

**CITY OF TOULON**  
**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**  
**NOVEMBER 13, 2023**  
**TOULON FIREHOUSE**

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

Donna Lefler, Art Nutzhorn 1<sup>st</sup> Ward Alderman

Michael Schott, Connie Jacobson (absent) 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward Alderman

Ryan Kelly, Brandon Simpson 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward Alderman

**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 TO THE OCTOBER 11, 2023 MEETING:** Page 2 under Turner Street Sewer 2<sup>nd</sup> line added after everything, done by JULIE, 3<sup>rd</sup> line make JULIE all caps. The 3<sup>rd</sup> page first line add after The council plans to have a special council meeting. Page 4 under Halloween Hours make the T in Trunk of Treat capital letters. Donna Lefler made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Art 2<sup>nd</sup> Connie Jacobson absent, motion passed.

**MINUTES TO THE OCTOBER 19, 2023 SPECIAL MEETING:** Michael Schott made a motion to approve the minutes to the special meeting of October 19, 2023. Donna Lefler 2<sup>nd</sup>, Connie Jacobson (absent), motion passed.

**CASH RECEIPT REPORT:** Total Cash Receipt for October 2023 is \$353,375.46. Donna Lefler made a motion to approve the Cash Receipt for October 2023. Michael Schott 2<sup>nd</sup>, Connie Jacobson (absent), motion passed.

**TREASURER REPORT:** The Treasurer Report for October 2023 is \$1,318,874.36. Donna Lefler made a motion to approve the Treasurer Report for October 2023. Art Nutzhorn 2<sup>nd</sup>, Connie Jacobson (absent), motion passed.

**REPORT FROM CITY EMPLOYEES/COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN:** Jake Streitmatter reported the vessels have come in for the R/O. They are supposed to be installed by Evoqua. Matt Forstrom reported the paving is done at the Historical Society on Jefferson and Henderson St.

**APPROVAL OF SUBMITTED CLAIMS:** Brandon Simpson reported on page 3 under Notary Public Assoc changed the fund # from 01-11-928 to 01-11-651. Page 4 under Promised Land Cartage Co. changed fund # from 01-41-652 to 01-41-514. Page 6 under Visa changes fund # from 51-00-830 to 52-00-830. Brandon Simpson made a motion to approve the claims as amended. Michael Schott 2<sup>nd</sup>, Connie Jacobson (absent), motion passed.

**ATTORNEY REPORT:** Kate Carter said nothing to report.

**TURNER STREET SEWER:** Ameren has moved the gas line, and they are doing the services now.

**UNSEWERED COMMUNITY PLANNING REPORT GRANT:** No news reported.

**ENGINEERING PLANS FOR WATER MAINS:** The Mayor said the public meeting for the water main is going to be held up for a while because there needs to be a public hearing for the water tower grant. It will be held for about 15 mins. before the regular December 11<sup>th</sup> meeting. People from NCICG will be here to talk about the grant that we are applying for.

**FIRE HYDRANTS/INSTA-VALVES:** Jake Streitmatter reported the quote from Roto-Rooter is for them to open the hole and expose the water line, and get it ready for the insta-valves for either Laverdiere Construction or UECO to do the work and then Roto-Rooter will put the hydrant and insta-valves back in the ground. There will be 4 hydrants and only 6 insta-valves. One hydrant already has new valves. The council would like more clarification on the pricing of the quotes for next month's meeting.

**PUBLIC CONCERNS:** None

**ORDINANCE #957 ALL EMPLOYEES PAID TIME OFF:** This is a new law that goes into effect as of January 1, 2024. The paid leave for all workers act. This law mandates that most Illinois employers provide paid leave to all employees. The act provides for certain amounts that must be provided; the act sets a minimum standard of accrual of a minimum of 1 hour of paid leave for every 40 hours worked. Paid leave can be used for any reason whatsoever. To exempt the city from the act we have to provide paid leave to all full-time employees and all part-time employees. Michael Schott made a motion to approve Ordinance #957. Brandon Simpson 2<sup>nd</sup>, Connie Jacobson (absent), motion passed.

