

Regular Council Meeting
of the City of Greenville
held in the Council Chambers
on Tuesday, November 8, 2011

Call to Order: The regular meeting of the Greenville City Council was called to order on Tuesday, November 8, 2011 at 7:35 p.m. by Mayor Alan Gaffner.

Roll Call: Present: Mayor Alan Gaffner, Councilman John Gillard, Councilman Kenny Hampton, Councilman Mike Heath and Councilman Roger Sanders.

Also Present: City Attorney Patrick Schaufelberger, City Manager David Willey and City Clerk Sue Ann Nelson.

The pledge of allegiance to the United States flag was recited.

Citizen Input: Mayor Gaffner opened the floor for citizen's input regarding any item that was not on the agenda. With no comments being made, citizen input was closed.

Consent Agenda:

- Approval of minutes of the October 11, 2011 Regular Council Meeting;
- Approval of minutes of the October 7, 2011 Cemetery Committee Meeting, October 24, 2011 Plan Commission Meeting, and October 27, 2011 Tourism Board Meeting ;
- Financial Statements for October 2011;
- Approval of Accounts Payable totaling \$692,683.68;
- Approval of Administrative Reports of the Police Department, Public Works, Sewer and Water Departments, Building Permits and Code Enforcement Report.

Motion by Gillard, seconded by Sanders, to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Ayes: Gillard, Sanders, Hampton, Heath, Gaffner

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Character Education Leadership Presentation: Representatives from the Bond County Community Unit #2 School District made a presentation regarding the district's Character Education Leadership program being sponsored in all the schools within the district. Speaking on behalf of the program were Jay

Winters, GHS teacher and President of the Character Education Board of Directors, Carol Knight, long-time supporter of the program, Bond County State's Attorney Chris Bauer, and GHS Assistant Principal Brad Turner. The group was before the council to promote community awareness and ask the city council for its support with the initiative.

**Resolution 2011-10
Support of Bond
County Community
School District
Character Education
Leadership Program:**

Following the presentation by members of the Character Education Leadership committee, the city council voiced their support for the initiative, and discussed possible ways the city could provide assistance. Motion made by Gillard, seconded by Heath, to adopt Resolution 2011-10 in support of Character Education Leadership development in the Bond County Community Unit #2 School District (see resolution on file for full details).

Ayes: Gillard, Heath, Hampton, Sanders, Gaffner

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Recess / Reconvene:

Council took a short recess at 8:16 p.m., and reconvened at 8:22 p.m.

**Electric Utility
Aggregation:**

City Manager Willey provided an update on the Electric Utility Aggregation topic that was introduced at the last council meeting. City Manager reported to the council that electric utility aggregation does not appear to be beneficial for the community at this time. The city cannot assure residents that rates locked in with aggregation would generate a savings greater than the current Power Smart Pricing product offered by Ameren. While some alternative retail electric supplies are sending out marketing material suggesting a significant percent savings, savings are typically compared to Ameren's BGS rates. The City Manager urged residents to research additional charges for delivery distribution, billing and review the total cost of energy before making a decision. The city will continue to monitor real time pricing on its own accounts and if the environment changes that aggregation may be a viable option for the community, it would be brought back to the council and community for discussion.

**Service Line Warranty
Protection Program:**

City Manager Willey reported that input from local plumbing contractors had been solicited since the last council meeting, with no response from local contractors. Given that no concerns have been expressed by the community, City Manager will proceed and come

back at the December meeting with a contract to be reviewed by the council.

**Bond County Landfill
Leachate Agreement:**

City staff has been in discussion with Bond County Landfill to reach a leachate treatment rate that would allow the Landfill to continue to haul leachate to the City. Motion made by Hampton, seconded by Sanders, to approve the proposed Leachate Agreement for \$.03 per gallon with an exclusivity clause between the City and Bond County Landfill (see agreement on file for full details).

Ayes: Hampton, Sanders, Gillard, Heath, Gaffner
Nays: None

Motion carried.

