

Board of Mayor and Aldermen Meeting
January 2, 2003

The Board of Mayor and Aldermen met in regular session on Thursday, January 2, 2003 at 7:25 P.M.

Present: Aldermen Nelson, Shelton, Cannon, Green and Mayor Higdon

Motion made by Green second by Shelton to approve previous minutes. All present voted yes.

John Griffith, a resident in the town, was present and voiced his concern that there were not enough employees in the fire department and requested that 2 full time and 1 part time employee be hired for the fire department. Following a lengthy discussion concerning the hours worked and fire protection provided, Alderman Cannon presented a work schedule that would provide for 2 firemen to be on each shift. No action was taken regarding the work schedule.

Motion made by Shelton second by Higdon to employ an additional fireman at this meeting. Vote: Aldermen Nelson, Cannon, Green – No Mayor Higdon and Alderwoman Shelton – Yes.

Written reports were submitted by the Fire, Street, and Library. Police Department report was not submitted due to the printer not working.

Motion made by Shelton second by Higdon to approve Keith Hatfield as the town's attorney. Vote: Aldermen Nelson, Cannon, Green – No Mayor Higdon and Alderwoman Shelton – Yes.

Motion made by Nelson second by Green to approve Stephen Hurst as the town's attorney. Vote: Aldermen Nelson, Cannon, Green – Yes Mayor Higdon and Alderwoman Shelton – No

Frank Wallace, executive secretary of the CJUC was present to report on the sewage back up at Eagle Bluff Apartments. Mr. Wallace said that the sewer had backed up at the Clayton Homes property causing the problem at the apartments. Mr. R.L. Ayers, owner of the apartments, was called and notified of the backup and that it had been discovered that there was not a backflow inhibitor on the line at the apartments. The backflow inhibitor was installed at cost plus 15%. Mr. Wallace said that the CJUC was working with Mr. Ayers, the insurance companies and the residents affected by the backup of the sewer.

Mr. Wallace also reported that the water storage tank had been to bid twice, the low bidder was Crom Corporation.

Motion made by Shelton second by Green to hold a city election the first Saturday in April, 2003 for the positions of 2 Aldermen each for a 4 year term. All present voted yes.

Upon a request from the Fire Chief, Motion made by Shelton second by Higdon to approve the exchange of a dump tank owned by the fire department for other equipment owned by Jerry Moat. All present voted yes upon the approval of the auditor.

Motion made by Cannon second by Shelton to approve the Librarian disposing of the old card catalog. All present voted yes.

Motion made by Cannon second by Green to purchase and install 3 time clocks. Vote: Aldermen Nelson, Cannon, Green – Yes Mayor Higdon and Alderwoman Shelton – No

Motion made by Shelton second by Cannon to approve expenditures. Vote: Nelson-pass Green-No Shelton, Cannon and Mayor Higdon – Yes.

Motion made by Cannon to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 P.M.

Recorder

Mayor