

City Council Minutes  
October 28, 2013

Mayor Thayer called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. Present: Councilors Paul Canter, Harry Myers, Ron Thexton, Cindy Canter, and Lonnie Koroush; and Chief Operating Officer Jim Minard. Councilor Dillard was excused.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Chrissy Warden, group leader of the 4H Club, was present to address concerns raised about the group not cleaning up the Legion Hall after its use. She explained that others in the building were responsible and she requested the groups status not be altered relating to use of the building.

**STAFF REPORTS and UPDATES**

Mr. Minard informed the Council that:

- ✓ New computers had been installed and staff is working out some of the “bugs”.
- ✓ We waiting to hear back from Rural Utilities on the City’s Storm Water and Wastewater Grants; given delays from federal government closures.
- ✓ The City received six proposals to serve as the new City Engineer and a review committee should be established to consider these proposals in late November.
- ✓ OMI has established a meter replacement program to change out the oldest meters, with a goal of doing 2 per week.
- ✓ Quotes to underground the temporary sprinkler system at the library were received and this should occur in the next few weeks. The low quote was around \$900
- ✓ A window at the Legion Hall had a small hole and needed replacing and quotes would be sought.
- ✓ He had also received three quotes to replace the sidewalk in front of City Hall, with the quotes in the \$4500 range. Some street work would need to be included to improve the drainage at City Hall.

Councilor Koroush raised concerns under the public works report that it appeared that certain meters were not being read by OMI staff. Minard noted he would bring this up with the OMI Regional Manager during his visit this coming Wednesday.

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

Minard noted there were several new bills to be added to consent agenda. Councilor Thexton moved to approve the consent agenda as amended. The motion was seconded by Councilor Canter and approved 4-1 (Koroush – NO).

**NEW BUSINESS**

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-05: Increasing Solid Waste Collection Rates: Mayor Thayer asked about the frequency of the rate increases. Minard noted that Republic Solid Waste representatives had mentioned last fall they would like to request their rate increases annually with a smaller amount, rather than wait two to three years with the larger increase. There was considerable concern with the rate increase justifications with fuel costs being down and such a large percentage of the increase tied to salaries. Councilor Thexton moved to table the matter to next month. The motion was seconded by Councilor Canter and unanimously approved.

Monroe Community Library: Roger Irvin of the South Benton County Enhancement group was present to explain the mortgage document on the new library offered to the City. He noted that the document spelled out the need to use the building as a library for at least five years. Canter moved to accept the document and authorize the Mayor to sign. The motion as seconded by Thexton and unanimously approved.

Library Crosswalk: options, discussion, and direction: Minard advised the Council on the two basic options of the crosswalk at Ash Street or the mid-block school crossing, with lights and pedestrian refuge. There were questions on what on-going expense the City might incur. Councilor Koroush moved to table the matter to allow Minard to get some answers to the questions. The motion was seconded by Canter and unanimously approved.

Committee Assignments: Mayor Thayer announce his assignment for the City Committees. Paul Canter, Harry Myers, and Donna Dillard were appointed to the Employee and Finance Committee. Ron Thexton, Lonnie Koroush, and Cindy Canter were appointed to the Public Works/Parks and Safety Committee.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

Councilor Koroush expressed his concerns with the Legion Hall and the number of keys that seemed to be available to the various groups. He moved to have all the keys returned. Only the senior meals program would be allowed to retain new keys. The other groups would have to check out and return keys to City Hall immediately after their use. Councilor Cindy Canter seconded the motion was approved 3-2 (Myers and Thexton voting no).

Cindy Canter moved to have the locks on the front door rekeyed and the side door lock disabled from the outside, with three new keys provided the seniors. The motion was seconded by Thexton and approved unanimously.

**MAYOR COMMENTS:**

Mayor Thayer suggested that the City web site should have pictures of the elected officials. Minard would bring a camera to the next meeting to take pictures and send them to the website administrator Michael Morrell.

**ADJOURN:**

There being no further business Mayor Thayer adjourned the meeting at 7:43 PM.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor Frank Thayer

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chief Operating Officer Jim Minard