

TOULON CITY COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

August 12,2024

Toulon Firehouse

PRESENT: Mayor Larry Hollis, Barbara Cantwell City clerk, Kate Carter attorney

Donna Lefler, Joe Hulseby

Alderman Ward 1

Michael Schott, Connie Jacobson

Alderman Ward 2

Ryan Kelly, Brandon Simpson

Alderman Ward 3

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

MINUTES TO THE JULY 8, 2024 MEETING: Corrected the minutes to the June 8, 2024 meeting 5th line should read Section 5ILCS120 (c) (11). Page 4 under TIF Larry Hollis voted yes. Michael Schott made a motion to accept the amended minutes for July 8, 2024. Brandon Simpson 2nd, Donna Lefler abstained, motion passed.

MINUTES TO THE JULY 15, 2024 SPECIAL MEETING: No corrections. Donna Lefler made a motion to accept the minutes of the July 15, 2024 special meeting. Michael Schott 2nd, Ryan Kelly abstained, motion passed.

CASH RECEIPT REPORT: Total Cash Receipt for July 2024 is \$562,258.22. Donna Lefler made a motion to accept the Cash Receipt Report for July 2024. Connie Jacobson 2nd, motion passed.

TREASURER REPORT: The Treasurer Report for July 2024 is \$1,159,053.41. Donna Lefler made a motion to accept the Treasurer Report for July 2024.

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Ryan Kelly 2nd, motion passed.

REPORT FROM CITY EMPLOYEES/COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN: Matt Forstrom reported that Midco was here for the 2nd time and reported the pipe going into the clear well is not in good enough shape to work with so the flanges and the foot valve couldn't be changed. Matt also reported that Old Settlers went well. Donna Lefler asked if Barbara Cantwell received her vacation pay. Donna Lefler also asked Mayor if he had checked into the 211 W Thomas property. Donna wanted to thank the guys for picking up the limbs in her yard. Ryan Kelly read the police report.

APPROVAL OF SUBMITTED CLAIMS: Brandon Simpson made a motion to approve the submitted claims. Connie Jacobson 2nd, motion passed.

ATTORNEY REPORT: Kate Carter reported there are 2 properties 227 E South Street and 311 N Fuller Street that are near getting a demolition order. There will be a hearing for 227 E South St. on Friday to get a judicial deed and then demolition can proceed. For 311 N Fuller we are filing a motion for a default judgement, as soon as there is a date for court we should get an order for demolition also. There are 2 other properties we are having trouble finding the owners to serve and they are 213 E Greenwood and 315 W Jefferson St. There were also some notices to abate issued on some ordinance violations on the trailer park and Main Street apartments.

ENGINEER REPORTS: Justin Reeise was present and reported he has worked with Matt Forstrom and the Mayor on the water plant issues and waiting to hear from NCICG on moving forward on the park grant and the OSLAD. Also waiting on the MFT so the project can start. Hoping for the end of August or the beginning of September.

POLICE EQUIPMENT UPDATES: Gary Bent reported that the squad truck that was originally ordered did not make the build list so we were notified that we will receive a 2025 truck at same price. But there is no fill date as of yet. Going to put the fuel tank and the running boards on ourselves to save money.

HIGH SERVICE PUMP REPLACEMENT: The high service pumps have been ordered from Gasvoda & Associates for \$21,110.00. Hoping they will come in the next 4 weeks or so. Wanting TIF to pay this. Ryan Kelly made a motion to approve the purchase of 2 high pressure pumps from Gasvoda & Associates for \$21,110.00. Michael Schott 2nd, motion passed.

SIDEWALKS: Mayor reported there were 4 bids in for the work at Jefferson and Miller St. The bids are: Tammy Lufkin Construction for \$10,075.00

T & J Builders for \$7,250.00

Tom Cochran for \$10,500.00

Chris Babb Construction for \$13,168.75

Michael Schott made a motion to approve the bid from T & J Builders for \$7,250.00. Brandon Simpson 2nd, motion passed.

