

MARIONVILLE BOARD OF ALDERMEN REGULAR SESSION MINUTES
Marionville Conference Room, 101 S Central
Thursday, February 9, 2023

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

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 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: 6- Herndon, White, Bliss, Freeman, Bettinger, Lawrence

Approve minutes of December 15, 2022 and January 12, 2023 regular meetings:
Alderman Lawrence made the motion to approve the minutes of December 15, 2022 and January 12, 2023 regular meetings as presented. Alderman Bliss seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:
AYES: 6- Bliss, Bettinger, Freeman, Lawrence, White, Herndon

Approve payment of Bills, Adjustments, Bank Recs and Cash Reports: Alderman White made the motion to approve payment of Bills, Adjustments, Bank Recs and Cash Reports as presented. Alderman Herndon seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:
AYES: 6- Bettinger, Herndon, White, Lawrence, Freeman, Bliss

Citizens Comments/Official Guests & Visitors
(none)

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Police: Police Chief Coatney stated everything is going well. He suggested a couple of things the board may want to consider regarding Amendment 3. This amendment allows municipalities to add a three percent sales tax to recreational marijuana sales if voters approved. It also allows a municipality to create an open area for consumption if they choose.

Fire: The Fire Department, along with the Aurora Fire Department, has applied for an AFG grant for new air packs.

Public Works: Street---Since dealing with a couple of snow events, Kris would like to build a place to store bulk salt sometime this summer. Buying in bulk would be cheaper than the bags. They will start patching potholes with cold patch. Sewer--- Fifteen thousand (15,000) gallons of sludge was hauled to Springfield this week, since we can't land apply at this time. All of the lab equipment has been purchased and received except for the oven and flow meter. The UV system was inspected this week and the report should be ready next week.

OLD BUSINESS

Discuss Fire Department fees: After discussing, the wording needs to be changed to reflect these fees will be for non-emergency and emergency services for non-Marionville residents. The ordinance will be ready for the March meeting.

BILL NO. 2023-02/ORDINANCE NO. 02-2023 "AN ORDINANCE TO TRANSFER MUNICIPALE DIVISION CASES TO ASSOCIATE CIRCUIT COURT DIVISION IN THE CITY OF MARIONVILLE, MISSOURI": Bill No. 2023-02 was read twice by title only. Alderman White made the motion to approve Bill No. 2023-02 as presented. Alderman Lawrence seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:
AYES: 6- White, Lawrence, Bettinger, Herndon, Freeman, Bliss

NEW BUSINESS

Proposals- Generator preventative maintenance program/Generator purchase: Public Works Manager, Kris Bowling, reviewed the proposal from Norton Power Supply for an annual preventative maintenance program on all generators. There are four (4) generators—one at the fire station, one at both lift stations and one at the sewer plant. The generator at the plant did not run until a few months ago. A maintenance plan would ensure they are always running. Norton Power Supply installed the one at the plant. They are local and have always come when needed. After the last big flood at the sewer plant lift station, the backup generator system was converted to all electric, which means when the power goes out, we have no way to run pumps. This presents an emergency situation if there is a power outage. This generator from Norton Power Supply is a trailer mounted generator with an auto switch. (diesel) It would need to sit on a concrete pad; however, it could be moved if another site needed a generator. The cost is one hundred twenty-seven thousand, six hundred fifty dollars (\$127,650.00) ARPA funding can be used for this purchase. The board was in agreement that a local company was nice for quick responses and grateful the ARPA funds can be used. Alderman Freeman made the motion to accept Norton Power Supply's proposal for a preventive maintenance program on the generators and to purchase the trailer mounted generator for the lift station. Alderman Lawrence seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:

