

MARIONVILLE BOARD OF ALDERMEN REGULAR SESSION MINUTES
Marionville Conference Room, 101 S Central
Thursday, April 13, 2023

Mayor Blankenship called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. On roll call the following Aldermen were present: Kevin Bliss, Donna White, Gina Herndon and Melissa Freeman. Absent were Joanne Lawrence and Murlin Bettinger.

Following roll call, Mayor Blankenship led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and Debbie Bateman opened the meeting with prayer.

Approve Order of Agenda: Alderman Freeman made the motion to approve the order of the agenda as presented. Alderman Herndon seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:
AYES: 4- White, Freeman, Herndon, Bliss

Approve minutes from March 9, 2023 regular session: Alderman Bliss made the motion to approve the minutes from March 9, 2023 as presented. Alderman White seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:
AYES: 4- Herndon, Freeman, Bliss, White

Approve payment of Bills, Adjustments, Bank Recs and Cash Reports: Alderman Bliss made the motion to approve payment of Bills, Adjustments, Bank Recs and Cash Reports as presented. Alderman White seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:
AYES: 4- Bliss, Freeman, White, Herndon

Citizens Comments/Official Guests & Visitors

Larry Ludwig: Mr. Ludwig congratulated those who worked on the egg hunt and kite flying activities at Logan Park. He thought it was very successful and Ernestine would have been very pleased to see a large group having fun there. He understands there's additional work that needs to be done. Mr. Ludwig gave the board some suggestions on the types of events that could be held at Logan Park. He also encouraged the board to contribute a certain amount of the budget to Logan Park to get it started.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Police Chief Coatney: Chief Coatney indicated the department received MODOT grants for enforcement campaigns during March and April. In March, the police department made five hundred and three (503) traffic stops. He applied for an ARPA grant for mobile data terminals inside the cars. This is a matching grant; however, he isn't sure what Marionville's part of that would be. He was approved for forty-thousand dollars (\$40,000) for that project. He mentioned FLOCK cameras (license plate reader cameras) as a possibility for next year's budget. The cost is about twenty-five hundred dollars (\$2500) a year. This would be very useful in specific areas. The new police truck is finally equipped with everything and ready for the road. There will be a Drug Take Back event at Wal-Mart next Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Doris Rapp, Cemetery Report: She thanked the FFA for making markers and showed the board what they looked like. The FFA will also be picking up limbs at the cemetery tomorrow morning, plus there is a big pile that needs to be burned.

Public Works Manager, Kris Bowling: Submitted a written report for Sewer, Street, ACO and Fire/EMD. Kris indicated he sent out about eighteen nuisance violation letters. Several were corrected, but a few will need summons to court. The city received a food pantry thru OACAC and we need to decide on a location for it. It was suggested to put it just north of City Hall. It was requested that there be a breakdown on the sewer lab reports to show if the numbers are too high, too low or within the acceptable range.

OLD BUSINESS

Update Holidays- (Floating, Juneteenth): The item was from last month. There was some concern regarding scheduling. Alderman Freeman made the motion to add a Floating Holiday to the Holidays observed and coordinate scheduling with supervisors. Alderman Herndon seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:

AYES: 4- Freeman, Herndon, Bliss, White

Review Building Code updates & permit fee schedule: Currently the city has adopted the 2012 International Building Codes and is considering changing to the 2021 International Building Codes. Rick Woods handed out summaries of the changes in the 2018 and 2021 International Building Codes. There is a lot of information and the summaries are not all inclusive. It was noted the biggest changes will be in the residential codes. A lot of the changes are due to new equipment, new methods, new materials and life safety issues. Rick indicated a lot of city's are not adopting the new Energy Code but going back to the 2006 Energy Code in the 2006 Codes. It was asked if there was a cost comparison on building a new house. A lot more information is needed to be discussed. It was noted they could go to iccsafe.org and search for free international building codes and review online.

Hay cutting proposal: No bids were received.

NEW BUSINESS

Reading of the Certified Return of the County General Municipal Election held on April 4, 2023:

Mayor Blankenship read the certified election results:

Alderman Ward I	Kevin Bliss	47
	Larry Flom	5
Alderman Ward II	Melissa Freeman	76
Alderman Ward III	Kathy Urschel	15
	Joanne Lawrence	3
	Kathleen Urschel	2
	Murlin Bettinger	2
	Murlin Bettings	1
	Kathy Euschel	1
	Kathy Urschel	1

Recognize out going Aldermen: Murlin Bettinger could not attend the meeting tonight due to being out of town; however, Mayor Blankenship expressed his thanks to Murlin Bettinger for serving three (3) years as Alderman for Ward III.

Oath of Office for incoming Aldermen: Kevin Bliss, Melissa Freeman and Kathy Urschel took the oath of office from City Clerk, Debbie Bateman

Elect the President of the Board: Alderman White nominated Melissa Freeman for President of the Board. Alderman Urschel seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:

AYES: 5- Herndon, Bliss, White, Urschel, Freeman

Bank Signers: Alderman Freeman made the motion to keep Dale Blankenship, Melissa Freeman and Gina Herndon as bank signers on the city bank accounts. Alderman White seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:

AYES: 5- Urschel, Herndon, Freeman, White, Bliss

Cemetery mowing bids: Three bids were received and opened.

- 1) Groundsman Resources: mowing, trimming and weed eating--\$2,452.00 per scheduled mowing. Additional areas--\$95.00/acre with headstones, \$55.00 without headstones. On call mowing--\$2,026.00
- 2) Green Group: mowing, edging and general gardening--\$950.00 per scheduled mowing. Additional areas-prices vary. On call mowing—prices vary
- 3) Irish Farms LLC: mowing, weed eating, edging, picking up trash and limbs, and blowing off the designated locations--\$1600 per scheduled mowing. On call mowing--\$1650.

