

MARIONVILLE BOARD OF ALDERMEN REGULAR SESSION MINUTES

Marionville Conference Room, 101 S Central

Thursday, January 11, 2024

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, 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 Chief Coatney opened the meeting with prayer.

**Approve Order of Agenda:** Alderman Bliss made the motion to approve the order of the agenda as presented. Alderman Lawrence seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:

AYES: 5- Bliss, Herndon, White, Urschel, Lawrence

**Approve minutes of December 14, 2023 Regular Session:** Alderman White made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Alderman Bliss seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:

AYES: 5- Urschel, White, Lawrence, Bliss, Herndon

**Approve payment of Bills, Adjustments, Bank Recs and Cash Reports:** Mayor Blankenship requested approving the bills with the exception of Republic Services until we hear back regarding the final invoice. Alderman White made the motion to approve payment of Bills as presented with the exception of Republic Services and the Adjustments Report (Bank Recs and Cash Reports were not ready at this). Alderman Bliss seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:

AYES: 5- White, Lawrence, Herndon, Urschel, Bliss

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

(None)

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

***Police Chief Coatney:*** Submitted a written report and indicated calls were down in both towns.

***Kris Bowling:*** Submitted a written report for Fire. Stated the ARPA grant was submitted and the cost came back at four hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$450,000). He has two (2) bids for the sewer I and I project (cleaning the lines). One was two dollars and fifty cents (\$2.50) a foot and the other was two dollars (\$2.00) a foot. The city has about four thousand (4000) feet of sewer lines, so with what was budgeted, we can clean a little over half of our lines. The bar screen is back up and running

***Cemetery Department:*** Submitted a written report

**OLD BUSINESS**

***Quote for 2022 Police Ford Explorer:*** Chief Coatney submitted a quote from JW Auto Sales for forty-two thousand fifty dollars (\$42,050). This includes the equipment and decals and will replace MPD05 (2018 Ford Explorer). It was noted, this is less expensive than a new vehicle and the state does not have vehicle bids anymore. Alderman Lawrence made the motion to approve the purchase of the 2022 Ford Explorer from JW Auto Sales. Alderman White seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:

AYES: 5- Lawrence, White, Bliss, Herndon, Urschel

## NEW BUSINESS

*Accept Melissa Freeman's Resignation:* Alderman Herndon made the motion to accept the resignation of Alderman Freeman, Ward I; seconded by Alderman Bliss. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:  
AYES: 5- Urschel, Bliss, Herndon, White, Lawrence.

*Elect a new President of the Board:* Alderman White nominated Kevin Bliss for President of the Board. Alderman Urschel seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:  
AYES: 5- Herndon, Lawrence, Urschel, Bliss, White

*Bank Signers:* Alderman White made the motion for Dale Blankenship, Kathy Urschel and Donna White to be the signers on all city and park bank accounts and remove Melissa Freeman and Gina Herndon. Alderman Bliss seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:  
AYES: 5- Bliss, Herndon, White, Lawrence, Urschel

*Resolution 01-2024R-- A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF MARIONVILLE, MISSOURI TO ADJUST THE FINAL FY2023 OPERATING BUDGET:* Alderman White made the motion to approve Resolution 01-2024R as presented. Alderman Lawrence seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:  
AYES: 5- White, Urschel, Lawrence, Herndon, Bliss

*Bill No. 2024-01/Ordinance No. 01-2024—THE EMPIRE DISTRICT ELECTRIC COMPANY MUNICIPALE ELECTRIC SERVICE AGREEMENT:* Bill No. 2024-01 was read twice by title only. This agreement is regarding the street lights. Alderman White made the motion to approve Bill No. 2024-01 as presented. Alderman Urschel seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:  
AYES: 5- Lawrence, Bliss, Herndon, Urschel, White

*Park Advisory Board Recommendations:* Park Board President, Kris Bowling went over the park board recommendations:

- purchase a 4 wheeler and setting a cap of fifty-five hundred dollars (\$5500). They currently do not have one in mind.
- set June 29<sup>th</sup> for Fireworks at the Park and giving Clayton's Pyrotechnics eight thousand dollars (\$8000) for the show and possibly allowing food trucks
- hire a seasonal employee to help with mowing at the park and the city.

Mayor Blankenship would like to wait on the seasonal employee until later. Alderman Urschel made the motion to approve the fireworks (date and cost) and the 4 wheeler purchase up to fifty-five hundred dollars (\$5500). Alderman Lawrence seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:

AYES: 5- Urschel, White, Herndon, Bliss, Lawrence

*Possible re-naming part of Lawrence Street:* Bob Duda stated he started a petition to rename the Lawrence Street from College to Western. He thought renaming this street along the football field would be a great way to honor Jeff Norris who was such an influence on this community and everyone who went to school here. He would like to name that portion of the street "Norris Way" and have the sign be blue. He had signatures from almost everyone who had an address on that portion; however, he may need to get everyone's signature whose property touches that portion of Lawrence Street. Mayor Blankenship indicated if we rename the street, we would need to re-plat all the property. Another suggestion was to create an ordinance allowing the board to give an honorary street name. This would still involve putting up signs but would not have to meet the 911 requirements. After discussing the options, the board was in agreement to start the process of renaming that portion of Lawrence Street from College to Western to Norris Way.

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*Vote to go into closed session pursuant to RSMo (3) Personnel; hiring, firing, disciplining or promoting of particular employees. (13) Personnel. Individual identifiable personnel records pertaining to employees or applicants for employment (1) Litigation: Alderman White made the motion to into closed session pursuant to RSMo (3) Personnel; hiring, firing, disciplining or promoting of particular employees. (13) Personnel. Individual identifiable personnel records pertaining to employees or applicants for employment (1) Litigation. Seconded by Alderman Lawrence. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:*

AYES: 5- White, Herndon, Urschel, Lawrence, Bliss

The board went into closed session at 7:05 p.m. and returned at 7:30 p.m. The only votes taken were to return to open session.

**ALDERMEN COMMENTS**

*Donna White:* Proud of our community for honoring Jeff Norris.

*Kevin Bliss:* Asked if Melissa Freeman would continue to help with Logan Park. Mayor Blankenship noted that she had indicated to him she would still be willing to be involved.

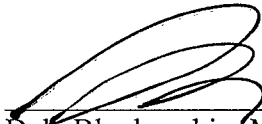
*Joanne Lawrence:* Asked about the lights in town.

**MAYOR COMMENTS**

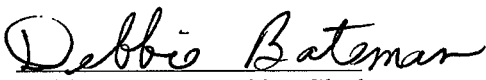
No mayor's comments

**ADJOURNMENT**

Alderman White made the motion to adjourn; seconded by Alderman Herndon. All voted aye. The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

  
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Dale Blankenship, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Debbie Bateman, City Clerk