

MARIONVILLE BOARD OF ALDERMEN REGULAR SESSION MINUTES
Marionville Conference Room, 101 S Central
Thursday, June 9, 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, Doris Rapp, Donna White and Gina Herndon. Melissa Freeman was absent.

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

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

Approve minutes of May 12, 2022 regular meeting: Alderman Rapp made the motion to approve the minutes May 12, 2022 as presented. Alderman Herndon seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:
AYES: 5- Herndon, Rapp, Bettinger, White, Lawrence

Approve payment of Bills, Adjustments, Bank Recs and Cash Reports: Mayor Blankenship stated the bill for Trifecta was not the full amount of their invoice. It's for the amount we received from the insurance company plus the deductible and additional work that we requested. Alderman Lawrence made the motion to approve payment of Bills, Adjustments, Bank Recs and Cash Reports as presented with the adjustment to Trifecta's invoice. Alderman Rapp seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:
AYES: 5- White, Rapp, Lawrence, Herndon, Bettinger

Citizens Comments/Official Guests & Visitors
(none)

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Police Chief Coatney: Went over monthly and year to date statistics.

Street Supervisor, Ty Snider: Submitted a written report. Lots of mowing, locates and repaired a culvert at South and College

ACO, Karen Marsh: Submitted a written report. She received several calls on wild animals and animals running loose.

Cemetery Report, Doris Rapp: They received one thousand forty-five dollars (\$1,045.00) in donations over Memorial Day weekend. They have received a few complaints about mowers possibly hitting monuments; however, she learned that some could move due to getting really cold and then warming up.

Sewer Department: Mayor Blankenship stating everything running.

Building Inspector/Code Enforcer, Rick Woods: Stated there are several new homes going up in town. There is the possibility of a couple of new developments in town. They are looking at commercial and residential. They are working on documents and possible rezoning requests.

Closed Session pursuant to RSMO-610.021 (3) Personnel. Hiring, firing, disciplining or promoting of particular employees. (13) Personnel. Individual identifiable personnel records pertaining to employees or applicants for employment. Alderman Lawrence made the motion to go into closed session pursuant to RSMO-610.021 (3) Personnel- Hiring, firing, disciplining or promoting of particular employees. (13) Personnel- Individual identifiable personnel records pertaining to employees or applicants for employment, seconded by Alderman Bettinger. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:

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

The Board went into closed session at 6:55 p.m.

The Board returned to open session at 7:40 p.m. Mayor Blankenship stated there were two votes taken in closed session. One will be available after the necessary notification and the other was to return to open session. During closed session, the Board voted to offer Evan Doyle the position of full time street laborer.

OLD BUSINESS

ARPA Premium Pay for fire fighters: This item was postponed from the May 12 meeting. Alderman Bettinger made the motion to pay the officers premium pay for their officer duties due to the fact the officer positions have a necessary part in the success of the Fire Department; and the office of Fire Chief, Assistant Chief and Captain have been paid a monthly rate for their officer duties which continued through the pandemic; therefore each officer will receive \$50.00 for each month that they received officer pay from March 1, 2020 through February 28, 2021. Alderman Herndon seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:

AYES: 4- Herndon, White, Lawrence, Bettinger

NAYES: 1- Rapp

Public Works Personnel: No motions

Resolution 03-2022R: "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MARIONVILLE MISSOURI: CONTINUING A SIGNING BONUS FOR NEW HIRE POLICE OFFICERS": Alderman Lawrence made the motion to approve Resolution 03-2022R as presented. Alderman Bettinger seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:

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

Bill No. 2022-02/Ordinance No. 02-2022 "AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE PAY SCALE AND COMPENSATION OF WAGES FOR THE CITY EMPLOYEES OF THE STREET DEPARTMENT.": Bill No. 2022-02 was read twice by title only. Alderman Bettinger made the motion to approve Bill No. 2022-02/Ordinance No. 02-2022 "AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE PAY SCALE AND COMPENSATION OF WAGES FOR THE CITY EMPLOYEES OF THE STREET DEPARTMENT" as presented. Alderman Lawrence seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:

