

**Regular Board Meeting
August 5, 2013**

The Parsons City Council met for its regular meeting, Monday, August 5 2013, at 6:00 p .m. at the city council meeting room. Mayor Boaz called the meeting to order. Roll called:

Present	Absent
Danny Mills	Mark Davis
Dwight Lancaster	
Joseph Fisher	
Bobby Rainey	
Marty Carrington	
Kevin Cagle	

Motion by Kevin Cagle to accept the minutes and dispense with the reading from last month's meeting as sent out. Second by Joseph Fisher Vote: All Ayes

Motion by Dwight Lancaster to approve the financial reports for June, 2013, as sent out. Second by Marty Carrington Vote: All Ayes

Presentations: none

Community Forum:

Diane Mathews and her sister, Betty Mathews, were at the board meeting to discuss the dog problem in Parsons. Betty Mathews had recently been bitten by a pit bull dog that was loose from its chain. The dog came across the yard to her sister's house located on Neely Avenue the morning of July 26th. The pit bull dog attacked the Anatolian Shepherd on the cable who was in Diane's yard. Ms. Betty attempted to break up the dog fight by throwing a bucket of water on the dogs. Instead of running away, the pit bull lunged at her and bit her in the face and on her side. She stated 300 stitches were needed on her face. She wanted the dog to be put down. The public health officer placed the dog in quarantine for ten days because shots were not up to date. The owner of the dog says it will be taken out of the city limits. The **DA** says if the dog is not removed, criminal charges could be filed.

Dale King, Police Chief stated that the city has had the same dog laws for years. "As we're getting larger, we're seeing more dog attacks and vicious dogs... We captured nine dogs last week. The laws we have now give the police very little leeway as how to handle dogs. Right now we pick up stray dogs or find their owners and give them back. Chief King says he has been in touch with MTAS (Municipal Technical Advisory Service) and for the past three days had been working "hand in hand" with them on a handout pertaining to vicious dogs. The handout is a work in progress which council members could read and review and make additions or changes before it becomes an ordinance. It doesn't say that you can't have a vicious dog, but you must meet standards. This will be looked over and discussed at a later board meeting.

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Reports from committees, councilmen, and other officers -none

New Business : None

Old Business:

I: **Second Reading on Ordinance 249 An Ordinance of the City of Parsons appropriating funds for the Fiscal year July1, 2013 through June 30, 2014 and establishing the Property Tax Rate for 2014 fiscal year. .**
Motion made by Kelvin Cagle to pass this Ordinance on second reading. Second by Marty Carrington

Vote:

Joseph Fisher --Aye
Dwight Lancaster -Aye
Danny Mills -Aye
Bobby Rainey—Aye
Marty Carrington --Aye
Kevin Cagle---Aye
Mark Davis—Absent and not voting

The mayor called for a closed session with the council and the city attorney to discuss a legal matter.

Motion to adjourn meeting by Kevin Cagle Second by Marty Carrington

Vote: All Ayes

Tim David Boaz, Mayor

Judy Daugherty, City Recorder