

## **Council Meeting Minutes for March 23, 2015**

Mayor Ronnie Powers called the meeting to order.

Opening Prayer: Rev Mims from the Green Chapel Church gave the opening prayer.

**Roll Call:** Councilmember Ed Cox present, Councilmember Paul Guilfoyle absent, Councilmember Lannie Henze present, Councilmember Doug Lewis present, Councilmember Mike Lowe present and Councilmember John Solter present.

**City Employees:** City Administrator Brent Bury present, Patty Spindler, City Clerk present, City Attorney Jeff Curl present, City Engineer Mark Bross present, Chief of Police Dale McNelly present, Public Works Foreman Ed Ensor present, Water Super/Fire Chief Grant Kennedy present, Wastewater Mike Henderson present, and Sgt Roger Kirkpatrick.

**Additions to or Deletions from the agenda.** Motion by Councilmember Henze, to approve the agenda, motion second by Councilmembers Lowe and Lewis, motion carried five yes.

**Presentations: Stacey Cassidy with Legal Shield** – Provided information on the services that Legal Shield could offer the City Employees. Mrs. Cassidy provided a copy of the everyday questions that the Attorneys could help answer. The Attorneys out of St. Louis would be the ones providing this service, until the Company can get Attorneys involved in this area. It was set that Mrs. Cassidy would meet with City employees on 03/24/15 at 9:00 a.m. for them to decide if they would be interested in the services or to opt out of the program.

**City Administrator Brent Bury typed report.** City Administrator Brent Bury stated he only wanted to point out that he, Mark Bross and the road district would be meeting Wednesday to discuss further areas in questions and Mr. Richter would like the legal description of all the properties involved be listed on the sealed maps.

**Public Comments/Visitors:** Rita Cox asked the Council about Appreciation Days and would holding it on July 4, 2015, be all right with the Council. Cox stated there would be an evening parade, and she was working out other details. Cox stated she did not know if there would be enough thing activities to hold anything on July 5, 2015 since the fourth falls on a Saturday.

**Approval of Minutes 03/09/2015:** Motion by Councilmember Solter, to approve the minutes, motion second by Councilmember Lowe, motion carried five yes.

**Approval of Closed Session Minutes 03/09/2015:** Motion by Councilmember Henze, to approve the closed session minutes, motion second by Councilmember Lewis, motion carried five yes.

**Discussion/review of Finance Minutes from March 18, 2015** – Due to John Solter resigning his position on the Council. Mayor Powers asked the Council for their permission to move Paul Guilfoyle as chairperson, add Ed Cox to the open position, with Mike Lowe. Motion by Councilmember Lowe to approve the new Committee, Councilmember Lewis second the motion, motion carried five yes.

**Approval of Bills:** Councilmember Cox asked if Ed Ensor was able to purchase the Merry-go-round and Ensor stated yes, and he would be going Thursday to pick the Merry-go-round up. Motion by Councilmember Lowe, to pay the bills submitted, motion second by Councilmember Henze, motion carried five yes.

**Treasurer's Report:** - No report presented for this meeting.

**Old/Unfinished Business:**

**Mark Bross City Engineer present a typed report to the Council.**

**Water Project:** We are in the process of verifying if we have found a restriction in the water main on Main Street. We believe there may be a section of 4" pipe that everyone thought was a 6" pipe. If this is true, it could be the restriction or problem and City staff has been potholing to verify what is in the ground. In addition to Mark Bross's typed report he added that there will be additional testing to be done since valves have been changed out and the City crew has been pot holing several areas. Bross stated he felt they had the potential solution, but wanted to complete the testing first.

**Sewer Projects:** We are about 90% complete with the specifications and plan to complete them before the first meeting in April. We need to finish them and review them with Mike Henderson first. At the first meeting in April, we will ask the Council for authorization to put the project out for bids with a bid opening in mid-May 2015. Bross added that he had given Mike Henderson a draft copy of the sewer project for him to review and he hoped by the first meeting in April that the Council would give their approval.

**Resolution: A Resolution to authorize conveyance of right-of-way easements from Janice A. Schaller, John White, Larry and Marsha Lynn Collins, and Bob W. and Georgia Richter to the City of LaGrange, and to approve Mayor Ronnie Powers and City Clerk Patty sign and seal the Resolution.** Motion by Councilmember Solter, to approve the Resolution and have Mayor Ronnie Powers and the City Clerk to sign and seal the Resolution, Councilmember Lowe, second the motion, motion carried five yes.