Alderman White made the motion to grant the cemetery mowing to Irish Farms considering the additional information on their bid. Alderman Freeman seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:

AYES: 5- Bliss, Freeman, White, Herndon, Urschel

City vehicle policy: Aldermen reviewed an amendment to the Handbook Policy regarding take home vehicles. Alderman Bliss made the motion to proceed with the amendment presented plus adding the employee must live within eight (8) miles of the city limits of Marionville or Aurora. Alderman White seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:

AYES: 5- Freeman, Herndon, Bliss, Urschel, White

Logan Park/Trees: Alderman Freeman stated she recently became aware that when people made donations for trees a few years ago, some were dedicated for specific people/loved ones and were promised a plaque. The idea of the plaques was never pursued. As far as she can tell in reviewing the notes and records, forty-three (43) trees were planted and twenty-four (24) were dedicated in honor of someone. In a few weeks, we should be able to see how many trees are healthy and what kind they are. There is money left from the tree donations and Alderman Freeman asked the board to be thinking about how to proceed. The plaques can run from thirty to one hundred dollars (\$30-\$100).

Renew Health Insurance: After looking over the options provided, Alderman Freeman made the motion to change the health insurance plan to the CBP MEWS Blue Access PPO Plan 2. Alderman White seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:

AYES: 5- White, Herndon, Freeman, Bliss, Urschel

Seasonal Public Works employee: Public Works Manager, Kris Bowling, stated with Seth helping part-time they are doing well, but with mowing season upon us, they are going to need some help.

A seasonal person for grass mowing would be good, but he felt there's enough work on general maintenance and cleaning sewer lines for a part-time position year round. We are to clean the sewer lines annually which will help prevent overflows. The aldermen agreed to advertise for a part-time position.

Accept Glen White's resignation from Park Board: Alderman Bliss made the motion to accept Glen White's resignation. Alderman White seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:

AYES: 4- Urschel, Freeman, Herndon, Bliss

ABSTAIN: 1- White

Park Board appointments: Mayor Blankenship stated Ty and Crystal Snider were both interested in being back on the Park Board. Alderman Freeman made a motion to appoint Ty and Crystal Snider to the Park Board. Alderman Herndon seconded. Motion failed on roll call vote as follows:

AYES: 2- Herndon, Freeman

NAYES: 3- Bliss, White, Urschel

RESOLUTION 04-2023R *A resolution for the appointment of a representative to the Southwest Missouri Solid Waste Management District N Council:* This is mainly for their annual meeting; however, they have monthly meetings also. Alderman Freeman made the motion to approve Resolution 04-2023R by appointing Joanne Lawrence as our representative and Kathy Urschel as the alternate. Alderman Bliss seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:

AYES: 5- Freeman, Herndon, Urschel, Bliss, White

Amend Chapter 320 BILL NO. 2023-05 ORDINANCE NO. 05-2023 AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING SPEED LIMITS FOR SCHOOL ZONES IN THE CITY OF MARIONVILLE AND AMENDING CHAPTER 320 OF THE MARIONVILLE CITY CODE: Bill 2023-05 was read twice by title only. This ordinance will change the hours for the reduced speed limit to 7:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday when school is in session. The speed limit during that time will be fifteen miles per hour (15 MPH) and will include College Street between Lyon and South; Euclid Street between South and Lawrence; O'Dell Street between Central and Missouri; Euclid Street between Lyon and O'Dell; and Lawrence Street between Missouri and Central. Alderman White made the motion approve Bill No. 2023-05 as presented. Alderman Bliss seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:

AYES: 5- White, Urschel, Bliss, Herndon, Freeman

2018 Dodge transmission repair: Kris Bowling stated he received a quote of thirty-five hundred dollars (\$3500.00) for a rebuild. However, you can't haul over one (1) ton on it or it's too heavy. He felt like they needed a bigger, heavier duty truck. He suggested getting the transmission fixed and trading it and the ACO Van in on something bigger. Alderman Freeman made the motion to repair the transmission. Alderman Herndon seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:

AYES: 5- Bliss, Herndon, Freeman, White, Urschel

ALDERMEN COMMENTS

Gina Herndon: Welcomed Kathy Urschel to the board.

Melissa Freeman: Thanked all who made the Egg Hunt possible. It was so good to see kids running around in the park. We are looking at upgrading the electrical at Logan Park. It was suggested at the first SMOG meeting to update our comprehensive plan that we look at our current plan to see

what has or hasn't been done. One of those goals was to create community associations and groups. A beautification association would fulfill one of those goals. Alderman Freeman suggested the city entertain an event other than the regular meetings to promote the use tax. She was also concerned that during the April election, there was no electioneering on the property. She questioned if the voting could be held here at the Fire Station.

MAYOR COMMENTS

Let City Hall know if you want to attend the Officials Training on May 5 and Neosho is hosting a Sunshine Law Training on May 24 at 10:00 a.m. The Food Donation Bank that the Aurora Jr. High made is at City Hall. It was noted there are already items in it. After it is installed, there will be a write up in the paper on it.

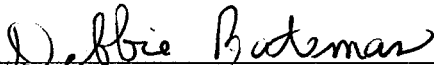
ADJOURNMENT

Alderman White made the motion to adjourn; seconded by Alderman Urschel. All voted aye. The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.



Dale Blankenship, Mayor

ATTEST:



Debbie Bateman, City Clerk