

MINUTES

The Collinsville City Council met in regular session, January 13, 2003 at 7 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Mc Corkle.

Present were council members Brad Kerr, Troy Vannoy, James Fritts & John Lahr.

Minutes of the December meeting were approved, with two corrections, by motion of Mr Vannoy sec by Mr. Fritts and carried.

The January financial report was accepted by motion of Mr. Kerr sec by Mr. Fritts and carried.

Old Business:

a. Construction:

Mr. Patterson updated the council on the following projects:

1. The sewer line work on Humm Street is completed with the exception of top soil for the yards.
2. Clean up work has begun on the recently purchased park property.
3. The need for more drying beds at the sewer plant to lower the ammonia levels was discussed.

b. Drainage across Swindle Property:

Councilman Fritts stated he had attempted to reach an agreement with Mr. Swindle but as of this date no progress has been made.

c. Review estimates on patrol car:

The cost of a new patrol car was discussed and a motion was made by Mr. Vannoy sec by Mr. Lahr and carried to advertise for bids.

New Business:

a. Use of property behind sale block --- Tony Snider

Mr. Snider is interested in opening a photography business on *West* Hughes and asked council for permission to use city property behind the building for photo shots.

He would need pens, fences, etc. as the shots would mainly be horseback riders, barrel racing & calf roping. The location of a water well on the property and the use of city property by an individual will need to be discussed with the city attorney. No council action was taken at this time.

b. Dog Ordinance--Robert Fritz

Mr. Fritz was not present

c. Set fee for release of captured dogs:

The city currently charges \$ 15.00 for a dog retrieved from the animal pen. Motion was made by Mr. Kerr sec by Mr. Fritts and carried to increase the fee to \$ 25.00.

d. Setback variance at 425 Emily & 134 Amy Court:

Due to the miscalculation of footage at the cul-de-sac on Emily Court & Amy Court a variance of the 25 ft. requirement was approved at 425 Emily and 134 Amy by motion of Mr. Kerr sec by Mr. Vannoy and carried.

e. Appointment of sales tax members:

Mr. Fritts, chairman of the special sales tax committee, ask council to approve a list of directors to serve on the committee. The members were approved by motion of Mr. Kerr sec by Mr. Vannoy & carried with a list of the directors becoming a part of the minutes.

f. Upkeep of City Parks -----Melody Graves

Ms. Graves voiced her concerns on the availability of city employees to do the upkeep on the city parks. She stated the CASA organization will charge a fee for each child that joins the league and questioned if part of the money would be needed to hire someone to keep the park clean. Ms. Graves was assured the city has sufficient workers to take care of the property and the money would be deposited into the park fund to be used for park equipment. Council asked that a draft be drawn up on the layout of the ball fields to insure the best utilization of the space.

g. Sewer line work at football field:

The constant problems with the sewer line that serves the northeast section of the city was discussed. The line is in need of replacement but is too deep for city equipment.

The cost of material, lease of trackhoe and labor will be appx. \$ 25,000.00

Motion was made by Mr. Kerr sec by Mr. Fritts and carried to go forward with the project as soon as possible.

h. Impact fees:

The impact the growth is having on the water & sewer system and the need to insure sufficient funds for operating expenses, prompted the approval of increase for water & sewer taps inside the city limits. Motion was made by Mr. Lahr sec by Mr. Kerr and carried to change the inside tap fees from \$ 300.00 to \$ 600.00 each.

i. Resignation of Dare Nolen:

Mr. Nolen was not present

k. Appoint replacement for Dare Nolen:

No action taken until formal resignation of Mr. Nolen is received

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m. with motion by Mr. Fritts sec by Mr. Vannoy and carried.

Francis Pilcher
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