**August 22, 2016**

**Public Hearing:**The public hearing was called to order at 7:00 p.m. in council chambers at 100 W. Main St., Ash Grove, Missouri by Mayor Jan Lehmkuhl. This hearing was called to give the citizens of Ash Grove the opportunity to comment on the proposed tax levy of .5554 for 2016.   No comments were made.  Mayor Lehmkuhl then closed the Public Hearing.

Mayor Jan Lehmkuhl called the Special Session of the Board of Aldermen to order at 7:02 p.m. on August 22, 2016 with the following Board Members present:  Jerry Kane, William Wagner and Deanna Monnig.  Quorum present.

Mayor Lehmkuhl asked that the agenda be amended to add discussion of several requests made by the Historic Town Center.  Motion made by Jerry Kane and seconded by Deanna Monnig to amend the agenda.  Vote taken.  Unanimously approved.

***2016 TAX LEVY ORDINANCE:***Motion made by Jerry Kane and seconded by Deanna Monnig to place Bill 2016-25, setting the tax levy for 2016 on its first reading.  Vote taken.  Unanimously approved.  Bill was read.  Motion made by Jerry Kane and seconded by Deanna Monnig to accept the first reading.  Vote taken.  Unanimously approved.  Motion made by Deanna Monnig and seconded by William Wagner to place Bill 2016-25 on its second reading.  Vote taken.  Unanimous.  Bill was read.  Motion made by Jerry Kane and seconded by Deanna Monnig to accept the final reading of Bill 2016-25 setting the tax levy for 2016 to $.5554.  Vote taken.  Kane, Wagner, and Monnig aye.  Ordinance #1034 passed.

Requests made by the Historic Town Center for the Backroads to Main Street Heritage Festival:

* No Parking signs on the City parking lots between City Hall and Police Department- will be used for loading and unloading.
* Re-enactors will be using area at the City Park to set up for demonstrating with tents for camping.
* Shuttle - providing transporting between Main Street activities and re-enactment at City Park.

All Board Members were in agreement to allow all requested with the use of the City Park for demonstrators to have access on the Thursday to set up prior to the event on Saturday October, 15, 2016.

No further business.  Deanna Monnig made a motion to adjourn at 7:26 p.m. with Jerry Kane giving the second.  Kane, Monnig, and Wagner aye.

Deborah A. Cox, City Clerk

**August 15, 2016**

Mayor Jan Lehmkuhl called the Study Session to order at 7:00 p.m.

Board members present:  Bill Wagner, Jerry Kane, Deanna Monnig and Troy Watts.  Deborah A Cox, City Clerk and Police Chief Bruce Belin were also in attendance.   City Attorney Mel Gilbert arrived shortly after the meeting started.

Motion made by Troy Watts and seconded by Jerry Kane to approve the Election Results as certified by Shane Schoeller, Greene County Clerk:

***Question***

*Shall there be a city transportation sales tax of one-half of one percent in the City of Ash Grove for a period of 10 years, with funds from said tax to be for the financing of construction, maintenance and operation of city streets within the City of Ash Grove, Missouri*

*YES                              139*

*NO                               80*

***UTILITY SERVICE COMPANY, INC***Motion made by Troy Watts to authorize the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Utility Service Company, Inc.  Seconded by Jerry Kane.  Vote taken.  Kane, Watts, Monnig and Wagner, aye.  Read by the City Clerk.  Motion made by Troy Watts and seconded by Jerry Kane to accept the first reading of Bill No. 2016-24.  Vote taken.  Kane, Watts, Monnig and Wagner, aye.  Motion made by Troy Watts and seconded by Jerry Kane to place Bill No. 2016-24 on final reading.  Vote taken.  Watts, Kane, Monnig and Wagner, aye. Read by the City Clerk.  Motion made by Troy Watts and seconded by Jerry Kane to accept the final reading of Bill No. 2016-24.  Vote taken.  Watts, Kane, Monnig, and Wagner aye.  Ordinance #1033 went into effect with final approval.

***BID TO REPAIR DUMP TRUCK:*** Bid for 1989 dump truck repairs was reviewed.  After discussion, the Mayor asked Jerry Kane to check on pricing for a steering gear box and to get back with Jetts Service if a lower price can be obtained.

***JOHN DEERE 757 MOWER SOLD:*** Motion made by Jerry Kane and seconded by Troy Watts to accept the bid from the Ash Grove R-4 School to purchase the John Deere 757 Mower (without working motor) in the amount of $500.00.  Vote taken.  Unanimously approved.

Motion made by Deanna Monnig and seconded by Jerry Kane to accept the requested employment status change of Julisa Allen from full time police officer to a reserve officer.  Vote taken.  Unanimously approved.

***TO INCREASE WATER RATES BY 10%:***After reviewing the water/sewer rate study from Missouri Rural Water, motion made by Deanna Monnig and seconded by William Wagner to increase water rates by 10% starting with the October 2016 usage, billing in November.  Vote taken.  Unanimously approved.  Board will hold a public hearing on September 6, 2016 at 6:59 p.m.

Motion to go into study session was made by Jerry Kane and seconded by Deanna Monnig at 8:00 p.m.  Vote taken.  Unanimously approved.

***STUDY SESSION***: Attorney Gilbert explained the procedure to annex Cub’s park into the City.  A resolution with petition will be presented at the September 6, 2016 board meeting.

