**February 16, 2016**

***PUBLIC COMMENTS:***Marc Schwenn thanked the Board for being proactive in passing the ordinance pertaining to limiting the parking on city streets.  He has concerns with Main Street’s limited parking and vehicles been left in parking spaces for days at a time.  Mr. Schwenn asked for any member of the Board to come and discuss this issue with him at any time to help find a solution.

Mayor Jan Lehmkuhl called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. on February 16, 2016.

Board members present:  Jan Lehmkuhl, Mayor; Troy Watts, Jerry Kane, Sharon Anderson and Deanna Monnig, Aldermen.  Also in attendance: City Clerk, Deborah Cox, Jacob Marler, Brian Swearengin, Derek Lankford, Bruce Belin, Marc Schwenn, Dolores Coble, and Justin Janes.

***ORDINANCE #1017 EMPLOYING POLICE CHIEF:*** Motion made by Troy Watts and seconded by Jerry Kane to place Bill # 2016-8, employing and setting the salary of a new Police Chief, on its first reading.  Vote taken.  Vote was unanimous.  Read by the City Clerk.  Motion made by Troy Watts and seconded by Deanna Monnig to accept the first reading of Bill #2016-8.  Vote taken.  Unanimously approved.   Motion made by Troy Watts and seconded by Jerry Kane to place Bill #2016-8 on its second and final read.  Vote taken.  Unanimously approved.  Read by City Clerk.  Motion made by Troy Watts and seconded by Jerry Kane to accept the final reading of Bill #2016-8.  Vote taken.  Kane, Watts, Anderson and Monnig aye.   Ordinance #1017 passed.  Bruce Belin will begin employment on February 29, 2016.

Mayor Lehmkuhl introduces Chief Belin and the City Clerk swore him into office.

Brian Swearengin, Emergency Management Director for the City of Ash Grove, updated the Board on the NIMS requirements.

***ANDERSON RESIGNS:*** Board member, Sharon Anderson, announced she will be resigning her position on the Board effective March 7, 2016.  She will be moving to Oklahoma.  Mayor Lehmkuhl stated she will be accepting letters of interest from citizens living in the First Ward.

Motion was made by Troy Watts and seconded by Jerry Kane to go into closed session to discuss personnel, real estate and litigation at 7:15 p.m.

Motion made by Troy Watts and seconded by Sharon Anderson to go back into regular meeting at p.m.  Vote was unanimous.  Motion carried.

Mayor Lehmkuhl called the meeting back to order at 9:03 p.m. with Jerry Kane, Deanna Monnig, Sharon Anderson and Troy Watts.

Mayor Lehmkuhl announced that Officer Julissa Allen will be put on light duty due to her pregnancy by her doctor’s orders.  Officer Allen will do Code Enforcement and other office work as needed.

Mayor Lehmkuhl announced that no decisions were made in closed session that could be announced in open session.

***COMPREHENSIVE PLAN:*** Mayor Lehmkuhl brought up the Comprehensive Plan and said she wasn’t happy with the way some of it was done.  Jerry Kane and Deanna Monnig both stated they saw nothing wrong with the plan.  The Planning and Zoning Board can use the plan when updating Planning and Zoning Regulations.  It can give the Board an insight into what direction the Citizens of the City would like to see the City go over the upcoming years.   The submitted Plan will go on to Planning and Zoning.

Due to the late hour, the Board of Aldermen did not go into a Study Session.

No further business: motion made by Sharon Anderson and seconded by Jerry Kane to adjourn the meeting at 9:26 p.m.  Vote taken.  Kane, Watts, Anderson and Monnig aye.

*Deborah A. Cox, City Clerk*

**February 1, 2016**

Mayor Jan Lehmkuhl called the regular Board meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on February 1, 2016.

Board Members present:  Jan Lehmkuhl, Mayor; Troy Watts, Jerry Kane, Sharon Anderson, and Deanna Monnig, Aldermen.  Also in attendance: City Clerk, Deborah Cox, Les Gardner, Barb Trent, Chuck Fry, Inez Fry and Ryan Squibb.

Sharon Anderson gave the invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

Motion made by Jerry Kane and seconded by Troy Watts to amend the agenda to add an Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with SOCS.  Vote taken.  Unanimously approved.

Motion made by Jerry Kane and seconded by Sharon Anderson to approve the amended agenda and consent agenda as presented which includes the minutes from the last meetings.  Vote taken.  Unanimously approved.

***COMPREHENSIVE PLAN PRESENTED:*** Brenda Ellsworth presented the draft Comprehensive Plan for the Board to review.  Ellsworth outlined the contents of the plan.  Mayor Lehmkuhl asked that since there was only one copy, could it be left at City Hall for the Board to review prior to the study session on February 16, 2016.  At that time, the draft copy can be reviewed by the full Board.

