember Cox opposing.

Contract #2 – Great Plains nearly completed with all service line switchovers. They have some driveway repairs to complete as well as yard seeding/mulching in several locations.

Contract #3-The pump station is due this week with the pump station building

coming the following week. We anticipate the pump station will be operational by month end, so we can fill the water tower and put it into service. All contracts on the project are on track and will be completed soon.

Opening bids for Salt spreader and snowplow: No bids received. Councilmember Lowe motioned to have Ensor scrap the two items. Councilmember Guilfoyle second the motion, motion carried six yes.

Any other unfinished or old business: Nothing additional brought before the Council.

New Business:

Ordinance #586 – An Ordinance of the City of LaGrange, Missouri, amending Section 405.010 Statutory Authorization, Findings of Fact, and Purposes

Motion made by Councilmember Guilfoyle, for the first reading of proposed Ordinance #586. Councilmember Solter, second the motion, motion carried six yes.

Motion made by Councilmember Henze, for the second reading of proposed Ordinance #586. Councilmember Lowe, second the motion, motion carried six yes.

Motion made by Councilmember Lowe, for the adoption of Ordinance #586, Councilmember Guilfoyle, second the motion, motion with the following roll call votes: Councilmember Cox yes, Councilmember Guilfoyle yes, Councilmember Henze yes, Councilmember Lewis yes, Councilmember Lowe yes and Councilmember Solter yes.

Class action suit with CenturyTel. City Attorney Jeff Curl spoke to the Council regarding this matter and what actions the City could take. Curl stated the City could stay in the suit and would be paid \$4,300 for our part. Curl stated there is about \$2,700 in a special account that CenturyTel has been paying so he does not know if it will be the full \$4,300.00 or the difference from the money already paid. The City also has the option of giving 5% of the money to the MML.

Councilmember Solter made the motion to have the City stay in the suit and to pay the MML 5% of money received. Councilmember Lowe second, motion, motion carried six yes. City Attorney Curl stated he would get an Ordinance drawn up.

Motion/Vote to allow giving the City Employee December 26, 2014 and January 02, 2015 for the Holidays. Motion by Councilmember Lewis, to allow the City employees to have the following days off with pay December 26, 2014 and January 02, 2015. Councilmember Cox, second the motion, motion carried six yes.

Motion / Vote for Holiday card for County Market, there is enough in the fund to allow for 20 employee cards at either \$50 at \$1,000 or \$75 at \$1,500 leaving a balance if using the \$1,000 would be \$2,035 or using the \$1500 would be \$1535. Motion by Councilmember Lewis, to approve the Holiday gift for County Market in the amount of \$75.00, Councilmember Cox, second the motion, motion carried

six yes.

Proposed Ordinance – An Ordinance of the City of LaGrange, Missouri amending section 585.010 Demolition of Buildings Structures and Foundations. Mayor Powers stated he was not in favor of the changes to the existing ordinance.

Councilmember Lowe made the motion to post the proposed Ordinance as submitted by the City Attorney. Councilmember Solter second the motion, motion carried six yes.

Additional New Business:

Councilmember Solter stated he would like to make a comment on the parking of cars on the side road of 7th & Jackson, and the cars parked on 7th & Jefferson. Councilmember Solter stated several citizens approached him concerning these two locations. Councilmember Lewis stated several Citizens complained about the unsafe parking in these two locations. City Administrator Brent Bury, Public Works Foreman Ed Ensor and Police Chief Dale McNelly will look into this problem and bring their findings back to the Council. Public Works Foreman Ed Ensor stated he would also speak to the State.

Adjournment: With nothing further before the Council and no one present Councilmember Lowe, made the motion to adjourn at 8:00 p.m., motion second by Councilmember Guilfoyle, motion carried six yes.

Submitted to Council October 13, 2014 Reviewed by Council



Patty Spindler, MMC, CCA City Clerk

Ronnie L. Powers, Mayor