

**BOARD OF ALDERMEN MINUTES
JANUARY 18, 2011**

Item 1 call to order

The meeting was called to order at 7:08pm by Mayor Aaron Kruse. Aldermen present were Scott Anderson, Shawn Billings, Stephen Esterline, Michael Goldenberg, and Debra Hickey. Carolyn Poole arrived at 7:30pm after Item 6.

Item 2 ceremonial matters

Reverend Shane Dirk performed the invocation. Alderman Scott Anderson led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America.

Item 3 announcements

Announcements were submitted in writing.

Item 4 Mayor updates

The Mayor submitted updates in writing. Mayor Kruse informed the Board that he had been to a waste water fees update meeting in Springfield. There will be another satellite community meeting in March. It was established that sewer billing rates would increase dramatically over the next two years; and then minimal the following two years.

Item 5 City Administrator updates

City Administrator updates were submitted in writing.

Item 6 Fire Chief updates

Battlefield Fire Chief, Bryan Newberry, gave the Board of Aldermen updates on the Fire Department. They are currently working on getting a brush truck, which is used to fight fires where fire hydrants aren't readily available. The Fire Department is also working on increasing involvement in the Community Outreach Program.

Item 7a-g consent agenda

A motion was made by Shawn Billings to adopt and approve the consent agenda items a through g which includes December 21, 2010 minutes; bills paid in the amount of \$45252.47; bills to pay in the amount of \$36393.80; December 2010 sewer billing adjustments in the amount of \$-825.42; December 2010 bank reconciliations; December 2010 financials; and July 2010-December 2010 6-month summary of financials. The motion was seconded by Michael Goldenberg. A roll call vote was taken with Scott Anderson aye, Shawn Billings aye, Stephen Esterline aye, Michael Goldenberg aye, Debra Hickey aye, and Carolyn Poole aye. Motion passed.

Item 7h committee and employee reports

Reports were submitted in writing. Mark Mais, Chairman of Planning and Zoning Commission, gave a verbal quarterly report. The Commission is currently working on updating the outdoor sign regulations and the subdivision aesthetic regulations. They completed the Major and Minor Subdivision regulations in 2010, after 18 months of hard work. Mark has several concerns about the new commercial development that is going in on the northwest corner of FF Highway and Republic Road, which include putting in a stop light on the corner of Republic Road and Farm Road #123 and lowering the speed limit on Republic Road from Wilson Creek bridge to the corner of FF Highway and Republic Road. He will submit a prioritized list of concerns to the Board of Aldermen within a week or two. Chairman Mais also warned the Board of Aldermen to be careful what zoning variances they approve, as it could fall back on previous rejected variances.

Item 8 public input

No one signed up to speak.

Item 9a re-appoint Debra Hickey to TIF Committee

Mayor Kruse re-appointed Debra Hickey to the TIF Committee until December of 2014. A motion was made by Michael Goldenberg to affirm the Mayor's appointment of Debra Hickey to the TIF Committee until December of 2014. The motion was seconded by Shawn Billings. A roll call vote was taken with Scott Anderson aye, Shawn Billings aye, Stephen Esterline aye, Michael Goldenberg aye, Debra Hickey aye, and Carolyn Poole aye. Motion passed.

Item 10a quarterly report from Advisory Park Board

Bob Ranney, Chairman of the Advisory Park Board, gave a verbal quarterly report. Trees have been planted on the south side of the park to keep the privacy better for the homes that are behind it. The Board is currently getting bids on a pyrotechnics firm to do the fireworks for the 4th of July this year. The Board has ordered trees and shrubs for the second annual Native Tree Program. The trees and shrubs will be distributed on April 16th from 9:00am until 12:00pm in the Community Room. The Farmer's Market is still in limbo concerning if it will open this summer. The Park Board plans on