**Water Main
Replacement Projects:**

City Manager Willey discussed two water line projects the city is considering to improve the infrastructure and replace approximately 3,900 LF of old cast water mains along South Third and Harris Avenue and replace approximately 4,000 LF of water mains along Bowman Drive. The City has received proposals from Heneghan and Associates to provide design engineering and funding assistance services for both projects.

**Harris Avenue Water
Main Replacement
Engineering Proposal:**

A proposal has been obtained from Heneghan and Associates to provide design engineering and funding assistance services in the amount of \$56,500. IEPA has a program where the city can apply for a 20-year, million dollar loan where 25% of the loan would be forgiven as an IEPA grant. Before the city can apply for the IEPA loan program, it must have the preliminary engineering completed. Motion by Gillard, seconded by Heath, to approve proposal by Heneghan and Associates to provide design engineering and funding assistance services for the Harris Avenue Water Main Replacement program in the amount of \$56,500.

Ayes: Gillard, Heath, Hampton, Sanders, Gaffner
Nays: None

Motion carried.

**Bowman Drive Water
Main Replacement
Engineering Proposal:**

A proposal has been obtained from Heneghan and Associates to provide design engineering and funding assistance services in the amount of \$37,000. A CDAP grant for up to \$375,000 is available, that the city would like to apply for. Before the city can apply for the CDAP grant, it must have the preliminary engineering completed.

Motion by Heath, seconded by Sanders, to approve proposal by Heneghan and Associates to provide design engineering and funding assistance services for the Bowman Drive Water Main Replacement program in the amount of \$37,000.

Ayes: Heath, Sanders, Gillard, Hampton, Gaffner

Nays: None

Motion carried.

**Ridge Avenue Water
Main Extension
Engineering Proposal:**

Preliminary engineering and IEPA permitting is necessary to extend water main on Ridge Avenue. Proposal from Heneghan and Associates is to provide plan sheets and IEPA permitting for future extension in the amount of \$3,900. The future extension of the water main would be done by the public works department. Motion made by Gillard, seconded by Sanders, to approve proposal by Heneghan and Associates to provide plan sheets and IEPA permitting for Ridge Avenue water main extension in the amount of \$3,900.

Ayes: Gillard, Sanders, Hampton, Heath, Gaffner

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Sewer Line Repair:

Four proposals were received to repair the portion of the fiberglass sanitary sewer line from Illinois Route 127 to Ridge Avenue. Low bid was received from Slatton's Excavating for \$55,000. City Manger Willey indicated that he has met with Slatton's Excavating to review the scope of the project and is confident in their ability to complete the work. Motion made by Hampton, seconded by Sanders, to approve proposal by Slatton's Excavating for repair of approximately 40 feet of sanitary sewer line along Route 40 to Ridge Avenue in the amount of \$55,000 plus add-on of \$2,500 if seeding, fertilizer and mulch is needed.

Ayes: Hampton, Sanders, Gillard, Heath, Gaffner

Nays: None

Motion carried.

**Brush Grinding
Proposal:**

In the past the city has burned the brush collected by city employees. Due to the urging of the city for residents to bag leaves, the city has not burned the brush pile for approximately two years and it has grown to the point where disposal is necessary. Companies were contact to provide a proposal, but only Hanson Tree Service was willing to travel to Greenville for the job, with a proposal for tub

grinding of \$8,950. Mayor Gaffner suggested that burning the brush pile was still an option that would save the city almost \$9,000. Motion by Gillard, seconded by Hampton, to approve proposal from Hansen Tree Service for \$8,950 for brush grinding of city brush pile.

Ayes: Gillard, Hampton, Heath

Nays: Sanders, Gaffner

Motion passed 3-2.

Recess / Reconvene:

Council took a short recess at 9:40 p.m., and reconvened at 9:50 p.m.