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

Bill No. 2022-03 Ordinance No. 03-2022 "AMENDING SECTION 515.180 OF CHAPTER 515 OF THE MARIONVILLE CITY CODE": Bill No. 2022-03 was read twice by title only. Mayor Blankenship stated this ordinance raises the fees for street cuts made by non-utilities and the city will asphalt and maintain them due to the higher fee. Alderman Lawrence made the motion to approve Bill No. 2022-03 Ordinance No. 03-2022 "AMENDING SECTION 515.180 OF CHAPTER 515 OF THE MARIONVILLE CITY CODE" as presented. Alderman Bettinger seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:

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

Fire Department Merger Requests: Fire Chief Bowling had drafted a list of things he would like to continue if the city merged with the Aurora Rural Fire District. The list included, among other things, a continued effort on lowering the ISO rating for the city, keeping our current equipment in a location to service the City of Marionville, and continued efforts towards full-time personnel to serve the city. The board was in agreement for the Fire Chief along with the Mayor to draft and sign a letter to the Aurora Rural Fire District regarding these items.

NEW BUSINESS

Certified Results of the Special Election: Mayor Blankenship read the results of the special election held on May 24, 2022 for the position of Alderman Ward II. Melissa Freeman received 42 votes, Bob Duda received 11 votes and several received 1 or 2 votes. Mayor Blankenship stated Melissa Freeman has indicated she would take the position; however, she was unable to be at tonight's meeting.

Oath of Office: postponed until next meeting

Elect the Mayor Pro Tem: postponed until next meeting

Bank signers: postponed until next meeting

Renew Insurance packet: It was noted the insurance has increased over last year. One of the factors was an inflation adjustment. Alderman Rapp made the motion to renew the insurance with MOPERM. Alderman Bettinger seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:
AYES: 5- Rapp, Herndon, Lawrence, White, Bettinger

Ladder Truck: Kris Bowling reviewed information on a 1990 Pierce Ladder Truck that is for sale for thirty-thousand dollars (\$30,000). Chief Bowling indicated this truck would be a big step towards dropping our current ISO rating from a 5 to a 4. It would add to the budget another annual pump test and an annual ladder inspection. The truck is currently in Duquesne, PA and has only been used by two owners. If approved, they would need to fly out and operate the truck before purchasing. Alderman Bettinger made the motion to allow the fire department to purchase the ladder truck presented for thirty-thousand dollars (\$30,000) plus the cost of flying out, operating it and getting it back here. Alderman Lawrence seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:
AYES: 5- Rapp, White, Bettinger, Herndon, Lawrence

Front Desk/updating accounting software

Bill No. 2022-04/Ordinance No 04-2022 "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF MARIONVILLE, MISSOURI TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT TO UPDATE ACCOUNTING

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SOFTWARE" Bill No. 2022-04 was read twice by title only. The company who has our accounting software is slowly updating all of their modules. Front Desk and HR Hub are the first two. This update will allow electronic billing for those who want it. Plus they can see their balance online, pay online and set up automatic payments. We will be able to send notifications among other things. The HR Hub is the payroll module. Alderman Lawrence made the motion to approve Bill No. 2022-04/Ordinance No 04-2022 "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF MARIONVILLE, MISSOURI TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT TO UPDATE ACCOUNTING SOFTWARE" as presented. Alderman Rapp seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:

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

FIREWORKS at the PARK June 25, 2022: Alderman Bettinger made the motion to allow Fireworks at the Park on June 25, 2022. Alderman Herndon seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:

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

ALDERMEN COMMENTS

Doris Rapp: The nuisances need to be addressed in town and she will help as needed. She questioned if the wastewater treatment plant will handle all of the new houses and building that is being considered. She felt the ARPA money needed to be used to help control our I & I. Mayor Blankenship stated that we will have the sewer plant paid off after 2023 so we should be able to use some of those funds to help solve issues with the private I & I.

Donna White: She wanted to encourage the public to take pride in their property.


MAYOR COMMENTS

Mayor Blankenship had received a call from a citizen, Dennis Murphy, who wanted to say he appreciated the First Responders who came to a medical call recently. They were very professional. Mayor Blankenship reminded everyone about the Fireworks at the Park on June 25.

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Herndon made the motion to adjourn; seconded by Alderman Lawrence. All voted aye. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

ATTEST:


Debbie Bateman

Debbie Bateman, City Clerk



Dale Blankenship, Mayor

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