

WATERLOO UTILITY MEETING
Monday July 14, 2014
6:00 p.m.

Mayor – Tom Smith
City Clerk – Barbara Pace
Asst. City Attorney – Dan Hayes
Alderman Ward I Steve Notheisen & Russ Thomas
Aldermen Ward II Jim Hopkins & Rita Trantham
Alderman Ward III Gerald Frederick & Charlie Metzger
Aldermen Ward IV Clyde Heller & Vicki Koerber

Jim Nagel-Zoning/Subdivision Administrator, Shawn Kennedy-Collector/Finance, Sarah Deutch-Community Relations Coordinator, Jim Trantham- Chief of Police, Tim Birk-Director of Public Works, Russ Row-Bldg Inspector/Code Administrator.

City Clerk – Barbara Pace presented Utility Meeting Minutes dated Monday, June 09, 2014. Motion to approve minutes made by Alderman Heller and seconded by Alderman Frederick. Corrections: Zoning/Subdivision Administrator-line 7 change to include to make them conform- ing uses. Department of Public Works; line 1 change IDOT to IEPA. Motion to approve corrected minutes passed unanimously with Aldermen Heller, Notheisen, Thomas, Hopkins, Trantham, Metzger, Frederick and Koerber voting yea.

Petitions by Citizens on Non-Agenda Items. Mr. Allan Toenjes addressed the Council inquiring about garage sale signs not being removed after sales. Discussion. Mayor Smith stated he will print a notice in the newsletter requesting their post-sale removal. He also inquired about trucks and trailers at residences around town and it was stated Mayor will look into this problem. He additionally asked if there were ordinances regarding bicycles on public roads and was told this is a county issue. Mr. Toenjes complimented the City on a doing a fine job.

Zoning/Subdivision Administrator - Jim Nagel reported the dialysis center is progressing after difficulties with utility locations and the retention basin. Tonight at the Planning Commission meeting a request will be presented from State Bank requesting the location of a pylon sign at their North Market location which is zoned R.3. Discussion.

Collector/Finance Officer – Shawn Kennedy received a letter from IDOT stating the City passed the Motor Fuel Tax audit. Also a letter from the Illinois Department of Revenue was received regarding illegal tax charges by a telecommunications company and the City can expect reimbursement payments of \$3900/month in 9 month installments.

Community Relations Coordinator-Sarah Deutch distributed photo of the mural completed on the Bean Tree building and mural work is continuing on additional buildings. Work is done after dark for the projector focusing process and lasts for 4 hours. Volunteers are needed. Request for more information for Hometown Teams and this program will be presented July 29, 2014 @ 8 p.m. at the Municipal Bandstand.

Alderman Koerber stated the Rawlings commemorative wooden bats are coming in and will be sold for \$10 each.

Inspector/Code Administrator – Russ Row distributed the 2014 YTD report for Violations, Rental Inspections, New Construction Inspections and Dumpster Permits issued. Russ stated there were 46 violations last month. There is cooperation with the grass mowing and no outside contractor has been needed to cut the grass. Russ is working with the painters on the murals. Discussion.

Department of Public Works – Tim Birk reported on his meeting with IDOT on July 8, 2014 from 4-7 p.m. and stated IDOT will not close off the west leg of Illinois Avenue at Route 3. The contract with J&J Septic Tank and Sewer Cleaning is coming up for renewal. Discussion. Council agreed the contract should be renewed. Next week the salt shed will be painted by the summer help. Mayor Smith stated it was decided to put up a counting system for the Monroe County Fair to keep track of the attendance. The flooding and drainage problem at Westview Lake and a possible law suit against McBride developers was discussed by the Council.

Alderman Koerber requested the aldermen be included in the discussion and planning regarding the flooding and drainage problem at Westview.

Chief of Police - Jim Trantham stated the new hire, Kelsey Hovorka, has graduated from the police academy and out of 21 graduates she was runner up for academics with the tactical trainer commenting ‘she did not shy away from anyone.’ Chief Trantham stated tonight she began field training and she now resides in Waterloo.

City Attorney - Dan Hayes has filed a complaint against Osterhage regarding their neglected building. Ordinances will be filed against the lien holders who are probably the new owners.

Mayor Smith thanked Alderman Hopkins and the volunteers from Hope Church for their work on the Bellefontaine and old Pizza Hut properties. The Valmeyer FFA has a test block large enough for Waterloo and Gibault students to plant crops. Discussion. The Council agreed to this and Mr. McDermott will be contacted regarding the idea. The Mayor stated the Whiteside Station Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution is having a dedication of a memorial marker for the grave of James McRoberts (a Revolutionary War soldier buried at Moore Cemetery) up the hill from Bellefontaine Place 309 S. Church St., Waterloo. US Congressman Bill Enyart (d.-Belleville) will be at the Waterloo City Hall on Tuesday, July 22, 2014 from 10:30 a.m. to noon.

Alderman Heller stated the Sister Cities visitors are in town until August 6.

Alderman Notheisen stated natural gas prices have dropped under \$4 today. The Waterloo Garden Club has completed all 3 plantings in addition to Zimmer Park. The Yards of Distinction will be July 28 and 11 yards have been considered.

Alderman Koerber stated Home Town Teams plans will be completed and ready for the Opening Ceremony July 26.

Adjournment – Motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Notheisen and seconded by Alderman Frederick. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote. Mayor Smith adjourned the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

Barbara Pace,
City Clerk