

MARIONVILLE BOARD OF ALDERMEN REGULAR SESSION MINUTES

Marionville Conference Room, 101 S Central

Thursday, December 15, 2022

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

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

Approve Order of Agenda: Alderman Herndon made the motion to approve the order of the agenda as presented. Alderman Lawrence seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows: AYES: 5- White, Freeman, Herndon, Bliss, Lawrence

Approve minutes of November 3, 2022; November 10, 2022; and November 15, 2022: Alderman Freeman made the motion to approve the minutes November 3, 2022; November 10, 2022; and November 15, 2022 as presented. Alderman Herndon seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:

AYES: 5- Bliss, Freeman, Lawrence, Herndon, White (absent November 10 and 15)

Approve payment of Bills, Adjustments, Bank Recs and Cash Reports: Alderman Freeman asked if we received reports on the sludge hauling? Mayor Blankenship indicated he spoke to the operator and he was supposed to turn those reports in to city hall; however, no reports were turned in as of today. Alderman Freeman requested we see those reports to support the invoice and make sure the testing is being done. Alderman Freeman made the motion to approve payment of Bills, Adjustments, Bank Recs and Cash Reports as presented. Alderman Lawrence seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:

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

Citizens Comments/Official Guests & Visitors

Drucilla Kothenvetel: Informed the city she lived in the MACO Apartments and she was concerned about the living conditions there. She asked the city to pass ordinances regarding the mold, bedbugs, mice and other issues. She has talked to a state health inspector and our inspector came out and found some electrical issues, but nothing has been done. Mayor Blankenship stated he will follow up with the inspector and zoning official.

Larry Flom: Was concerned about the area at the school along Euclid Street where the pre-k is picked up. He said they bring the kids down the ditch to the cars and on rainy days that was bad. He asked about a sidewalk maybe changing the street to a one-way street. He thought maybe the school and the city could work something out to make that better. He also stated the pavement is deteriorating on College Street from the edge of the road to the sidewalk. The street department indicated they would get some mix and work on the pot holes. Mr. Flom was also concerned about the street cuts throughout town. He felt they were not being repaired correctly. Mayor Blankenship stated they are a lot to keep up with; however, the city recently changed the fees for street cuts and that now the public works department will be maintaining all street cuts (from non-utility companies).

The Auditors could not make it tonight.

Mr. E.C. West with the DNR: Mr. West came because the board had concerns about the DNR inspection at the wastewater treatment plant and if the reports are being done correctly. Mr. West went over Marionville's wastewater permit and what that involved, plus the reports that were required with that permit. He also went over the testing that should be done daily, monthly, etc. Alderman Freeman stated there needs to be a written process in order to have proper oversight for new board members and new employees. We need something in writing so we know what is to be done daily, monthly and annually and step by step daily duties in order to oversee that everything is getting done. Mr. West indicated he has spreadsheets and checklists he can send us. He is here to help us in any way. He is available to come and walk the board and employees through the plant, plus help us know what lab equipment we need. It was noted that Rhonda Crabtree will be down next week to train us on how to do the monthly reporting digitally.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Police Chief Coatney indicated the police department has been very busy. Next week they will be interviewing for patrol officers as well as attending law enforcement graduation at Drury and Missouri Southern.

Public Works and Fire submitted a written report. The Fire department has four new volunteers and they had sixty-six calls for service. The Public Works department deep cleaned, painted and sealed the pound. They also patched potholes.

OLD BUSINESS

Bill 2022-20/ORD 20-2022 Pay scale: AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE PROPOSED PAY SCALE & COMPENSATION OF WAGES FOR CITY EMPLOYEES FOR 2023: Bill 2022-20 was read twice by title only. Alderman Freeman made the motion to approve Bill 2022-20 as presented. Alderman Lawrence seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:

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

RESOLUTION 05-2022R: A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF MARIONVILLE, MISSOURI ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2023:

Alderman Lawrence made the motion to approve Resolution 05-2022R as presented adopting the 2023 Budget. Alderman White seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:

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

Fire Station Addition per Kris Bowling (12/13): Fire Chief, Kris Bowling, met with TOTH Engineering and their architects. He presented the board their proposed fees for handling everything. Mayor Blankenship stated the building should come with the engineered documents, but we would still need the Topo and the Civil Site Design. Kris is going to find out the fee for TOTH to request for bids for the contractor on the actual building. No motions were made on this.

