

**Regular Board Meeting
December 2, 2013**

The Parsons City Council met for its regular meeting, Monday, December 2, 2013 at 6:00 p .m. at the city council meeting room. Mayor Boaz called the meeting to order. Roll called:

Present	Absent
Mark Davis	Danny Mills
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 Mark Davis to approve the financial reports for October, 2013, as sent out. Second by Marty Carrington Vote: All Ayes

Presentations: none

Community Forum:

Reports from committees, councilmen, and other officers

New Business:

I: Auditor- Review of Audit ending June 2013

John Poole, CPA, addressed the councilmen and told them he had found "nothing of any concern ". He stated his job was to safe guard the city's assets.

The city does an excellent job of getting the money that is due. We make sure the money being spent is done correctly and is for the city's use. Mr. Poole stated that the water and sewer departments and the natural gas showed a good surplus. He noted that the state requires that the city show a surplus at least every other year. He concluded that the city is doing well. After asking the councilmen if they had any questions, Mr. Poole stated that his contact information was in the audit, and that the council members could call him if they had any questions later.

Mayor Tim Boaz stated they we are very fortunate. We had discussions about raising water rates, and my answer was that when we came in we had the highest rates in the world and we're trying to lower them .

One thing we are working with our sister town of Decaturville by selling them water, and we're both benefiting from it. Over the last five years, they've saved 5 ½ million dollars, and we've saved over \$700,000. It's great when we can work together.

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II: Mayor's appointment of Pam Villaflor to Parsons Regional Planning Commission

Mayor Boaz stated that he would like to appoint Pam Villaflor to the Parsons Regional Planning Commission.

Motion by Dwight Lancaster to approved this appointment . Second by Marty Carrington. Vote: All Ayes

III: Second Reading on Ordinance No 252 An Ordinance to amend the City of Parsons Zoning Map reclassifying property owned by John Long located North of East Main Street and behind Tax Map 049 Control Group E parcel 017.00 from R-1 (Low Density Residential to B-1 (General Business) (Recommended by the Parsons Regional Planning Commission)

Motion to pass this Ordinance on Second Reading by Kevin Cagle Second by Joseph Fisher

Vote:

Danny Mills -Absent and not voting

Dwight Lancaster-Aye

Joseph Fisher -Aye

Bobby Rainey-Aye

Marty Carrington -Aye

Kevin Cagle -Aye

Mark Davis Aye

IV: Grant for New Fire Truck.

Mayor stated that Colleen Lawlor has been working on a grant for a new fire truck.

The grant will be a 95% grant application and is for a ladder truck which can go up to 85 feet. Dale King, Fire Chief, stated that the city has 17 buildings which a ladder can't get to and the new truck would be an asset to the city.

The new truck's cost would be \$450,000 with a city match of \$22,500.

Motion by Mark Davis to apply for the grant and approve the city's matching part Second by Kevin Cagle. Vote: All Ayes

V: Mayor's appointment of Christmas Lighting Committee.

Kevin Cagle and Joseph Fisher were appointed as a new Christmas Lighting Committee.

Mayor Boaz read a letter from Mark Tubbs, president of the Rivertime Players thanking the City for their continued support, and also reflecting on this year's accomplishments.(a copy of the letter is attached to the minutes)

Motion to adjourn by Mark Davis Second by Dwight Lancaster Vote: all Ayes

Tim David Boaz, Mayor

Judy Daugherty, City Recorder