**CITY OF TOULON**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**AUGUST 11, 2025**

**TOULON FIREHOUSE**

**PRESENT:** Mayor Hollis, Barbara J Cantwell City Clerk, Kate Carter city attorney

Donna Lefler, Mitch Hulsey Alderman 1st Ward

Michael Schott, Connie Jacobson Alderman 2nd Ward

Ryan Kelly, Brandon Simpson Alderman 3rd Ward

**CALL TO ORDER:** Mayor Hollis called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**MINUTES OF THE JULY 14, 2025 MEETING:** Page 1 under City Employees/Committee Chairmen changed IRS to Il Dept. of Revenue. Page 2 under Sale of Property changed plated to platted. Page 3 added Mayor voted yes under TIF. Page 4 added Connie Jacobson 2nd, Mitch Hulsey, Michael Schott abstained, motion passed under TIF. Donna Lefler made a motion to accept the minutes as amended. Ryan Kelly 2nd, motion passed.

**CASH RECEIPT REPORT:** Total Cash Receipt for July 2025 is $603,854.53. Donna Lefler made a motion to accept the Cash Receipt Report for July 2025. Ryan Kelly 2nd, motion passed.

**TREASURER REPORT:** Total Treasurer Report for July 2025 is $1,324,046.86. Donna Lefler made a motion to accept the Treasurer Report for July 2025. Michael Schott 2nd, motion passed.

**REPORT FROM CITY EMPLOYEES/COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN:** Matt Forstrom reported of a boil order because the RO went down over night. Donna would like the budget analysis report to be corrected under line item 01-52-571 from 9,600.00 to 10,200.00 under fiscal budget column, 21-00-422 from 440.00 to 425.00, 52-00-549 from 72,750.00 to 12,750.00. Ryan Kelly reported of a PT police officer that is going to meet his 1,000 hours soon. Donna also wanted to make sure Abbey DeSplinter’s $30.00 was being paid under administration not water/sewer.

**APPROVAL OF SUBMITTED CLAIMS:** Changed Oslad Grant from 51-00-532 to 01-52-928. Donna Lefler made a motion to approve the submitted claims as amended. Connie Jacobson 2nd, motion passed. -1-

**ATTORNEY REPORT:**  None

**ENGINEER REPORTS-WATER TOWER-MFT-SPLASH PAD/PARK GRANT:** Justin Reeise was present and reported the bids are ready to go out on the elevated tank. Bids will be opened on Sept. 8th. The prior bid needs to be rejected. Michael Schott made a motion to reject the previous water tower bid. Connie Jacobson 2nd, motion passed.

Oslad splash pad – Modifying the bid document to add Vortex as an alternate bidder. Basketball court bids are ready along with the playground equipment.

MFT – Everything as been submitted and now just waiting on IDOT.

**NEW WATER METERS:** Donna Lefler met with Fergusons with 3 options. Water Products company was high, also Core & Main was high prices. Fergusons was the better one. Donna Lefler made a motion to buy from Ferguson 48 digital meters not to exceed $16,000.00. Michael Schott 2nd, Ryan Kelly voted no, motion passed.

**HOMETOWN CONSULTING:** Cole McDaniel was present. He brought up the 1% sales tax. He had some handouts to pass out, Business Start-Up Guide, and Toulon Ridge Subdivision.

**SALE OF PROPERTY BY CEMETERY:** No business

**WARNING SYSTEM-TO ALERT CUSTOMERS:** Brandon Simpson passed out a pamphlet from CODRED. It costs $1,500.00 a year. Everyone will be alerted to any messages, but they will have to sign up at the City Hall. Michael Schott made a motion to purchase CODRED not to exceed $1,600.00 a year. Brandon Simpson 2nd, motion passed.

**PUBLIC CONCERNS:** Mitch Hulsey said he has had people ask where the community center is, which is on the new community sign. Michael Schott said people are concerned with the scooters on the sidewalk. Matt is to investigate into where to get stencils to paint on sidewalks.

**CHARLEY 90 DAY RAISE:** It has been 90 days since Charley started working for the City and it’s time for a review. Ryan Kelly made a motion to give Charley a $1.50 raise, making it $23.50 an hour. Michael Schott 2nd, Donna voted no, motion passed.

**AGREEMENT FOR SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL GRANT-APPLICATION FEE-RESOLUTION R987:** This grant is run by IDOT. NCICG is doing the application for the City. It is a $250,000.00 grant. IDOT would like letters from the teachers, the library, a public hearing, a letter from the chief of police and any kind of support is needed. The City would pay for the program and then it is refundable. There is a lump sum application fee of $3,000.00 -2-

to NCICG. Michael Schott made a motion to adopt the Agreement for Application Services For Illinois Safe Routes to School Program (SRTS) Grant on Behalf of The City of Toulon with NCICG for $3,000.00. Mitch Hulsey 2nd, motion passed.

Michael Schott made a motion to approve the Resolution R987 Approving and Authorizing Financial Commitment in the Safe Routes to School Grant Program. Mitch Huley 2nd, motion passed.

**SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY R986:** Only designated representatives approved by the City Council or Mayor shall be authorized to comment on social media as representatives of the City. When using social media on a personal basis, employees may be disciplined for posting material that is, or might be, construed as a violation of the City’s workplace policies. The employee may be subject to disciplinary action up to and including termination. Michael Schott made a motion to approve Resolution R986, a Resolution Creating and Implementing a Social Media Policy and Guidelines for the City of Toulon. Brandon Simpson 2nd, Mitch Hulsey, Ryan Kelly voted no, Mayor voted yes, motion passed.

**BARRICADE TRAILER:** Matt Forstrom would like to have a basic trailer to put all the barricades on to have the barricades available instead of having to run back and forth when needed. Michaell Schott made a motion to move forward on looking for a trailer not to exceed $2,000.00 at Matts discretion. Connie Jacobson 2nd, motion passed.

**TREE REMOVAL:** There are 2 trees on the corner of W. Thomas and N Washington, and one on the corner of W. Thomas and Ogle Street. Michael Schott made a motion to remove the tree on the corner of W. Thomas and N. Washington and the tree on the corner of W. Thomas and Ogle Street and pay Saw-N-Logs $2,750.00 for tree and stump removal. Ryan Kelly 2nd, motion passed.

**LAWN MOWER LOOKING AT OTHER MODEL:** Matt Forstrom said John Deere has no idea when the mower ordered from them in April will be in. Will have to get a sign off of the agreement from John Deere to terminate the buy before purchasing a new one. Donna Lefler made a motion to buy the mower from German Bliss for $27,435.00 subject to the termination of the mower from Heritage Tractor (John Deere) and the Mayors reasonable discretion. Michael Schott 2nd, motion passed.

**PROBLEMS WITH WELLS:** Matt Forstrom tried to switch over to the other well and its looking like there isn’t enough water. Going to run some tests and check pressure. We are 28 feet above the pump and need to a minimum of 50 feet. The RO is pulling out more water than there is in supply. There is one well leaking now.

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**TIF:** The council acknowledged the TIF Dist. Property for Michael Schott. 101 W. Main St, 213-221 W. Main St, 233 W. Main St,101 W Court St, 109 N Washington St, 124 E. Main, 107 W. Main, 118 E Jefferson.

Connie Jacobson made a motion to pay FY2026-4, repay w/s $37,000.00, Roto Rooter $7,700.00 for a total of $44,700.00. Donna Lefler 2nd, Mitch Hulsey, Michael Schott abstained, motion passed.

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Michael Schott made a motion to adjourn.

Connie Jacobson 2nd, motion passed.

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