

MARIONVILLE BOARD OF ALDERMEN REGULAR SESSION MINUTES

Marionville Conference Room, 101 S Central

Thursday, January 12, 2023

Mayor Blankenship called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. On roll call the following Aldermen were present: Joanne Lawrence, Kevin Bliss, Donna White, 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 Lawrence made the motion to approve the order of the agenda as presented. Alderman Freeman seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows: AYES: 5- White, Freeman, Herndon, Bliss, Lawrence

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- Bliss, Herndon, White, Lawrence, Freeman

Citizens Comments/Official Guests & Visitors
(None)

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Public Works Manager, Kris Bowling: submitted a written report. Kris started as Public Works Manager on January 1. He indicated he received a quote from Trojan Technologies for approximately twenty-eight hundred dollars to come and do a full day service and inspection on our UV. According to our permit, we have to have this inspection and it looks like there may be more damage than just the bulbs. The bulbs are in stock and have been ordered.

Police Chief Coatney: reviewed statistics from 2022 for the police department.

OLD BUSINESS

Bill 2023-01/Ordinance 01-2023 "AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF MARIONVILLE, MISSOURI TO SIGN MUNICIPAL AGREEMENTS WITH THE MISSOURI HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION": Bill 2023-01 was read twice by title only. These agreements were voted on several years ago but the funding is just now coming through. These include upgrades to the railroad crossing at Western Street; plus rerouting O'Dell Street and the closure of the O'Dell crossing. Alderman Freeman made the motion to approve Bill 2023-01 as presented allowing the mayor to sign these agreements. Alderman Lawrence seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows: AYES: 5- Freeman, White, Bliss, Lawrence, Herndon

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 01-2023R: A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF MARIONVILLE, MISSOURI TO ADJUST THE FINAL FY2022 OPERATING BUDGET: Alderman Lawrence made the motion to approve Resolution 01-2023R as presented. Alderman Bliss seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows: AYES: 5- Lawrence, Freeman, Bliss, White, Herndon

Resolution 02-2023R: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION WITH THE MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES, FEDERAL RECREATIONAL TRAILS PROGRAM: Alderman Freeman has been looking into pursuing a grant for Logan Park. This would include a trailhead, a quarter mile walking trail and fencing along Highway 14. This is an 80/20 grant. The city would need to come up with approximately \$20,000. We are hoping to get this donated and use volunteer hours so in the end, the city would be reimbursed the expenses. We may have to pay some upfront costs if we were to have an environmental study or something done, which we won't know about until we get further through the process. If for some reason a donor would need to back out, the city will have to fund that portion. If we receive the grant, the city would have to maintain this for twenty-five years. Alderman Bliss made the motion to approve Resolution 02-2023R as presented. Alderman Lawrence seconded and the motion passed on roll call vote as follows: AYES: 5- White, Lawrence, Herndon, Bliss, Freeman

Job Description for Public Works Manager: After reviewing a draft of the job description for the Public Works Manager, Alderman Lawrence made the motion to approve the job description as presented. Alderman Freeman seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows: AYES: 5- Herndon, Freeman, Bliss, Lawrence, White

Closed Session pursuant to 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 made the motion to go into closed session pursuant to 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 Herndon seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows: AYES: 5- Bliss, Lawrence, White, Freeman, Herndon

The Board went into closed session at 7:20 p.m. and returned to open session at 8:00 p.m.

ALDERMEN COMMENTS

Joanne Lawrence: Concerned about dogs running

Kevin Bliss: Thanked Melissa Freeman for working on the grant for Logan Park.

Donna White: She understands that being on a board isn't all great at times but wanted to thank everyone for caring enough to be on this board and all the other community boards. It is worthwhile in the long run.

Melissa Freeman: Asked if there had been any follow-up with the citizen who was at a previous meeting regarding the bedbug situation or if the city inspector needed to send another letter? The mayor was not sure on this. She stated a city Facebook page is in the process of being created. We just have to work out a few bugs. Alderman Freeman also stated, that perhaps when we renew the Cemetery CD next time, to make the motion to allow the mayor to make the best decision at the time, since we found out that interest rates change daily. Alderman Freeman wondered if it was time for someone to communicate with Republic Services the issues we are having with trash pickup. It was noted that at this point we don't know exactly who to contact at Republic Services.

Alderman Freeman announced there will be an after Christmas, Christmas Party for the employees on January 27. She wanted everyone to know this was being taken care of by donations and no city funds were being used.

MAYOR COMMENTS

Mayor Blankenship clarified that when he called Freedom Bank to say we were moving the CD, he was informed of new interest rates; however, People's Community Bank also had new interest rates. We did get the higher interest rate.

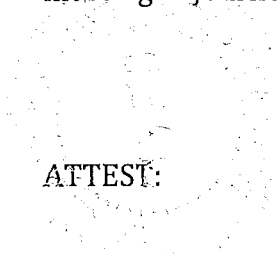
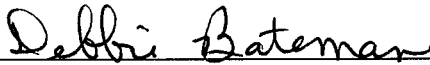
ADJOURNMENT

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



Dale Blankenship, Mayor

ATTEST:

Debbie Bateman, City Clerk