Wastewater Clarifier Repair:

Wastewater clarifier #2 was in need of repair and had to be taken out of service. City Manager explained that it was determined that the repair of the clarifier was immediate and the city manager exercised emergency spending authority to order the necessary parts, costing \$4,721 (not including shipping cost). Motion made by Gillard, seconded by Sanders, to approve expenditure to purchase clarifier parts from Walker Process Equipment as presented in the quote for \$4,721 (not including shipping).

Ayes: Gillard, Sanders, Hampton, Heath, Gaffner

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Wastewater Orbal Drive Repair:

Wastewater orbal drive was not functioning, causing staff to evaluate replacing or repair of the unit. Cost of repair was \$6,579.65 versus \$15,877 to replace. The parts are specific to the unit and comparable quotes were not available. City Manager indicated that he exercised emergency spending authority to make the necessary repairs to get the unit operational. Motion made by Heath, seconded by Gillard, to approve expenditure to purchase orbal drive parts from Illinois Electric Works for \$6,579.65 (not including shipping).

Ayes: Heath, Gillard, Hampton, Sanders, Gaffner

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Loan From General Fund to ED Capital Fund – Building Insurance:

Motion by Hampton, seconded by Gillard, to approve loan of \$4,543.00 to the ED Capital Fund from the General Fund to reimburse payment of 2012 lease building insurance premium.

Ayes: Hampton, Gillard, Heath, Sanders, Gaffner

Nays: None

Motion carried.

Municipal Utility Tax: City Manager Willey offered municipal utility tax as a potential revenue source for the city. This tax would be assessed on monthly utility bills through Ameren on electric and gas purchased by Greenville residents, with the tax collected paid from Ameren to the city. Estimated additional tax revenue could total \$471,000. The affect on the average residential bill would be approximately \$3.63 per month, with greater amounts on small business and industrial accounts.

New Business: In looking for other revenue sources, City Manager Willey also spoke about the city looking into fiber optics as an enterprise fund to provide television, telephone and data communication lines. A big advantage for a municipality to install fiber optics is that the city already has the right-of-ways needed to install the lines. Highland is a nearby community who has moved forward with fiber optics, but City Manager Willey indicated that this would be part of a long-range plan for Greenville.

Tax Levy Determination: City Manager Willey presented various tax levy options to the council, ranging from zero percent increase in total tax dollars, a 5% tax increase and a 27.9% increase that would maximize specific capped tax categories. The council discussed the various options and will look for the tax levy to be brought back for approval at the December council meeting. City Manager Willey emphasized that given the total dollars that the city can levy, there is a shortfall to fund infrastructure improvements.

Appointment to Boards and Commission: Mayor Gaffner had none at this time.

Old Business: City Manager Willey reminded the council that the annexations originally brought before the council in June, 2011 continue to remain on hold.

City Manager Willey reported that part of the council had migrated to electronic council packets and that the majority would be moving to electronic packets by next month, as the city looks to conserve resources in council packet assembly and distribution.

City Manager Willey reported that rabies shots are required for all dogs and cats in the county and are enforced by animal control if a pet is picked up. Councilman Gillard inquired about a pet license as a revenue generating source to offset animal control expense.

Councilman Hampton inquired about the status of the access road, to which City Manager Willey reported the project is waiting on IDOT to issue the necessary permit for work to start.

New Business:

City Manager Willey indicated that the various fees charged by the city are being reviewed for possible changes. There are several fees being charged that do not cover the cost of filing and other expenses and are being reviewed.

City Manager Willey reported that the Police Commissioners provided its list to the city for hiring a new police officer. Based on the list, the city will verify candidates and proceed with the process.

Recess to Executive Session and Adjournment:

At 11:20 p.m., moved by Gillard, seconded by Heath, to recess to executive session for Purchase of Real Estate, Section 2 (c) (5); Sale of Real Estate, Section 2 (c) (6); Pending Litigation, Section 2 (c) (11); Personnel, Section 2 (c) (1) of the Open Meetings Act. The meeting was adjourned at 12:13 a.m. on November 9, 2011 at the close of the executive session.

Ayes: Gillard, Heath, Hampton, Sanders, Gaffner

Nays: None

Motion carried.

City Clerk