

MINUTES

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

February 26, 2008

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6. **CITY RECORDER – None**

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NEW BUSINESS

- 1. BUSINESS LICENSE – There was one application for a business license from Tonya Winton for a salon and day spa at the Bear Hollow development. Ald. Orr made a motion to approve the application. Ald. Brannan seconded the motion and it passed 4/0.**
- 2. WATER CONNECTIONS – Ald. Orr made a motion to extend lifting of the moratorium on water taps another thirty days under the same guidelines as previously established. Ald. Brannan seconded the motion and it carried 4/0. This will be revisited at the next meeting.**

PUBLIC UTILITY BOARD MEETING

- 1. MONTHLY REPORT – Copy attached**
- 2. ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER – Ald. Lay asked if we are currently in compliance with the requirements of the order. Mr. Boynton said that we are not, but we're working on it.**
- 3. BEAR HOLLOW – There was a sewer line problem at this development and the owner said it was caused by the Monteagle Greene Apartments. He asked the city to reimburse him for the \$225.00 he spent on repairs. Jim Boynton will investigate this item and report back to the council at the next meeting.**
- 4. REFUNDS FOR THREE MINIMUM GAS BILLS – The council was given copies of the three work orders for turning on these meters. The customer requested a refund since no gas was used. No action was taken.**
- 5. BOOSTER PUMP – Mr. Boynton gave the council an estimate for replacing the booster pump at the Hwy. 56 pumping station. The**

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**heater was stolen out of the building and the pump froze and burst.
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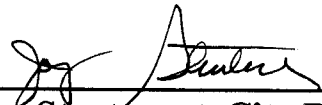
- 6. WELL BELONGING TO JOE HILL – Mr. Boynton said he needs to have the council approve \$2650.00 to proceed with testing this well. Nothing further can be done until they do a draw-down to see how quickly the well recovers. Ald. Orr made a motion to approve the expenditure of not more than \$2650.00 for this testing. Ald. Brannan seconded the motion and it passed 4/0 on roll call vote.**

CITIZENS HEARING

There were no citizens wishing to speak.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 7:42 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Joy Sturtevant, City Recorder