

WATERLOO UTILITY MEETING
Monday September 8, 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 Charlie Metzger & Gerry Frederick
Aldermen Ward IV Vicki Koerber
Shawn Kennedy-Collector/Finance, Sarah Deutch-Community Relations
Coordinator, Russ Row-Building Inspector/Code Administrator, Tim Birk-
Director of Public Works, Jim Trantham-Chief of Police, Dan Hayes- Attorney,
Tom Smith-Mayor, Barbara Pace- City Clerk.

City Clerk – Barbara Pace- Utility Meeting Minutes dated Monday, August 11, 2014: Motion to approve minutes made by Alderman Koerber and seconded by Alderman Thomas... Motion to approve minutes passed unanimously with Aldermen Koerber, Notheisen, Thomas, Hopkins, Trantham, Metzger, and Frederick voting yea.

Petitions by Citizens on Non-Agenda Items. None.

Alderman Koerber introduced members of the Monroe County Coalition for Drug-Free Communities (MCCDFC) and speaker Bill Rebholz. Mr. Rebholz addressed the Council regarding the coalition's position against the legalization of marijuana for medical and/or recreational use. He asked the Council to pass a resolution of support against the legalization of marijuana for medical and/or recreational use. Questions and answers and discussion concluded his address.

Collector/Finance Officer – Shawn Kennedy – stated work is being done on the police pension. Forty students from Gibault high school are involved in the project of research on downtown building in Waterloo. They are divided into groups of 5 and each building will be researched. The project is affiliated with St. Louis University.

Community Relations Coordinator-Sarah Deutch is working on the PumpkinFest and stated a schedule will be available for volunteers needed especially for the setup the morning of October 11. A new feature at the PumpkinFest will be the 50/50 drawing with posters at various locations displaying the most recent goals with collection used for Zimmer Park playground equipment. There will be a Violence Prevention Peace March October 9 in Hecker. HMG and Huebner Concrete will begin work soon on the fishing pier. Iron Crafters will build the railing. Murals continue to progress.

Building Inspector/Code Administrator-Russ Row provided the Council with the year to date information on rental violations, rental inspections, new construction inspections, dumpster permits issued and violation notices sent out. Discussion

Director of Public Works – Tim Birk stated the bid for winter salt is up by \$118.54 compared to last year's cost \$52.22 and the increase is due to the hard winter last year. The Waterloo Fire Department has requested No Parking signs at Moore and Illinois streets. The culverts in Lou Del need clearing. The Street Department will need to discuss this Monday at Drainage Committee meeting at 6:30. The services of J&J sledge haulers were explained regarding the use of sludge for fertilizer for crops grown on the City properties. Discussion. Council agreed to pursue this and suggested meeting with the Sewer Department and seek advice from the farm manager. Sewer lining bids will open at 2 p.m. on September 30, 2014. Tree trimming is a necessity before winter due to possible ice storms damaging power lines. The Council agreed the City will notify homeowners of future trimming. The water leak at the Historical Society due to a broken water line was repaired and the sewer bill will be rectified.

Chief of Police-Jim Trantham updated the Council on the recent car burglaries: 3 names submitted to WPD and videos from the Wal Mart coin-changer machine have been requested because some thieves exchange their coins for money paper here instead of a bank where suspicions might arise. Friday, September 12 is the first Waterloo home football game and extra officers will be on duty. Phone call received from Channel 2 requesting information on the stabbings July 17. Chief Trantham stated that information from various departments will go to the State's attorney office who will make the decision on whether there will be charges filed.

City Attorney-Dan Hayes

No report.

Alderman Thomas stated he received a call reporting that Reliable put trash which was 'not able to be recycled' back in the citizens yard. Discussion. Mayor Smith said citizens need to be educated regarding which items Reliable can recycle and will send out notices regarding this.

Alderman Koerber spoke on the earlier report given by the Monroe County Coalition for Drug-Free Communities. She stated that marijuana is a 'gateway drug.' For even more dangerous drugs. Discussion.

Alderman Frederick stated 16-25 years is the target audience for education on drugs. Discussion.

Mayor Smith stated that changes in salaries for City Officials must be made 180 days before the election.

Motion made by Alderman Thomas and seconded by Alderman Notheisen to approve going into Executive Session to Discuss Collective Bargaining Negotiations per 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2).

Motion passed with unanimous voice vote. Time: 8:10 p.m.

Utility Meeting reconvened at 8:20 p.m. Motion to reconvene made by Alderman Notheisen and seconded by Alderman Thomas. Motion passed with unanimous voice vote.

Adjournment – Motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Thomas and seconded by Alderman Frederick. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote. Mayor Smith adjourned the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

Barbara Pace, City Clerk