**CITY OF TOULON**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**JUNE 9, 2025**

**TOULON FIREHOUSE**

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

Donna Lefler, Mitch Hulsey Alderman Ward #1

Michael Schott, Connie Jacobson Alderman Ward #2

Ryan Kelly, Brandon Simpson Alderman Ward #3

**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 MAY 12, 2025 MEETING:** Page 1 misspelled missed spelled. The first paragraph misspelled Michael. Page 2 misspelled Hulsey. Page 3 misspelled sine. Page 4 misspelled Brandon. Page 4 under Spray Patching changed sentence to read pay Potter & Sons for the spray patching not to exceed $10,000.00. Donna Lefler made a motion to approve May 12, 2025 minutes as amended. Michael Schott 2nd, motion passed.

**CASH RECEIPT REPORT:** Total Cash Receipt for the month of May 2025 is $152,659.00. Donna Lefler made a motion to approve the Cash Receipt for May 2025. Connie Jacobson 2nd, motion passed.

**TREASURER REPORT:** Total Treasurer Report for the month of May 2025 is $929,146.50. Donna Lefler made a motion to approve the Treasurer Report for May 2025. Ryan Kelly 2nd, motion passed.

**REPORT FROM CITY EMPLOYEES/COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN:** Matt Forstrom reported that a sewer collapsed which was taken care of and a small water leak on a curb stop to repair. Luke Hansen from Core & Main is coming to do a demonstration on one of the new water meter programs. Ryan Kelly reported the police are doing a good job patrolling traffic.

**APPROVAL OF SUBMITTED CLAIMS:** Donna Lefler made a motion to approve the submitted claims. Michael Schott 2nd, motion passed.

**ATTORNEY REPORT:** none

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**ENGINEERING REPORTS:** Justin Reeise was not present.

**WATER TOWER:** The tower bids are being pushed back to June 16th. People have been calling wanting more information about crane placement and power lines.

**SPLASHPAD/PARK GRANT:** The splash pad park grant needs to be published again in the paper because it wasn’t advertised enough times in different papers the first time.

**MFT:** The MFT is still in dispute and still waiting for a response from them.

**VACATING ALLEY S. HENDERSON ST:** This is an alley between S. Henderson and S. Washington St. Brandon Simpson made a motion to pass Ordinance #985 an Ordinance Providing for the Vacation of Part of East South Street in the City of Toulon, Stark County, Illinois.Michael Schott 2nd, motion passed.

**CHURCH RENOVATIONS FOR POLICE:** The police have been using the building for some training. They want to move the office equipment to the basement but need a door and some new locks installed. Michael Schott made a motion to approve Gary Bent not to exceed $5,000.00 on installing a door and any renovations at the church of 310 E. Vine Street. Brandon Simpson 2nd, motion passed.

**WATER METERS:** Donna Lefler reported that 6 new meters need to be bought now. Donna Lefler made a motion to buy 6 meters from Ferguson not to exceed $2,400.00. Michael Schott 2nd, motion passed.

**FLOW METERS:** Matt Forstrom reported he hasn’t received any quotes yet.

**WELL 1 LEAK:** Matt Forstrom did receive a quote from Peerless Well & Pump which does not include replacing the pipe or any parts. The quote is for removing pipe, inspecting and reinstalling pipe. Donna Lefler made a motion to approve Peerless Well & Pump to pull, inspect and reinstall the submersible pump in well #1and if necessary purchase a submersible pump not to exceed $45,000.00. Michael Schott 2nd, motion passed.

**APPROPRIATIONS/BUDGET-ORDINANCE#983:** This budget needs to be approved in July. Numbers may need to be looked at again. This is tabled till next month.

**PUBLIC CONCERNS:** Alan Muggleton was present and wanted to know when to write the check for the property he purchased. Alan would like the alley running east and west and the one running north and south by his house to be vacated.

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**HOMETOWN CONSULTING:** The Mayor reported he is working with them about the housing subdivision. They are going to make a mockup of what it will look like. We have a grant to help with signs to advertise the subdivision. Hometown is also wanting to make a new logo for the city.

**AMENDING AGREEMENT WITH ROBERT BOATMAN ON 223 E. GREENWOOD:** Mr. Boatman is wanting the city to move the trailer. The agreement needs to be signed before anything is done. Michael Schott made a motion to approve the agreement and release of the trailer. Ryan Kelly 2nd, Donna Lefler voted no, motion passed.

**POLICY FOR VIDEO MEETINGS/ORDINANCE 982 APPROVAL:** This ordinance is authorizing electronic attendance at city council and committee meetings. This is for certain specified reasons. Brandon Simpson made a motion to approve Ordinance#982, AN ORDINANCE ADDING NEW SECTION 18 TO CHAPTER 31 OF THE TOULON CITY CODE FOR THE PURPOSE OF AUTHORIZING ELECTRONIC ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS OF THE CITY OF TOULON. Michael Schott 2nd, motion passed.

**ORDINANCE#984 EMPLOYEE LEAVE BENEFITS:** This ordinance approves of the changes that were made to the vacation policy last month (May). Plus, all employees are offered personal leave for any reason not just sick time off. Part time personal time can roll over until they hit 40 hours. Michael Schott made a motion to approve Ordinance#984 AN ORDINANCE REGARDING EMPLOYEE LEAVE BENEFITS. Ryan Kelly 2nd, motion passed.

**SALE OF PROPERTY:** There are 3 acres of property owned by the city and Matt Forstrom is interested in purchasing it. Ryan Kelly made a motion to get an appraisal for the 3 acres north of Arrowhead subdivision. Mitch Hulsey 2nd, motion passed.

**ST. JUDE DONATION:** Brandon Simpson made a motion to approve $1,000.00 to the St Jude run team. Connie Jacobson 2nd, motion passed.

**RESOLUTION FOR BRAD MILBURN BEING IMRF AGENT:** Ryan Kelly made a motion to make Brad Milburn the authorized agent for the City of Toulon for the IMRF. Donna Lefler 2nd, Mitch Hulsey abstained, motion passed.

**POLICE EQUIPMENT:** Scott Waldrup was present and reported the department needs an updated Breath Alcohol System. Michael Schott made a motion to approve purchasing an Alco-Sensor Breath Alcohol System for $3,840.00. Brandon Simpson 2nd, Ryan Kelly, Donna Lefler voted no, motion passed.

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**PAY FOR SECRETARY TO COUNCIL:** The Mayor would like to increase Brad’s pay. Nothing was done, no raises until March 2026.

**TIF:** Ryan Kelly made a motion to pay FY2026-2A, BEA of IL $504.55, Repay Gen savings $9,000.00, repay W/S savings $11,432.59, for a total of $20,937.14. Donna Lefler 2nd, Mitch Hulsey, Michael Schott abstained, motion passed.

Donna Lefler made a motion to pay FY2026-2B, repay W/S for $4,909.45, BEA of IL $278.00, Hoggwash Hydrovac LLC $2,800.00, for a total of $7,987.45. Connie Jacobson 2nd, Mitch Hulsey, Michael Schott abstained, motion passed.

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

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