**July 15, 2016**

Mayor Jan Lehmkuhl called the Council Study Session to order at 7:00 p.m.

Council members present:  Bill Wagner, Jerry Kane, and Troy Watts.  City Attorney Mel Gilbert arrived shortly after the meeting started.

Council met for the purpose of working on going City business and the upcoming proposed City Street Sales Tax.

Attorney Gilbert brought some proposed wording to put in a letter to be put with the water billing explaining the proposed City Street ¼ Cent Sales Tax.  The purpose of the letter is to explain to City residents that everyone that comes to Ash Grove to shop will be contributing to the sales tax not just City residents.  The City also intends to put something in the Commonwealth explaining the tax.  Troy suggested that the local businesses with web and Facebook pages be asked to put something on those media asking residents to vote for and support the tax.

Mayor Jan Lehmkuhl said she had hoped to have a report from the Missouri Rural Water Association after the meeting that she had had with them a couple of weeks ago while talking to them about our water billing rates.

Mayor Lehmkuhl also had hoped to have a report on the new water tower inspection.  The tower is due to have the inside cleaned and re-lined and the outside needs painting.  Someone from Utility Services Inc. made an inspection and is going to present a proposal to the City.

Attorney Gilbert made a report on some ongoing work he is doing for the City and his progress.

Mayor Lehmkuhl also said she had been in contact with someone that is in the salvage business that is interested in working with the City on the old nursing home building.  She said she should have a report from him sometime next month.

Mayor Lehmkuhl said she had attended a meeting with the County Commissioners and while there she had spoken to a reporter from the News Leader.  She was quoted in the newspaper.

Jerry Kane made a motion to go into Closed Session at 8:30 p.m. with Bill Wagner giving the second.  The vote was as follows: Kane aye; Wagner aye; Watts:  aye.  Vote was unanimous.  Motion carried.

Jerry Kane made a motion to go back into Study Session at 8:55 p.m. with Bill Wagner giving the second. Vote was unanimous.  Motion carried.

Mayor Lehmkuhl announced that there was no City business discussed in Closed Session that could be brought up in the Study Session.

Bill Wagner made a motion to adjourn at 9:00 p.m. with Jerry Kane giving the second.  Vote was unanimous.  Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Troy Watts

Councilman

**July 5, 2016**

Mayor Jan Lehmkuhl called the regular Board meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on July 5, 2016 at 100 W. Main Street, Ash Grove City Hall.

Board Members present:  Jan Lehmkuhl, Mayor; Troy Watts, Jerry Kane, Deanna Monnig, and Bill Wagner Aldermen.  Also in attendance: City Clerk Deborah Cox; Police Chief Bruce Belin; Asst. Supt of Public Works Charlie Jones and Jeff Bowman.

Deanna Monnig gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

Motion made by Jerry Kane and seconded by Deanna Monnig to approve the consent agenda as presented which included the minutes from the last meetings.  Vote taken.  Unanimously approved.

Jeff Bowman, President of the Ash Grove Fire Protection District, asked the Board to review the drainage problem at the Fire Station on Piper Road again.  He stated the water pools between the two drives and does not drain properly.  Charles Jones told the Board he thinks the 6 in. pipe that is draining from the back of the building is not adequate to carry the run off from such a large area.  Jones stated he will contact and meet with Greene County Road and Bridge since both sides of the property are in the county.  Jones will have a report back to the within 30 days.

Motion made by Jerry Kane and seconded by Troy Watts to pay the bills after they are reviewed and signed. Vote taken.  Unanimous.

***2016-2017 SALARY ORDINANCE:***Motion made by Troy Watts and seconded by Deanna Monnig to place Bill No. 2016-19 setting salaries for city employees on its first reading.  Vote taken.  Watts, Kane, Monnig, and Wagner aye.  Read by the City Clerk.  Motion made by Troy Watts and seconded by Jerry Kane to accept the first reading of Bill No. 2016-19.  Vote taken.  Watts, Kane, Monnig and Wagner aye.  Motion made to place Bill No. 2016-19 on its final reading.  Vote taken.  Watts, Kane, Monnig and Wagner aye.  Read by the City Clerk.  Motion made by Troy Watts and seconded by Deanna Monnig to accept the final reading of Bill No. 2016-19– Ordinance #1028.  Vote taken.  Watts, Kane, Monnig and Wagner aye.

***APPOINTING MUNICIPAL JUDGE:***Motion was made by Troy Watts to place Bill No. 2016-20 -appointing Ryan Ricketts as Municipal Judge on its first reading.  Seconded by Jerry Kane.  Vote taken.  Monnig, Watts, Kane and Wagner, aye.  Clerk read the ordinance.  Motion made by Troy Watts and seconded by Jerry Kane to accept the first reading of Bill No. 2016-20.  Vote taken.  Monnig, Watts, Kane and Wagner, aye.  Motion made by Troy Watts and seconded by Jerry Kane to place Bill No. 2016-20 on final reading. Vote taken.  Monnig, Watts, Kane and Wagner, aye.  Read by the City Clerk.  Motion made by Troy Watts and seconded by Jerry Kane to accept the final reading. Vote taken.  Monnig, Watts, Kane and Wagner, aye.  Ordinance #1029 passed.