**Discussion and consideration of foundation on Chad Mosby property, this subject tabled from the March 09, 2015 due to the weather:** City Administrator Bury stated that several had met at the Mosby property. The larger portion of the foundation is on the City's property along with a tree. City Administrator Bury stated the City Crew would be removing this portion and Mosby would need additional time due to health reason with his son. Motion by Councilmember Lowe to give Mr. Mosby until the end of August 2015 to get his portion of work completed, Councilmember Lewis second the motion, motion carried five yes.

**Discussion and approval of letter to Senator Munzlinger opposing Senate Bill 323:** Motion by Councilmember Solter, to approve the letter to Senator Munzlinger opposing Senate Bill #323. Councilmember Henze, second the motion, motion carried four yes, Cox no.

**Discussion and acceptance of resignation letter from John Solter for his position of Middle Ward Council due to health reason, and to call for a Special Election to fulfill the unexpired term for Middle Ward Council. The Election will be held May 19, 2015 that is within the 60 days to call for an election.** Regrets a motion by Councilmember Lowe, to accept the resignation letter from John Solter and call for a special election on May 19, 2015, Councilmember Lewis, second the motion, motion carried four yes with Councilmember Solter abstaining.

**Discussion/consideration from City Attorney on allowing use of golf carts on the City Streets:** Motion by Councilmember Lowe to post pone this matter until the April 13, 2015 City Council meeting to have the City Attorney review the current City Ordinance, Councilmember Henze second the motion, motion carried five yes

**Discussion/consideration from City Attorney on allowing the hiring of part-time Police Officers for the City:** With further discussion and information needed, Councilmember Lowe motioned to post pone this matter until the April 13, 2015 City Council meeting, Councilmember Cox second the motion, motion carried five yes.

**Call for Special Election:** Motion by Councilmember Lowe, to have the special election on May 19, 2015, with the first day to sign up being April 7 and the last day would be May 12, 2015. Councilmember Henze second the motion, motion carried five yes.

**Any other unfinished or old business:**

**New Business:**

Mayor Powers stated since there was nothing further before the Council, he would like to take this time to present Councilmember John Solter with a key to the City for his dedication and service to the City. Part of Mr. Solter family was in the audience for his presentation.

**Additional New Business:**

Nothing further before the Council, Councilmember Solter, motioned to go into closed session under State Statute Section 610.021, subsection (3) Personnel Matters. Motion second by Councilmember Henze, motion carried by the following roll call votes: Councilmember Cox yes, Councilmember Guilfoyle absent, Councilmember Henze yes, Councilmember Lewis yes, Councilmember Lowe yes and Councilmember Solter yes.

**Closed session - Personnel Matters**

**03/23/2015**

Discussion held regarding personnel and wages during this session.

Councilmember Solter had to leave at 8:50 p.m. A finance meeting was call for Monday, March 30, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

Motion by Councilmember Henze, to go out of closed session, motion second by Councilmember Lewis, motion carried by the following roll call votes:

Councilmember Cox yes, Councilmember Guilfoyle absent, Councilmember Henze yes, Councilmember Lewis yes, Councilmember Lowe yes and Councilmember

Solter absent.

Motion by Councilmember Henze, to go into open session, motion second by Councilmember Lowe, motion carried by the following roll call votes: Councilmember Cox yes, Councilmember Guilfoyle absent, Councilmember Henze yes, Councilmember Lewis yes, Councilmember Lowe yes and Councilmember Solter absent.

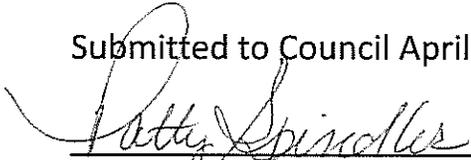
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**Adjournment:** With nothing further before the Council and no visitors present Councilmember Henze, made the motion to adjourn at 9:00 p.m., motion second by Councilmember Lowe, motion carried four yes.

Submitted to Council April 13, 2015    Reviewed by Council

  
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Patty Spindler, MMC, CCA, MRCC  
City Clerk

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Ronnie L. Powers, Mayor