

MARIONVILLE BOARD OF ALDERMEN REGULAR SESSION MINUTES
Marionville Conference Room, 101 S Central
Thursday, July 13, 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 Kathy Urschel.

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 Bliss seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:
AYES: 5- Bliss, Freeman, Herndon, Lawrence, White

Approve minutes of June 8, 2023 regular session: Alderman Bliss made the motion to approve the minutes of June 8, 2023 regular session as presented. Alderman White seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:
AYES: 5- White, Herndon, Freeman, Lawrence, Bliss

Approve payment of Bills, Adjustments, Bank Recs and Cash Reports: Alderman Herndon made the motion to approve payment of Bills, Adjustments, Bank Recs and Cash Reports as presented. Alderman Freeman seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:
AYES: 5- Freeman, Lawrence Bliss, White, Herndon

Citizens Comments/Official Guests & Visitors

Larry Ludwig: Mr. Ludwig inquired about the status of the grant for Logan Park. It was noted our application is in the next stage and we are having a virtual meeting with a committee in next few weeks. The grant is being awarded sometime in October or November. Mr. Ludwig indicated he was available to help with ideas for what to do at the park. He asked if the grant was approved, if Logan Park was going to fall under the Park Board. It was noted the aldermen are not sure at this time, but will keep him informed.

A resident of the manor cottages said she had received the survey and stated a lot of the cottage residents were not from this area and she was wondering if someone from the board would come to the cottage residents and explain about our town, the community and any interests. Alderman Freeman and Alderman White indicated they would be happy to share with the resident's information about our city.

Ramona Roney: Her trash did get picked today, but for weeks she has had to call City Hall and complain that it wasn't picked up. The board indicated the city and Republic Services are trying to work things out, but she should keep calling city hall if she needs to.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Captain Krissa Bliss: Captain Bliss stated the Police department was doing great. Our new officer started the end of June so we are currently fully staffed.

Kris Bowling (Public Works, ACO, and Sewer): He currently has one (1) puppy picked up at Apple Lane. They have been busy picking up brush. Trojan is coming Monday to work on the UV at the plant. Our new flow meter is malfunctioning and they have no field tech so we will have to ship it back for them to work on. Several tall grass letters have been sent out. We are currently getting the process down.

Cemetery: Doris Rapp sent word that the cemetery is doing well. The mowing took longer than anticipated, but they did a good job. Valerie Robbins helped find records that we didn't have. After it cools off, they will be working to put the signs in concrete.

OLD BUSINESS

BILL NO 2023-10 ORDINANCE 10-2023 "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE MUNICIPAL CODE, SUB SECTION (2) OF SECTION 610.040 OF CHAPTER 610- PEDDLERS AND SOLICITORS": Bill No. 2023-10 was read twice by title only. This changes the fee for peddlers. Alderman Freeman made the motion to approve Bill No. 2023-10/Ordinance 10-2023 as presented. Alderman Lawrence seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:
AYES: 5- Herndon, White, Freeman, Bliss, Lawrence

Discuss Park Advisory Board Duties: Mayor Blankenship and the board reviewed a sample document creating a Park Board to serve as an advisory board to the Board of Aldermen, along with responsibilities of that Park Board. Everyone agreed to move forward with an ordinance creating this board.

NEW BUSINESS

BILL NO 2023-09 ORDINANCE NO. 09-2023 "AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING AND IMPLIMENTING CERTAIN LIMITATIONS REGARDING MARIJUANA WITHIN THE CITY OF MARIONVILLE TO ENSURE THE SAFETY AND WELL-BEING OF ITS CITIZENS": Bill No. 2023-09 was read twice by title only. After discussing, Alderman Freeman made the motion to approve Bill No. 2023-09/Ordinance 09-2023 as presented with the amendment of replacing the words "City Council" with "Board of Aldermen". Alderman Lawrence seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:
AYES: 5- Lawrence, White, Herndon, Freeman, Bliss

DISCUSS SETBACKS FOR ACCESSORY STRUCTURES-Alderman Bliss: Alderman Bliss asked if it was possible to change the side and rear setbacks for non-permanent structures only from seven and half (7 ½) feet to three (3) feet? Alderman Freeman requested more information and asked if Roy and Rick could be involved in the discussion to get their input since they deal with the setbacks. After further discussion to board agreed to postpone this item and discuss at the next meeting.

RESOLUTION 08-2023R "A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF MARIONVILLE, MISSOURI AMENDING THE ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2023": Alderman White made the motion to approve Resolution 08-2023R as presented. Alderman Freeman seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:
AYES: 5- White, Bliss, Lawrence, Herndon, Freeman

ALDERMEN COMMENTS

Alderman Bliss: Suggested we look into sealing and striping the parking lots at City Hall, the Police Department and Fire Department.

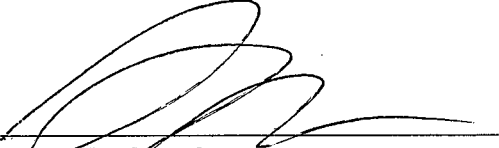
Alderman Freeman: She received the report on the trees at Logan Park. There are twenty-four (24) living trees and we need twenty-six (26) to match those donated. She is still contemplating memory plaques and prices for those who donated in memory of someone. Alderman Freeman stated the flyers/surveys are going well and would be willing to help other aldermen pass them out in their ward is needed. After the surveys are returned and reviewed, we can formulate a mailer to explain more about the use tax and information about the November ballot.

MAYOR COMMENTS

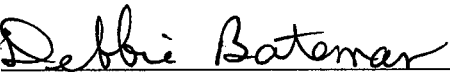
Trash/Recycling Proposals will be opened Wednesday, August 2 at 9:15, at the conference room. It is open to anyone. The proposals will be given to the aldermen in their packets to review and vote at the August 10 meeting. Dept. Heads will be working on their 2024 Budget.

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Herndon made the motion to adjourn; seconded by Alderman Lawrence. All voted aye. The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.


Dale Blankenship, Mayor

ATTEST:


Debbie Bateman, City Clerk