

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF LAKE TAPAWINGO
March 1, 2007**

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Lake Tapawingo, Missouri met for the Regular Meeting on Thursday, March 1, 2007. The following were present:

Alderman Randy Altiser
Alderman Janet Baldwin
Alderman Dwight Hight

Alderman Dick Moore
Alderman Deborah Snelling
Alderman Lori Stone-vacation

Mayor Reed Alberg
Twyla Saigh, City Clerk

The meeting was called to order at 6:07 PM.

GUESTS –

Chief Westerman of Central Jackson County Fire Protection District (CJCFFD) reminded us that the CJCFFD and Lotawana Fire Protection District Consolidation Issue is on the ballot on April 3, 2007. He provided a handout detailing the reasons to support the consolidation.

Other guests in attendance: John Braden, 45-A; Mitzy Combs, 82-A and Joe Rush, 82-B.

CONSENT AGENDA –

Mayor Alberg entertained a motion to approve the consent agenda which included the February business meeting minutes and the February financial statement. Alderman Snelling moved to accept the consent agenda and Alderman Altiser seconded the motion. It was put to a vote and passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS –

Engineering Committee: Alderman Hight provided the following update on residents who had been asked to serve on the committee: Jim Brown, 132-B – willing to serve; Jay Floersch, 56-B – will be unavailable due to out-of-state work assignment; and David Beemer, 23-A – is unable to serve. Alderman Hight made a motion that the Council provide our project information to the four engineering firms who responded to our Request for Proposal. Alderman Baldwin seconded the motion. It was put to a vote and passed unanimously. The projects to be sent to the engineering committees would be discussed at the March 15th Work Session. City Administrator Scarborough and Alderman Altiser will discuss a sewer pump study prior to forwarding project to the engineering committee.

Management Consulting Contract Extension: Council discussed retaining the management consulting services of Carl Scarborough for another month. The budget allows the Council to retain his services through the end of the fiscal year (June 2007). The Aldermen discussed the need for a city administrator. Though others may be able to handle the tasks it was decided that having one person to go to for answers and decisions was in the best interest of the City at this time. Alderman Hight made a motion to extend the City Administrator's contract through the end of March and that he provide a list of accomplishments at the end of the month. Mayor Reed, Alderman Altiser and City Administrator

Scarborough would decide on the list of tasks. Alderman Altiser seconded the motion. It was put to a vote. There were four ayes and one nay.

NEW BUSINESS-

Benefits Committee Handout: Information was provided to the Council from two insurance brokers regarding the cost of providing benefits to City employees. Alderman Snelling said she didn't know of a city around here that paid one hundred percent of the employees' health insurance. It was decided that there would be another Benefits Committee meeting to discuss details of the benefits to be considered. The Committee would report back to the Council at the March 15th work session.

Budget Time: Alderman Altiser reminded the Council that it is time to consider the budget for next fiscal year. Alderman Hight recommended the new councilmen be involved with this. Alderman Moore said to expect the sewer expenses to be \$10 – 15K per month for the next year. This amount may change if a new sewer system is approved and initiated. Alderman Altiser wanted to know what tools the Sewer/Water Department need to complete some of the projects themselves. The City Clerk will forward the question to Clint Brightwell, Sewer/Water Superintendent. Alderman Moore suggested that some of the equipment could be leased to reduce costs.

April 3rd Election: Mayor Alberg reminded the Council that the Election is April 3rd. The Council decided to postpone the next regular meeting from April 5th to April 19th allowing for the election to be certified. The Mayor reminded the Council that a quorum is required and everyone needs to attend the meeting on April 19th. This would be a regular meeting, not a work session, and would include the swearing-in of the new council members and a small inauguration party.

Management Consulting Contract Extension: Since the date of the regular meeting in April changed to April 19th because of the election, Alderman Hight made a motion to extend the City Administrator's contract through the end of April 2007, instead of through the end of March. Alderman Altiser seconded the motion. The Council voted four to one to extend the City Administrator's contract through April 2007.

ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Alberg entertained a motion to adjourn. Alderman Moore moved to adjourn the regular meeting and Alderman Snelling seconded the motion. Adjournment was unanimously approved at 6:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Twyla D. Saigh
City Clerk

REMINDERS:

WORK SESSION

Thursday, March 15, 2007 at the Clubhouse, starting at 6:00 pm

ELECTION – APRIL 3RD AT THE CLUBHOUSE

REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, April 19, 2007 at the Clubhouse, starting at 6:00 pm