

## REGULAR MEETING OCTOBER 22, 2013

BE IT REMEMBERED that the Board of Mayor and Aldermen met in regular monthly session on Tuesday, October 22, 2013, at 6:00 PM at the City Hall in Jamestown when the following proceedings were had and entered of record, to-wit:

Present and Presiding, the Honorable Ryan S. Smith, Mayor; Gail Dishmon, Recorder; and all of the members of the Board except Ed Brady.

Mayor Smith called the meeting to order; asked the Recorder to do a roll call which showed all members present except Ed Brady; dispensed with the reading of the Minutes of the previous session on a motion by Danny Hayes, seconded by Corwin Brown; and welcomed all those present.

On a motion by Gene Holt, seconded by Danny Hayes, the Board passed on second and final reading the amendments to the 2012-2013 fiscal year Budget which was Ordinance #1350.

On a motion by Charles Cooper, seconded by Corwin Brown, the Board passed on second and final reading Ordinance #1430, which establishes that the property tax rate of \$0.72 per \$100 of assessed valuation set in the 2013-2014 Budget (Ordinance #1400) exceeds the State recommended tax rate of \$0.5035 per \$100 of assessed valuation.

On a motion by Gene Holt, seconded by Charles Cooper, the Board passed on second and final reading Ordinance #1420 an Ordinance amending Chapter 1 of Title 19 of the Jamestown Municipal Code reducing residential and commercial gas tap fees fifty percent (50%).

In response to the City's release for request for the position of City Attorney, responses were received from Skidmore Garrett, who is currently serving as City Attorney, and Baley Allred, IV.

After discussing each of the proposals, there was a question regarding the number of hours per month that Mr. Garrett would provide for his retainer fee. On a motion by Corwin Brown, seconded by Danny Hayes, the Board voted to defer action on the matter until the next meeting on Monday, October 28, to allow time to receive clarification from Mr. Garrett.

Mayor Smith then related that he and Steve McCoy had met with representatives from Badger Meters, the company that the City buys water and gas meters from. He further said that while it would be expensive for the water department, it appeared to be a good economic move to implement an automated meter reading system for the gas department and could ultimately result in savings of \$80-90 thousand per year. Following much discussion, the Board agreed that the City should talk with some of the cities or utility companies that are now using this type of system in order to get feedback on any problems and maintenance costs.

There was then a rather lengthy discussion about gas rates.

After discussion, on a motion by Danny Hayes, seconded by Gene Holt, the Board voted to pass Resolution #885 authorizing the Mayor to establish gas rates on a monthly fluctuating basis.