

MARIONVILLE BOARD OF ALDERMEN REGULAR SESSION MINUTES  
Marionville Conference Room, 101 S Central  
Thursday, June 8, 2023

Mayor Blankenship called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. On roll call the following Aldermen were present: Joanne Lawrence, Kathy Urschel, 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 City Clerk; Debbie Bateman opened the meeting with prayer.

**Approve Order of Agenda:** Alderman Freeman made the motion to move item 20 to 12 (first under new business) and approve the rest of the agenda as presented. Alderman White seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:

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

**Approve minutes from May 11, 2023 regular session:** Alderman Urschel made the motion to approve the minutes from May 11, 2023 as presented. Alderman Bliss seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:

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

**Approve payment of Bills, and Cash Reports:** Alderman White made the motion to approve payment of Bills, and Cash Reports as presented. Alderman Bliss seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:

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

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

(None)

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

**Police Chief Coatney:** They have been busy with events regarding the accident last weekend. There is a huge car show (fundraiser) coming up and he is going to enter a police vehicle for each city into the show. He is currently working up a bid for Flock cameras for Aurora and he is including Marionville in case we want one or two also. The Crimestar server is installed at MPD so officers will be able to work out of there as needed. They are updating their policies to get current with new rulings.

**Fire Chief Bowling:** submitted a written report. He noted they received an ARPA Fire Protection Grant for a cardiac monitor which is included in the bills. The state will reimburse us fifty percent and the county will reimburse us the other fifty percent. Mayor Blankenship thanked the police department and fire department for their response to the horrible accident over the weekend. And he presented Chief Bowling and the other firefighters with a plaque acknowledging them for their service in dealing with a very tough situation that involved multiple serious injuries.

**Cemetery:** The board received a written report which included thanking those who helped put flags on the veteran's graves for Memorial Day.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

*Resolution 07-2023R: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MARIONVILLE, MISSOURI: CONTINUING A SIGNING BONUS FOR NEW HIRE POLICE OFFICERS:* Alderman Bliss made the motion to approve Resolution 07-2023R as presented to continue the sign on bonus for new police officers. Alderman White seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:

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

*Nuisance and Abatement update:* At the last meeting there were some concerns brought up about specific issues and Mayor Blankenship indicated there were two large mosquito nests that were a public health nuisance and considered an emergency, so they have been taken care of. An administrative search warrant was obtained for the house that was a concern and we are waiting on Rick to review a letter to proceed with that issue.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

*Discuss trash:* Jennifer Fagan with Republic Services was present. She stated she understood there were issues with getting the trash picked up and City Hall was getting lots of calls. The board wanted to know what can be done to streamline the calls and help with solutions. Ms. Fagan indicated they were having a major issue with employee shortage and training takes weeks. They do have new managers and supervisors, but things will take time. They do have service maps and tablets but they are not fully functional yet. They will stop using a third party to deliver carts so that should help improve issues there. The driver for Marionville, who has been out on leave, should get released to return to work very soon; however, he will have to go through some retraining. This will help tremendously. Ms. Fagan indicated our residents can call the customer service number for issues and we can put that on the bills. She re-iterated they want to be that reliable company we are used to having.

*MML Conference- September 10-13 for Debbie, Amy, Krissa, and Kathy:* This is the annual conference for employees and board members. Alderman White made the motion to approve expenses for Debbie, Amy, Krissa and Kathy to attend the MML Conference. Alderman Lawrence seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:

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

It was noted the board would like a report on what was presented and learned at the conference.

*Move September Board Meeting:* Mayor Blankenship stated due to the conference, City Hall would be closed September 11-13. The regular board meeting is scheduled for September 14. The board agreed to move the September meeting to Thursday, September 21.

*Discuss 110.220 Manner of addressing and time limit:* This was brought up to see if the board thought any changes were needed. Do we want to keep the five (5) minutes or change to three (3)? Our code needs to reflect what we actually do. The board wanted to keep the comment section. It was suggested to have sign in sheets for those who want to comment. Mayor Blankenship stated if there is a full agenda, he can limit the number of comments made to help the meeting flow. The board was in agreement to amend this section at a future meeting.

*Discuss Department Liaisons:* It was mentioned at a previous meeting to think about whether the board wanted to participate in Department Liaisons. Alderman Freeman felt a liaison is not telling

the department what to do but learning what the department does and help out by looking into things, seeing if ordinances need updating, listening to concerns, etc. This was brought up at a training session regarding the courts. Do we know what's happening in the court? Mayor Blankenship stated with the transferring of our courts in a few months, perhaps a court liaison would be beneficial. The majority of the board felt department liaisons were not necessary at this time.

*Discuss payment bond ordinance:* Alderman Freeman stated this was mentioned in a training session. Bid packets (for large projects) need to require payment bonds. In researching this, she felt we need an ordinance requiring a procurement policy and the procurement policy lists out what we need which would include a payment bond and also a performance bond. It was suggested the mayor and public works manager get together to come up with what a procurement policy might look like.

*Discuss Park board advisory committee (Recommended by Ken Reynolds):* The board reviewed Attorney Reynolds opinion along with several examples of city's Parks Commission/Advisory Boards responsibilities, etc. After discussing, it was suggested a sample be created by taking items the board liked from each example and that sample would be reviewed by the current park board members and the board of aldermen for input.