***APPOINTING SUPT OF PUBLIC WORKS:***Motion was made by Deanna Monnig to place Bill No. 2016-21 -appointing Frank Babcock as Supt of Public Works on its first reading.  Seconded by Jerry Kane.  Vote taken.  Monnig, Watts, Kane and Wagner, aye.  Clerk read the ordinance.  Motion made by Troy Watts and seconded by Jerry Kane to accept the first reading of Bill No. 2016-21.  Vote taken.  Monnig, Watts, Kane and Wagner, aye.  Motion made by Troy Watts and seconded by Jerry Kane to place Bill No. 2016-21 on final reading. Vote taken.  Monnig, Watts, Kane and Wagner, aye.  Read by the City Clerk.  Motion made by Troy Watts and seconded by Jerry Kane to accept the final reading. Vote taken.  Monnig, Watts, Kane and Wagner, aye.  Ordinance #1030 passed.

***APPOINTING CITY CLERK/FINANCE OFFICER:***Motion was made by Troy Watts to place Bill No. 2016-22 -appointing Deborah Cox as City Clerk/Finance Officer on its first reading.  Seconded by Jerry Kane.  Vote taken.  Monnig, Watts, Kane and Wagner, aye.  Clerk read the ordinance.  Motion made by Troy Watts and seconded by Jerry Kane to accept the first reading of Bill No. 2016-22.  Vote taken.  Monnig, Watts, Kane and Wagner, aye.  Motion made by Troy Watts and seconded by Jerry Kane to place Bill No. 2016-22 on final reading. Vote taken.  Monnig, Watts, Kane and Wagner, aye.  Read by the City Clerk.  Motion made by Troy Watts and seconded by Jerry Kane to accept the final reading. Vote taken.  Monnig, Watts, Kane and Wagner, aye.     Ordinance #1031 passed.

***APPOINTING POLICE CHIEF:***Motion was made by Troy Watts to place Bill No. 2016-23 -appointing Bruce Belin as Police Chief on its first reading.  Seconded by Deanna Monnig.  Vote taken.  Monnig, Watts, Kane and Wagner, aye.  Clerk read the ordinance.  Motion made by Troy Watts and seconded by Jerry Kane to accept the first reading of Bill No. 2016-23.  Vote taken.  Monnig, Watts, Kane and Wagner, aye.  Motion made by Troy Watts and seconded by Jerry Kane to place Bill No. 2016-23 on final reading. Vote taken.  Monnig, Watts, Kane and Wagner, aye.  Read by the City Clerk.  Motion made by Troy Watts and seconded by Jerry Kane to accept the final reading. Vote taken.  Monnig, Watts, Kane and Wagner, aye.   Ordinance #1032 passed.

***REVISION TO POOL MANAGERS CONTRACT:***Mayor Lehmkuhl informed the Board of an issue at the City Pool where David Raper, the pool manager, was not able to be there to supervise.  Mayor is recommending the City hire Cathy Raper to be his assistant to fill in when Mr. Raper is not available.  Motion made by Deanna Monnig and seconded by Jerry Kane to revise the Pool Managers contract adding an assistant with the same pay as manager.  Vote taken.  Unanimously approved.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

* GOLD program beginning in October to run through June 2017.  Mayor requested the Department Heads be made aware of this program if they would like to attend.  Mayor stated she will research for available scholarships.  She would like to attend this leadership program if the Department Heads do not want to go.  Motion made by Troy to table until more information concerning available scholarships can be obtained.  Seconded by Deanna Monnig.
* Mayor Lehmkuhl has been appointed as Vice President of the Greene County Mayor’s Association.

Troy Watts made a motion to go into closed session to discuss personnel issues at 7:46 p.m. with Deanna Monnig giving the second.  Vote was unanimous.  Motion carried.

Deanna Monnig made a motion to go back into regular board meeting with William Wagner giving the second.  Vote was unanimous.  Motion carried.

Mayor Lehmkuhl called the meeting back to order with Jerry Kane, Deanna Monnig, William Wagner and Troy Watts in attendance.

Mayor Lehmkuhl announced that no business was discussed in closed session that could be discussed in regular session.

Mayor Lehmkuhl talked with the Board about the new storage cabinets that were installed in the court room.  There are a few changes that needed to be made before accepting as finished.  The installers will be contacted to make the corrections.

Having no other business, motion was made by Deanna Monnig and seconded by Jerry Kane to adjourn.  Vote taken.  Kane, Monnig, Wagner, and Watts, aye.

*Deborah A. Cox, City Clerk*