NEW BUSINESS

Waste Water Treatment Plant Operations: Mayor Blankenship stated the current contract is up for renewal in February. We need to decide if we want to put it out for bids or operate it ourselves, internally. Kris Bowling submitted a proposal to the board. That proposal included Kris working as *Public Works Manager*. This position would be a working supervisor over Animal Control operations, Street operations and Sewer operations. He would work under a licensed operator until he could get his class B operator's license. This is allowed by the DNR and Mr. West stated he would

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help however he could. Other employees in the public works department would be trained on everything as well. Alderman Freeman would still like to see written procedures no matter which way they decide. After further discussion, Alderman Bliss made the motion to accept Kris Bowling's proposal to be a Public Works Manager over these departments. Alderman Herndon seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:
AYES: 5- Freeman, Herndon, White, Lawrence, Bliss

Details of when this transition will begin will be worked out.

BILL NO. 2022-19/ORD NO. 19-2022 : AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING AND IMPLIMENTING A PROGRAM TO CHARGE MITIGATION RATES FOR THE DEPLOYMENT OF EMERGENCY AND NON EMERGENCY SERVICES BY THE FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR SERVICES PROVIDED/RENDERED BY/FOR THE CITY OF MARIONVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT: Bill 2022-19 was read twice by title only. There was a misunderstanding on this. We are not ready for an ordinance. This was a sample to look at. They are not interested in charging for everything on the sample. This will be considered at a later date.

City Face Book page: Alderman Freeman talked about instead of creating a new Animal Control Facebook page, creating an informational City Facebook page to post information about the city and make it a non-commenting page. This would be for Animal Control, Public Works, anything to do with the city. This could be updated during work hours at city hall. The board members were in agreement to establish a Marionville City Facebook page.

RESOLUTION 06-2022: A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF MARIONVILLE, MISSOURI AMENDING THE ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31,2022: Alderman White made the motion to approve Resolution 06-2022 as presented to amend the budget for 2022. Alderman Herndon seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:
AYES: 5- White, Herndon, Bliss, Freeman, Lawrence

Review Job Description for the Nuisance Code Enforcer: The board reviewed the suggested changes. At this time this position will be incorporated in with Public Works and City Hall. Alderman Freeman made the motion to accept the changes made along with changing the title to Nuisance Code Official. Alderman White seconded and the motion passed on roll call vote as follows:
AYES: 5- Herndon, Bliss, Freeman, Lawrence, White

Cemetery CD Fund: The CD matures tomorrow. The Board reviewed rates from area banks: Freedom Bank-- 15 month APY 3.80; First Independent Bank—15 month APY 3.71; People's Community Bank—15 month APY 3.85. Alderman Freeman made the motion to move the cemetery CD to People's Community Bank. Alderman Lawrence seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:
AYES: 5- Lawrence, White, Freeman, Bliss, Herndon

ALDERMEN COMMENTS

Donna White: Concerned about all the street cuts made for the gas company. It was noted they have done temporary fixes for now; however, the gas company is responsible for the repairs.

Melissa Freeman: Felt somehow we need to make people aware that our pound is not a rescue and people need to be responsible pet owners.

MAYOR COMMENTS

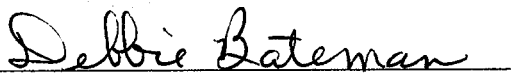
Mayor Blankenship reminded everyone open filing for the positions of Alderman ends December 27, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. City offices will be closed December 23 -26 for the Christmas Holiday.

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman White made the motion to adjourn; seconded by Alderman Bliss. All voted aye. The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.


Dale Blankenship, Mayor

ATTEST:


Debbie Bateman, City Clerk