

COMMON COUNCIL MEETING

September 3, 2013

TIME: 7:00 P.M.

Present: Mayor Gary Herbert, Darrell Poling, Terry Wagner, Blake O'Mara and Jamie Cain. Absent: Glenn Tebbe

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll call was taken

Minutes from August 5, 2013 were presented for approval. Terry Wagner to approve minutes as presented and Jamie Cain seconded all ayes no nays, motion passed.

Mayor Herbert closed regular meeting to conduct Public Hearing on Ordinance 2013-11 – 2014 City Budget Jean Johannigman requested a copy of the 2014 proposed budget at this public hearing. Mayor Herbert requested that she make a public records request to the clerk-treasurer's office. With no further comments from the public Terry Wagner moved to close public hearing. **Jamie Cain moved to approve Ordinance 2013-11 – 2014 City Budget on its 1st reading and Blake O'Mara seconded motion. Roll Call vote was taken with ayes being Darrell Poling, Terry Wagner Blake O'Mara and Jamie Cain, motion passed.**

Greg Owens – Hitachi Powdered Metals requested a 10 year for real and personal property tax abatement. This new phase will be hiring 7 additional employees. Jamie Cain moved to approve Ordinance 2013-9 for a 10 year for real and personal property abatement and Darrell Poling seconded all ayes no nays, motion passed.

Gecom Abatement 2013-10 was also requested for approval. The abatement committee recommended 3 year approval for personal property equipment. Darrell Poling moved to approve 2013-10 personal property abatement for 3 years and Terry Wagner seconded. Roll Call vote was taken with ayes Blake O'Mara, Jamie Cain, Terry Wagner and Jamie Cain, motion passed.

John Julien – Umbaugh provided a utility financial analysis for the sewer department. Mr. Julien suggested a rate increase of 4% for 2013 estimated at

\$1.21 per month and a rate increase of 3% for 2014 estimated at \$1.00 per month.

Marc Coplan – Economic Development Director requested council approve the proclamation for Business Appreciation Day in cooperation with Decatur County on September 20, 2013. Blake O’Mara moved to approve the proclamation and Jamie Cain seconded all ayes no nays, motion passed.

Darrell Poling provided Board of Works update. Tree County Players requested the use of the gym for a play and it was approved; Umbaugh provided same update that was provided to City Council; Bryan Robbins introduced new director Sarah Robinson and also requested use of office space in City Hall and that was approved; Scott Chasteen requested the use of a Kabota UTV from Homeland Security Grant funds and the board approved to insure the UTV.

With nothing further to come before the board, Terry Wagner moved to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

PRESIDING OFFICER: _____

ATTEST:

Clerk-Treasurer