ORDINANCE R967/SEWER SERVICE LATERALS: This is an ordinance for a lateral sewer line policy that provides reimbursement to property owners that need to replace their sewer lines and the city is wanting to help to some extent. As proposed the city will provide reimbursement of 50% of the cost incurred by a property owner to repair sewer laterals located more than 40 feet from their property line up to a maximum of \$5,000.00 per project and with a maximum of \$20,000.00 available for the program per year. This is a first-come first served basis. Once the funds are exhausted for the fiscal year, no additional reimbursement requests will be honored. Michael Schott made a motion to approve Resolution R967 a Resolution of the City of Toulon Establishing a Policy Regarding a Reimbursement Program for Repair of Private Sanitary Sewer Service Laterals. Ryan Kelly 2nd, motion passed.

WATER, SEWER, AND GARBAGE RATES: The Mayor wants to raise the water and sewer rates to start building a reserve for future repairs. A water committee meeting should be held before the next council meeting. The committee members are Ryan Kelly, Brandon Simpson, Donna Lefler.

6:59 Michael Schott left the meeting.

ALLEY & STREET REPAIRS: Brandon Simpson made a motion to approve #1963, #1964 on the street repairs for a total of \$16,566.00 to Potter & Sons. Donna Lefler 2nd, motion passed. Joe Hulseley made a motion to approve #1965 on the alley for \$9,934.00. Ryan Kelly 2nd, Joe Hulseley yes, Connie Jacobson, Brandon Simpson voted no, Michael Schott absent, Donna Lefler yes, Mayor yes, motion passed.

PUBLIC CONCERNS: Linda Anderson at 120 S Olive Street was present about the tree by her house. Branches have come down from the storms and have gone through their house. The tree needs to come down before it falls on the house. It is a city tree on city property. Saw-N-Logs will be called to take tree down. Val Wagher reported E Turner Street is breaking up badly and needs repaired.

LAGOON BANK CLEANING: Mayor has been interviewing for Don McCauleys position and both interviewers said the brush and weeds need to be taken out and rock placed there. Matt Forstrom (Triple H Excavating) gave a quote to do the work for \$4,000.00. Ryan Kelly made a motion to approve the quote from Triple H Excavating for \$4,000.00 to clean the lagoon bank of weeds and brush. Brandon Simpson 2nd, motion passed.

BRUSH PICKUP: Matt Forstrom would like everything to be bagged up instead of just sitting at curb. He would like all the equipment to have a price if it has to be used for the cleanup. Mayor would like everyone's opinion on what needs to be done before the next meeting.

POLICE HIRE: Gary Bent reported that 3 people have quit and are off the police roster. Caleb Ingels has been hired parttime and currently has a police dog. Ashley Karpel has been working in the office a lot doing the paperwork needed to be done. Gary hired Val Wagher parttime and she is more than qualified to do the job in the office.

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DOWNTOWN SPEED LIMIT: Brandon Simpson would like to see something done about the speed of the traffic going through town. It's a

25-speed limit for 2 blocks and starts at the Methodist Church and ends at Caseys. Going to start having the city police enforce the speed limit. The engine breaking is getting bad again also. Going to ask IDOT if they would do a traffic study.

SCCI DUES: This is Stark County for Continuous Improvement. They are asking the City's for a donation. Brandon Simpson made a motion to give SCCI a \$1,000.00 donation. Ryan Kelly 2nd, Michael Schott absent, motion passed.

WATER OPERATORS CONTRACT: The Mayor has interviewed a couple guys and they both were very knowledgeable. One was Chad McCleary presented his proposal for \$1,835.00 a month or \$65.00 an hour. Chad lives in Iowa. Kurt Downie proposed \$1,500.00 a month and if you need samples taken or I would be called out that would be charged at \$50.00 per hour. Kurt currently works for Wyoming and lives in Hennepin. The Mayor will offer the job position to Kurt Downie.

WASHINGTON STREET PARKING: Tabled till next month.

COURT STREET TREE: Tabled till next month.

TIF: Ryan Kelly made a motion to pay Jacob & Klein \$457.95 &

Economic Group of Bloomington \$1,831.80 for a total of \$2,289.75. Connie Jacobson 2nd, Brandon Simpson abstained, motion passed.

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Ryan Kelly made a motion to adjourn. Joe Hulsey 2nd, Michael Schott absent, motion passed.

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