Attorney Mel Gilbert will be sponsoring the regional MML meeting on October 27, 2016 at Smith’s, Bolivar Missouri.

Mayor Lehmkuhl stated the Historic Town Center would like to revitalize the old museum store front for the upcoming event in October.  Board agreed to allow up to $1000 for supplies and to supply electricity to the front section of the building.

Board set the 2016 Tax Levy Hearing for August 22, 2016.

Jerry Kane made a motion to go into Closed Session to discuss litigation and personnel issues at 9:00 p.m. with Troy Watts giving the second.  The vote was as follows: Kane aye; Wagner aye; Watts:  aye   Vote was unanimous.  Motion carried.

Jerry Kane made a motion to go back into Study Session at 9:22 p.m. with Bill Wagner giving the second. Vote was unanimous.  Motion carried.

Mayor Lehmkuhl called the Study Session back to order with Kane, Watts, Monnig and Wagner.

Mayor Lehmkuhl announced that there was no City business discussed in Closed Session that could be brought up in the Study Session.

Bill Wagner made a motion to adjourn at 9:24 p.m. with Jerry Kane giving the second.  Vote was unanimous.  Motion carried.

*Deborah A Cox, City Clerk*

**August 1, 2016**

Mayor Jan Lehmkuhl called the regular Board meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on August 1, 2016 at 100 W. Main Street, Ash Grove City Hall.

Board Members present:  Jan Lehmkuhl, Mayor; Troy Watts, Jerry Kane, Deanna Monnig, and Bill Wagner Aldermen.  Also in attendance: City Clerk Deborah Cox; Police Chief Bruce Belin; Asst. Supt of Public Works Charlie Jones and Ryan Squibb.

Bruce Belin gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

Motion made by Jerry Kane and seconded by Deanna Monnig to approve the consent agenda as presented which included the minutes from the last meetings.  Vote taken.  Unanimously approved.

Historic Town Center made written requests for the Backroads to Main Street activities on October 15, 2016:

* Close Main Street from Calhoun west to Thurmond Ave and Calhoun east to Webster Ave.
* Catering license for 7 C’s Winery, LLC.
* Closing parking lot on East Main Street

After discussion, motion was made by Deanna Monnig to approve a letter to the Department of Liquor Control stating the City does not directly prohibit catering and will refer this matter to that State Department. Seconded by Jerry Kane.  Vote taken.  Unanimously approved.

Motion made by Deanna Monnig and seconded by Jerry Kane to allow the street closings for the Backroads to Main Street activities.  Vote taken.  Unanimously approved.

***SMOKE TESTING:*** TREKK Design Group has finishing smoke testing and manhole inspection for the DNR funded grant.   Next step will be to have cameras inserted into the sewer mains to see the problem areas and what will be needed to correct the issues.  During the testing a blockage was found south of Main Street between Calhoun and Brookside.  Our City workers were not able to remove this blockage, City of Springfield was called and they were able to remove the blockage with their equipment.  Discussion followed on how to fix this area.  Deanna Monnig stated that the safety of our workers during construction, is the main priority.  Public Works will get bids to have equipment take out trees to access the area and to dig up and replace the blocked section.

***WATER/SEWER RATE STUDY:*** MRWA is still working on compiling the information to submit an accurate report to the Board.

***WATER TOWER MAINTENANCE:*** Bid should be in by next week.

***MAIN STREET SIDEWALK:*** Onebid has been submitted to repair the sidewalk at the end of West Main Street; Whistler Construction in the amount of $27,954.00.  This would include build and set forms, pour and finish concrete, mortar in place historic bricks provided by the City.  After discussion, Motion was made by Deanna Monnig because of the safety issues, to go ahead with this project to be completed before the October festival. Seconded by Jerry Kane.  Vote taken.  Kane, Wagner, and Monnig aye.  Watts, nay.  Motion carried.

Motion made by Jerry Kane and seconded by Troy Watts to pay the bills after they are reviewed and signed. Vote taken.  Unanimous.

***ANNOUCEMENTS:***

* Report on the ditch in front of the Ash Grove Fire Department on Prairie Lane – Mayor Lehmkuhl, William Wagner, and Charlie Jones met with the Fire Department at that location to look at the problem area.  The run off, drainage pipe and culverts are all property of the Fire District and should be maintained by them.  The City will change the way the city well drains, which should help
* Meghan Smith will be doing an internship for one of her college courses where she can help in building our website and revising our personnel manual.

Troy Watts made a motion to go into closed session to discuss personnel issues at 7:52 p.m. with Deanna Monnig giving the second.  Monnig, Wagner, Kane and Wagner, aye.  Motion carried.

Deanna Monnig made a motion to go back into regular board meeting with William Wagner giving the second.  Vote was unanimous.  Motion carried.

Mayor Lehmkuhl called the meeting back to order with Jerry Kane, Deanna Monnig, William Wagner and Troy Watts in attendance.

Mayor Lehmkuhl announced that no business was discussed in closed session that could be discussed in regular session.

Having no other business, motion was made by Deanna Monnig and seconded by Jerry Kane to adjourn.  Vote taken.  Kane, Monnig, Wagner, and Watts, aye.

*Deborah A. Cox, City Clerk*