

CITY OF RECTOR
CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Dec. 1, 2014

The Rector City Council met in regular session at 6:00 P.M. on Monday, Dec. 1, 2014, at Rector City Hall. Those present were Mayor G. David Freeman, Aldermen Lavern Manchester, Cam Cate, David Romine, and Teresa Roofe, City Attorney Kimberly Dale, Recorder/Treasurer Shelia Dale, Supt. Todd Watson, Fire Chief Huston Bowden, and Police Chief Glenn Leach.

Mayor Freeman asked for the reading of the November minutes. Recorder/Treasurer Dale read those minutes. Alderman Romine moved to approve the minutes with one correction; Alderman Roofe 2nd. All voted Aye and the minutes were approved.

From the audience: Roy Ballew addressed the council re: 615 E 4th St. He advised that he may have the house removed other than refurbish as he previously reported. His letter responding to a move by council for some clean-up was read by Mayor Freeman. A plan for a tear down by Mark Watson was approved by the council who also asked him to keep the property safe to the public.

Also from the audience, Joan Wagster was present in response to council about the 309 W 5th St. property that the City had condemned and cleared. Attorney Dale instructed Wagster how the property came to be in her name, and advised what could be done to remedy her situation.

In recognition of 58 years of service to the city or county Laverne (Mac) Manchester was awarded a special plaque by Mayor Freeman. Retiring Aldermen Shawn Cam Cate and Mayor G. David Freeman also were given special plaques noting their years of service to the city.

Hearing on lien - 309 W 5th St City cost incurred \$8880 to remove the house and bring the lot up to code. Alderman Roofe moved to approve the lien placed upon that property. Alderman Romine 2nd. All voted Aye and the motion carried.

Late to attend (from the audience) Larry Gore, owner of home at 1215 S Phillips addressed the council. Stated that letter he received said he is in violation of code 498 and he asked what he had to do? Supt. Watson gave violations as noted windows and doors not intact, lack of electricity. Council asked for a written plan by Jan. 5th meeting.

Item 4-10 Departmental reports are attached.

Supt. Watson reported that Street dept. had spent much time placing the Christmas lights. The lighted pole ornaments were purchased in 1998; replacing those bulbs wasn't cost effective and all really needed to be replaced for 2015.

Re: new light at the public library. Replacing the bulb on the existing light did not offer enough light for

the employees at the library. He asked for council approval for addition of a new light at the parking lot area to address this issue. Council was in full approval to do so.

Property issues: 402 E 4th St. has seen some activity. Some clean-up has been made. Stanley has had no contact with Supt. Watson since the Nov. meeting. Supt. Watson shared a letter from Bearden with the council. The council again discussed DHS involvement about the Gore situation.

Fire Dept.-Supt. Bowden asked the council for a new heater for the station showing an invoice for an infrared model at cost of \$619. Council Ok'd the purchase.

2015 Budget:

Motion was made by Alderman Romine to enter into executive session, with 2nd from Alderman Cate to discuss Departmental pay-scale (3 positions) All voted Aye and the motion carried.

Alderman Roofe moved to end executive session. Alderman Romine 2nd and all voted Aye

Alderman Cate moved to accept the 2015 budget with ammendments. Alderman Manchester 2nd. All voted Aye. Alderman Romine abstained from voting on pay raise issue.

Alderman Cate moved to amend the agenda; Alderman Manchester 2nd; all voted Aye. Alderman Romine moved to have Ord 556 placed on the first reading. Alderman Cate 2nd. All voted Aye. Attorney Dale read Ord. 556. Alderman Cate moved to approve Ord. 556 on first reading; Alderman Roofe 2nd ; all voted Aye. Alderman Roofe moved to suspend the rules and place Ord. 556 on it's second reading. Alderman Cate 2nd. All voted Aye in favor. Attorney Dale read Ord 556. Alderman Roofe moved to read Ord 556 on its 3rd and final reading with Alderman Cate 2nd. Attorney Dale read Ord 556 . All voted Aye and the Ord #556 passed.

Noted that Thurs. Dec. 19 was Christmas pot luck at Rector Community Center

Other business:

A 3% raise will be given as well as an incentive pay of \$400 for full-time employees and \$200 for part-time employees..

Alderman Roofe moved to adjourn; Alderman Cate 2nd All voted Aye and the meeting was adjourned.

G. David Freeman, Mayor

Shelia Dale, Recorder/Treasurer

