

CITY COUNCIL
January 6, 2014

Due to the absence of Mayor Pro Tem Morgan, the Council nominated Councilperson Pullam as Acting President Pro Tem of the Council meeting.

The first order of business to come before the Council was the approval of the minutes and bills. The Council accepted the minutes and bills unanimously.

The next item for discussion was the Public Safety Storage bids. Three bids had been received, and were not within the budgeted amount. The Police and Fire Committee will meet before the next meeting to discuss what should be done regarding the building.

The fire department reported that six calls have been answered since the last Council meeting, and eighty-nine calls came into the department in 2013.

The Recreation Center has had the women's sauna replaced, and it is working well. However, the sauna on the men's side has now quit working. The cost of replacing the sauna will be \$1,800, and can be taken from the equipment budget for the center. The Council approved the replacement of the sauna.

The kick ball games at the recreation center will end soon. However, basketball will begin immediately following. Children may sign-up for the basketball league until January 14.

The Council then received notice that the City is being considered for a grant to install handicap equipment in the parks. The grant is from the Missouri Department of Natural Resources. There were twelve cities recommended for grants, but there are limited funds from the state. Once the final selection is made, the City will be able to determine if or what can be placed into the parks.

The Code Enforcement Officer reported eleven warnings had been given regarding the placement of cans being set out too early, and some for putting construction debris at the curb. Seven notices to abate a nuisance were issued to residents, and two citations for failing to abate a nuisance. He then reported seven notices to vacate/repair/and or demolish structure had been started on properties. Several other minor complaints have been handled during this period, as well as making gas, electrical and water inspections.

The Council then asked the Counselor about derelict vehicles. The Counselor responded that a derelict vehicle would be one that is parked at a property that has not license, has not been moved, and could have grass or weeds growing up around the car. One particular area was noted, and the Code Enforcement Officer was asked to check the matter.

The Council then reported during the New Year's Holiday, there were so many gunshots that one lady found a spent bullet in her bathtub. Chief Tony Jones reported there were well over a thousand rounds shot that night. Six men were working during that period, and he did not feel it was worth risking their life to stop the gunshots at midnight. However, after midnight, if the police found an area where gunshots continued then the police did try to find the people violating the ordinance. It was suggested that the fine for shooting firearms be increase from \$100 to \$500. The Counselor reported he would mention this to the Judge for consideration.

The next regular meeting will be held on January 20, which is Martin Luther King Day Holiday. The Council determined the meeting would be held on Tuesday, January 21, 2014, at 5:00 p.m.

With no further business to come before the Council, the meeting adjourned at 5:38 p.m.