AYES: 6- Lawrence, Freeman, Bliss, Herndon, Bettinger, White

GIS tracking software: The board reviewed the proposal Kris received for the GIS Software and Services from iamGIS. The sewer and street department would get the most benefit from this in regards to the sewer lines. We currently have paper maps of the sewer lines and manholes which are not necessarily correct and can get lost. After the initial setup, this software would allow us to add and make necessary changes; have multiple layers and unlimited users. This would allow tracking sewer lines and manhole maintenance; see where problem areas are and create preventive maintenance schedules. This system would be around for future employees and can help with accurate reporting to the DNR. It could also be used to map fire hydrants or note specific needs at that property. This could benefit the fire and police departments also. iamGIS has waived the setup fee with the up-front cost being fifty-five hundred dollars (\$5500.00). There is an annual fee for the "software". Alderman Freeman made the motion to implement the GIS/Asset Management Software and Services with iamGIS. Alderman Herndon seconded and the motion passed on roll call vote as follows:

AYES: 6- Herndon, Freeman, White, Bettinger, Bliss, Lawrence

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BILL NO. 2023-03/ ORDINANCE NO. 03-2023 "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MARIONVILLE, MISSOURI, REAFFIRMING THE GROSS RECEIPTS TAX TO BE IMPOSED UPON NATURAL GAS PROVIDERS CONDUCTING BUSINESS WITH THE CITY AND MATTERS RELATED THERETO": Bill No. 2023-03 was read twice by title only. The city received notice that Spire was raising rates in excess of seven percent (7%). This ordinance will keep the franchise tax at the current rate. Alderman Bliss made the motion to approve Bill No. 2023-03 as presented. Alderman Lawrence seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:

AYES: 6- Bliss, White, Lawrence, Freeman, Herndon, Bettinger

Bank signers for court bank account: Our municipal judge, Kris Barefield, has resigned his position effective immediately; therefore we need to change bank signers on the court account. Currently the bank signers are the judge and the court clerk. Any checks that over \$450 requires two (2) signatures. The Presiding Judge of the 39th Judicial Circuit has appointed the Honorable Sarah Weber to be Special Judge of the Municipal Division at Marionville. Alderman Freeman made the motion for the court bank account signers to be the court clerk, Karen Sartin and Judge Sarah Weber with any check of four hundred fifty dollars (\$450) or less to be signed by only one (1) signer and two (2) signers for anything above four hundred fifty dollars (\$450). Alderman White seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:

AYES: 6- White, Bettinger, Herndon, Freeman, Lawrence, Bliss

Date to discuss ARPA funds: The board agreed to have a meeting on March 1, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss how to use the ARPA funds the city received.

Intake valve for the ladder truck: This intake valve will allow hooking up the five (5) inch hose to the pump and allow the truck to function at its capacity. The cost was budgeted and is approximately twenty-four hundred dollars (\$2400). Alderman Bettinger made the motion to purchase the intake valve for the ladder truck. Alderman Lawrence seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:

AYES: 6- Bettinger, Herndon, Freeman, Bliss, Lawrence, White

Closed session RSMo. 610.021(1) Legal actions (3) Hiring, firing, disciplining or promoting (13) Individually identifiable personnel records, performance ratings or records pertaining to employment: Alderman White made the motion to go into closed session per RSMo. 610.021(1) Legal actions; (3) hiring, firing, disciplining, or promoting and (13) individually identifiable personnel records, performance ratings or records pertaining to employees or applicants for employment. Alderman Freeman seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:

AYES: 6- Freeman, Bliss, White, Lawrence, Herndon, Bettinger

The board went into closed session at 7:35 p.m. and returned to open session at 7:55 p.m. No votes were taken in closed session except to return to open session.

ALDERMEN COMMENTS

Joanne Lawrence: Asked about having a service day to clean up the loose trash all over town. It was noted this is a good idea, it just takes someone to be in charge and get it going.

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Donna White: Agreed we do need to clean up several places.

Melissa Freeman: Asked the Fire Chief if multiple departments show up to a call, which one receives the fees for those emergency services. Kris stated it should be whoever is there

MAYOR COMMENTS

City offices will be closed February 20 for Presidents Day and remember the special meeting on March 1, 2023.

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman White made the motion to adjourn; seconded by Alderman Lawrence. All voted aye. The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.



ATTEST:

Debbie Bateman
Debbie Bateman, City Clerk



Dale Blankenship, Mayor