*Discuss amending the Peddlers Fee:* Currently the fee for peddlers is ten dollars (\$10.00) per day, per peddler. The background check is approximately fifteen dollars (\$15.00) per person. The aldermen agreed to amend the fee for peddlers to twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) per person.

*Transfer funds from the Money Market account to Operating:* Alderman Lawrence made the motion to transfer eighty thousand dollars (\$80,000.00) from the money market account to the general fund operating account. Alderman Urschel seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows: AYES: 6- Bliss, White, Herndon, Lawrence, Urschel, Freeman

***BILL NO. 2023-07/ ORDINANCE 07-2023: "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MARIONVILLE, MISSOURI, IMPOSING A USE TAX FOR GENERAL REVENUE PURPOSES AT THE RATE EQUAL TO THE LOCAL SALES TAXES IN EFFECT FOR THE PRIVILEGE OF STORING, OR USING OR CONSUMING WITHIN THE CITY ANY ARTICLE OF TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY GRANTED BY AND SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 144.600 THROUGH 144.741 RSMo; PROVIDING FOR THE USE TAX TO BE REPEALED, REDUCED OR RAISED IN THE SAME AMOUNT AS ANY CITY SALES TAX IS REPEALED, REDUCED OR RAISED; AND PROVIDING FOR SUBMISSION OF THE PROPOSAL TO THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF THE CITY FOR THEIR APPROVAL AT THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION CALLED AND TO BE HELD IN THE CITY ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2023.*** Bill No. 2023-07 was read by title only two times. Alderman Lawrence made the motion to approve Bill No. 2023-07/Ordinance 07-2023 as presented. Alderman Freeman seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows: AYES: 6- White, Herndon, Bliss, Freeman, Lawrence, Urschel

***Bill No. 2023-08/Ordinance No. 08-2023 AN ORDINANCE IMPOSING A SALES TAX AT A RATE OF THREE PERCENT ON ALL TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY RETAIL SALES OF ADULT USE MARIJUANA SOLD WITHIN THE CITY OF MARIONVILLE, MISSOURI, PURSUANT TO ARTICLE XIV, SECTION 2.6 (5) OF THE MISSOURI CONSTITUTION SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL BY THE VOTERS OF***

*THE CITY AT THE GENERAL MUNICIPALE ELECTION TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2023; DESIGNATING THE FORM OF BALLOT; AND DIRECTING THE CITY CLERK TO PROVIDE NOTICE OF SAID ELECTION.* Bill No. 2023-08 was read twice by title only. This would be a tax on recreational marijuana sold in Marionville. Alderman Urschel made the motion to approve Bill No. 2023-08/Ordinance 08-2023 as presented. Alderman Herndon seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:

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

*Vote to go into Closed Session pursuant to RSMo 610.021 (3) Hiring, Firing, Disciplining or Promoting and RSMo 610.021 (13) Individually Identifiable Personnel records, Performance Ratings or Records; RSMo 610.021 (11) Specifications for competitive bidding:* Alderman White made the motion to go into Closed Session pursuant to RSMo 610.021 (3) Hiring, Firing, Disciplining or Promoting and RSMo 610.021 (13) Individually Identifiable Personnel records, Performance Ratings or Records; RSMo 610.021 (11) Specifications for competitive bidding. Alderman Herndon seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:

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

The board went into closed session at 8:40 p.m. and returned to open session at 9:04 p.m. Mayor Blankenship stated any votes taken in closed session would be available after seventy-two hours.

#### **ALDERMEN COMMENTS**

*Kathy Urschel:* Stated she was proud of our first responders and thanked them for their work.

*Donna White:* She had names of some counselors if any first responders were interested.

*Melissa Freeman:* She spoke with Kelsey at SMCOG, and since we haven't heard anything on the RTP Grant, we think that's a sign our grant application is going to the next phase. Awards will be in October or November. Kelsey also offered her help with any CBDG grant. Rusty Hicks is mapping out the trees at Logan Park. She has a plan to get information on the Use Tax out to the citizens. She handed out a survey for the aldermen to review. She plans to hand these out in her ward as a guideline to follow-up on the Use Tax question, then have a Use Tax flyer and hopefully a mailing with information closer to election. Alderman Freeman indicated the survey is available if anyone else would like to use it in their ward.

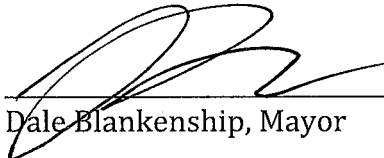
#### **MAYOR COMMENTS**

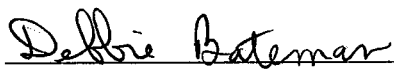
Mayor Blankenship informed the board our grant application for the culvert at the treatment plant has made it to the next stage. Fireworks celebration will be at the Park on July 1<sup>st</sup>.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Alderman Bliss made the motion to adjourn; seconded by Alderman White. All voted aye. The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

ATTEST:

  
Dale Blankenship, Mayor

  
Debbie Bateman, City Clerk

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