**METERS:** Currently out of water meters so more meters are needed to be purchased. Donna Lefler made a motion to purchase 12 water meters at \$4,100.76. Michael Schott 2<sup>nd</sup>, Connie Jacobson (absent), motion passed.

**CONCRETE SAW CART:** This cart is to hold the saw. Michael Schott made a motion to purchase a concrete saw cart for \$571.38. Art Nutzhorn 2<sup>nd</sup>, Connie Jacobson (absent), motion passed.

**DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS:** This is to change Matt Forstrom to Director of Public Works. This is just a title, not to be anybody's boss. This is just more of a coordinator of things.

**PART-TIME EMPLOYEE WAGES:** The Mayor would like Teresa's hourly wage to stay \$2.00 above the minimum wage. Michael Schott made a motion to raise Teresa's wage of \$1.00 on January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024, to \$16.00. Brandon Simpson 2<sup>nd</sup>, Connie Jacobson (absent), motion passed.

**WATER TOWER FUNDING:** NCICG would like the city to commit to putting in 10%, which is \$150,000.00 for the water tower grant. The more you commit to it the more points you get. The city must have a public hearing before the December meeting for the public. Donna Lefler made a motion to earmark 10% out of the TIF program for the water tower grant funding. Michael Schott 2<sup>nd</sup>, Connie Jacobson (absent), motion passed.

**BASEBALL DIAMOND PARKING LOT:** There is a quote of \$94,500.00 from Potter & Sons for a parking lot around the old workout facility area. Brett Elliott contacted the Mayor and said the school would pay \$35,000.00 towards the \$94,500.00 which would make the city's cost to be \$59,500.00. Michael Schott made a motion to pay Potter & Sons, Inc. \$94,500.00 for 52,064 sq. ft of CA-6 rock for the parking lot. Donna Lefler 2<sup>nd</sup>, Brandon Simpson voted no, Connie Jacobson (absent), Mayor voted yes, motion passed.

**BASEBALL CONCRETE:** There is a quote from Bailey Excavating Inc. for \$8,250.00 for the triangle piece of concrete between the two ball diamonds which does not include the three sidewalks running east, north, and south from this section. Michael Schott made a motion to pay Bailey Excavating Inc. \$8,250.00 for the cement pad at the baseball diamonds. Brandon Simpson 2<sup>nd</sup>, Connie Jacobson (absent), motion passed.

**BASEBALL RAILING:** There will have to be a railing to go up to the concession stand. Need to decide if we want a metal or wood railing. Will have to do something temporary till it is decided what to do.

**TOULON CHRISTMAS WALK DONATION:** Ryan Kelly made a motion to donate \$1,000.00 to the Christmas Walk. Donna Lefler 2<sup>nd</sup>, Connie Jacobson (absent), motion passed.

**TIF:** Art Nutzhorn made a motion to pay Jacob & Klein \$460.75, Ec. Dev. of Bloomington \$1,843.00 for a total of \$2,303.75. Ryan Kelly 2<sup>nd</sup>, Connie Jacobson (absent), Michael Schott, and Brandon Simpson abstained, Donna Lefler voted no, the Mayor voted yes, motion passed.

Donna Lefler made a motion to repay FY2024-7, w/s savings \$28,248.84, Giffin Eng \$8,500.00, Bell Trucking \$2,268.00, repay Gen Savings \$3,000.00, Harn R/O \$5,960.00, Phillips Salmi & Assoc. \$1,390.00 for a total of \$49,366.84. Ryan Kelly 2<sup>nd</sup>, Connie Jacobson (absent), Michael Schott, and Brandon Simpson abstained, motion passed.

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Ryan Kelly made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Michael Schott 2<sup>nd</sup>, Connie Jacobson (absent), motion passed.

