

MARIONVILLE BOARD OF ALDERMEN REGULAR SESSION MINUTES

Marionville Conference Room, 101 S Central

Thursday, February 10, 2022

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

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

**Approve Order of Agenda:** Alderman White 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, Lawrence, Freeman, Herndon, Bettinger

**Approve minutes of January 13, 2022 regular session:** Alderman Lawrence made the motion to approve the minutes of January 13, 2022 regular session as presented. Alderman Freeman seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:

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

**Approve payment of Bills, Adjustments, Bank Recs and Cash Reports:** Alderman Freeman 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: 5- Bettinger, Herndon, Freeman, White, Lawrence

***Citizens Comments/Official Guests & Visitors***

(none)

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

Fire Chief, Kris Bowling, discussed the options from the attorney on how to better serve Marionville. We don't have the number of volunteer fire fighters that we need. Since we already have an auto-aid with Aurora Rural Fire District, everyone felt the best option for Marionville's citizens is to pursue annexing into the Aurora Rural Fire District. The goal would be to have the funds to have a full time person in Marionville and a full time person at Aurora Rural. Mayor Blankenship will check with the attorney on how to proceed.

Police Chief, Wes Coatney, submitted an annual report for 2021. He talked about joining the COMET Drug Task Force, which would cost the city about two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) a year, to help fight the drug issue in this area. The consensus of the board was to go ahead and join. Chief Coatney stated the police department has joined the Lawrence County Critical Incident Team. The Lawrence County Critical Incident Team is made up of law enforcement agencies throughout Lawrence County to establish a plan of action in the event of major incidents in the county.

Street Supervisor, Ty Snider submitted a written report.

Mayor Blankenship informed the board of another water line break in the ceiling at the sewer plant. It was above the lab this time, so the cabinets and lab equipment were damaged. Working with the insurance adjuster, a company came in and addressed the problem while making repairs. The bar screen is down again, but the new ditch motor is installed and the heaters are in.

**OLD BUSINESS**

*Use Tax Informational Flyer:* The board reviewed the informational flyer and discussed how to get the information to the voters. The motion was made by Alderman Freeman and seconded by Alderman Lawrence to mail the flyers. The motion passed on roll call vote as follows:  
AYES: 5- Herndon, Freeman, Lawrence, White, Bettinger

**NEW BUSINESS**

*Police vehicle:* Due to an incident, the 2017 Ford Explorer needs replaced. Chief Coatney indicated the goal was to keep the 2017 explorer when we received the new vehicle in order to have four vehicles to help keep the mileage down. The new vehicle that was ordered is still months away. Chief Coatney presented the board with three options from the Missouri Highway Patrol, which would get us another car quickly. These cars all have 55,000 miles. 2018 Dodge Charger-\$18,950; 2019 Dodge Charger-\$21,000; and 2020 Dodge Charger-\$23,000. Alderman Freeman made the motion to purchase a 2020 Dodge Charger from the Highway Patrol. Seconded by Alderman Bettinger. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:  
AYES: 5- White, Bettinger, Freeman, Lawrence, Herndon

*Stand-by generators for the sewer plant:* We do not have a backup generator at the sewer plant lift station. Kris Bowling suggested we could use the portable generator at the lift station on Highway 60 if needed. He also stated he would ask Aurora Rural Fire District if they had a generator they would sell us.

*ARPA funds and proposal from BKD:* The Board reviewed the proposals from BKD regarding managing the ARPA funds which includes consulting, reporting and expenditures. Mayor Blankenship shared an email from the engineers informing us about new DNR funding opportunities which the ARPA funds could be used as their local match. Alderman Freeman made the motion to allow Mayor Blankenship to sign the contracts with BKD with the Board of Aldermen having a work session to come up with project ideas. Alderman Lawrence seconded and the motion passed on roll call vote as follows:  
AYES: 5- Freeman, Bettinger, White, Herndon, Lawrence

**ALDERMEN COMMENTS**

*Melissa Freeman:* Asked if we have heard from the courts about abating nuisances. It was mentioned that February court is February 15.

*Joanne Lawrence:* Commented the motel/apartments on Highway 60 were really looking good.

**MAYOR COMMENTS**

none

**ADJOURNMENT**

Alderman White made the motion to adjourn; seconded by Alderman Bettinger. All voted aye. The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Dale Blankenship, Mayor

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Debbie Bateman, City Clerk

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