

6:00 p.m.-Mayor Clynch calls the meeting to order. Mark Spence, Alderman Ward I; Marsha Mills, Alderman Ward II; and Pat Flannigan, Alderman Ward II are present. Matt Meyer, Alderman Ward I is absent. Also in attendance is Linda Haynes, City Clerk; Cindy Davenport, City Attorney; and Terry Foster, Chief of Police. Donny Hopkins, Maintenance Superintendent is absent. There are no guests in attendance.

**In re: Pledge of Allegiance & Moment of Silence**-Mayor Clynch leads the Pledge of Allegiance and then a moment of silence is held.

Mark Spence makes a motion to adjourn to executive session per RSMo. 610.021 #1-Legal. Pat Flannigan seconds the motion. Roll call vote is as follows: Mark Spence-Aye, Marsha Mills-Aye, Pat Flannigan-Aye.

Executive session is held and adjourned.

**In re: Public Hearing-Revocation of business licenses-continued from 11/13/17 meeting**-No one is present for the public hearing that was continued for Competition Marine. Pat Flannigan makes a motion to revoke the business license for Competition Marine if they have not provided their no tax due and purchased their business license by December 1<sup>st</sup>. Mark Spence seconds the motions. Roll call vote is as follows: Mark Spence-Aye, Marsha Mills-Aye, Pat Flannigan-Aye.

**In re: Community Building event bookings**-After a short discussion the Board decides to stop taking Community Building bookings after May 1, 2018. This will allow the Lions Club to continue having their monthly breakfast event until then. Marsha Mills makes a motion to stop taking bookings after May 1, 2018. Pat Flannigan seconds the motion. All are in favor.

**In re: Payment to Schoenfelder-Mette Road tower lease purchase**-Mark Spence makes a motion to pay \$18,000 to the tower lease purchase and to keep the approximate \$18,000 rest for replacing undersized and outdated cast iron mains in old town. Marsha Mills seconds the motion. All are in favor. Mayor Clynch states that he will draft a letter to include with the payment. Cindy Davenport will review the letter.

**In re: 2018 Budget requests/drafts**-Linda Haynes goes over the draft budget with the Board. Last year the 2017 budget first passed was short by \$40,000 in current year revenues versus current year expenses. With the proposed changes the 2018 budget will be off by around \$53,000. Mayor Clynch states that this budget brings the building and cars up to par. Now the City can possibly get into a cycle of replacing cars every three years. Pat Flannigan states that this budget also includes the salary of an additional officer for the police department. His goals were an additional officer, retirement, another officer, and a maintenance employee, in that order. So that first item is addressed in this budget. The employees and City officials need to be looking at benchmarks. Mayor Clynch asks Chief Foster what he plans on doing with car 3 and 4. Chief Foster states that they can be traded in or sold, but normally the City only gets around \$1,500 for the car. These cars can be kept to travel to trainings or to block streets when necessary. Although getting something for them on trade helps with purchasing equipment for the new vehicles. Pat Flannigan states that one of the items on the list of purchases from the proceeds of the land sale to Dollar General is a Rhino with a snow plow blade. It can be used to inspect water lines that cut through fields, searches by the police department in areas where a vehicle cannot go, snow plowing the City's parking lot, etc. He can see various uses by the whole City. Pat Flannigan states that

he believes the chances of the 2018 revenues versus expenses being \$53,000 apart by year end are low. He believes that estimated sales tax figure may still be a little low. Mayor Clynch states that he believes that July 1<sup>st</sup> will be a turning point for the City. Pat Flannigan states that around February he will be requesting a current study on retirement and try to get it by July 1<sup>st</sup>. If the City offered retirement it would assist in retaining employees. Pat Flannigan makes a motion to draw up the proposed budget into an ordinance for passage at the December 11<sup>th</sup> meeting. Marsha Mills seconds the motion. All are in favor. Mayor Clynch states that he'd like the Board to start thinking about a City wide cleanup.

Mark Spence makes a motion to adjourn. Marsha Mills seconds the motion. All are in favor.

**Note:** At the executive session proceeding this meeting the following vote was taken regarding a settlement agreement with Lincoln County on Cause No: 16L6-CC00007.

Mark Spence makes a motion to approve the settlement agreement with the changes discussed this evening. Marsha Mills seconds the motion. Roll call vote is as follows: Mark Spence-Aye, Marsha Mills-Aye, Pat Flannigan-Aye.

Respectfully Submitted:

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Michael Clynch, Mayor

Linda Haynes, City Clerk