Mayor informed the Board the final stages are underway in hiring a new Police Chief.  Waiting now for the background checks to be completed.

***BROWNFIELD REPORT:*** Mayor Lehmkuhl received the final Brownfields report today but had not had time to review the full report.  She did report the Old Nursing Home has mold, asbestos and lead and 104 W Main has asbestos and lead.  Mayor Lehmkuhl will be pursuing a grant that will assist with the abatement process.

Gap Engineering is still interested in purchasing the property in the Industrial Area.  They will be working hand in hand with purchasing the adjacent property and the city property at the same time.

***CONDEMNATION PROCEDURES:*** A letter had been sent to the property owners of 405 E Washington concerning starting condemnation procedures.  The property owner responded stating they would start cleaning up the burned out house by March 1, 2016.  Mayor Lehmkuhl will be responding to their letter giving the property owners a firm date to have this completed.

***POOL MANAGER CONTRACT RENEWED:*** The Pool Managers Contract was reviewed.  The Board would like to add a few new duties to that contract – volleyball leagues, disk golf leagues, and organizing horseshoe tournaments.   Motion was made by Troy Watts and seconded by Jerry Kane to renew this contract with David Raper with these changes added.  Motion made.  Unanimously approved.

Motion made by Jerry Kane and seconded by Sharon Anderson to pay the bills after they are reviewed and signed. Vote taken.  Unanimous.

***MAIN STREET ARTWORK:*** Mayor Lehmkuhl informed the Board that a piece of artwork has been made and will be on loan to the city which will be displayed on Main Street.  An announcement with an unveiling will be coming very soon.

***JOB SHADOW PROJECT:*** The Ash Grove High School will be starting a job shadowing project to provide students an opportunity to explore career options.  A request came into the Police Department which would have a student shadowing for a minimum of 6 hours.  After discussion, the Board did not feel the department was in a position to allow this until a new Chief has been hired.

***ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING CONTRACT WITH OLSSON ASSOCIATES:*** Motion was made by Troy Watts and seconded by Jerry Kane to place Bill No. 2016-6, authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Olsson Associates for engineering services.  Vote taken.  Kane, Watts, Anderson, and Monnig aye.  Read by the City Clerk.  Motion made by Troy Watts and seconded by Sharon Anderson to approve the first reading of Bill No. 2016-6.  Vote taken. Kane, Watts, Anderson, and Monnig aye.  Motion made to place Bill No. 2016-6 on its final reading by Jerry Kane.  Seconded by Troy Watts.  Vote taken.  Kane, Watts, Anderson, and Monnig aye.  Read by the City Clerk.  Motion made by Troy Watts and seconded by Jerry Kane to approve the final reading of Bill No. 2016-6.  Vote taken. Kane, Watts, Anderson, and Monnig aye.  Ordinance #1015 passed.

Olsson Associates will be writing the specification for the water tower maintenance bids to be completed by June 30, 2016.

***ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING CONTRACT  WITH SOCS:*** Motion was made by Troy Watts and seconded by Jerry Kane to place Bill No. 2016-7, authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with SOCS (Simplified Online Communication System).  Vote taken.  Kane, Watts, Anderson, and Monnig aye.  Read by the City Clerk.  Motion made by Troy Watts and seconded by Deanna Monnig to approve the first reading of Bill No. 2016-7.  Vote taken. Kane, Watts, Anderson, and Monnig aye.  Motion made to place Bill No. 2016-7 on its final reading by Jerry Kane.  Seconded by Troy Watts.  Vote taken.  Kane, Watts, Anderson, and Monnig aye.  Read by the City Clerk.  Motion made by Troy Watts and seconded by Jerry Kane to approve the final reading of Bill No. 2016-7.  Vote taken. Kane, Watts, Anderson, and Monnig aye.  Ordinance #1016 passed.

***ANNOUCEMENTS:***

* Police Officer Julisa Allen had submitted a request to rescind her resignation letter submitted in January.  The Board approved this request and she will continue her employment with the Ash Grove Police Department.
* Motion made by Troy Watts and seconded by Jerry Kane to go into closed session to discuss personnel issues at 8:05 p.m.  Vote taken.  Kane, Watts, Anderson and Monnig aye.

Motion made by Jerry Kane and seconded by Troy Watts to go back into regular meeting.  Vote was unanimous.  Motion carried.

Mayor Jan Lehmkuhl called the meeting back to order at 8:23 p.m. with Jerry Kane, Deanna Monnig, Sharon Anderson, and Troy Watts.

Mayor Lehmkuhl announced that no decisions were made in closed session that could be announced in open session.

Having no further business to discuss, Deanna Monnig made a motion to adjourn at 8:26 p.m. with Sharon Anderson giving the second.  Vote was unanimous.  Motion carried.

*Deborah A. Cox, City Clerk*