

MARIONVILLE BOARD OF ALDERMEN REGULAR SESSION MINUTES
Marionville Conference Room, 101 S Central
Thursday, July 14, 2022

Mayor Blankenship called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. On roll call the following Aldermen were present: Murlin Bettinger, Doris Rapp, Donna White, Gina Herndon and Melissa Freeman. Joanne Lawrence 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 Rapp 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- Freeman, White, Herndon, Bettinger, Rapp

Approve minutes of June 9, 2022 Regular Session: Alderman Bettinger made the motion to approve the minutes June 9, 2022 as presented. Alderman White seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:
AYES: 4- White, Rapp, Herndon, Bettinger
ABSTAINED: 1- Freeman

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

Citizens Comments/Official Guests & Visitors

Jack Brueggeman asked how much money the city received from sales tax from the fireworks tent. It was noted, we do not have that information. He also asked what the fireworks at the park cost the city. Park President, Tyrrel Snider stated the cost this year was seven thousand dollars (\$7,000).

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Fire Chief, Kris Bowling: Informed the Board their storage unit was broken into. It was reported to the police and insurance company. The replacement cost for the items taken is about forty-five hundred dollars (\$4500). Fire Chief Bowling stated they have not started getting petitions regarding annexing into Aurora Rural Fire District. Since their tax increase did not pass, the revenues would not be what they anticipated. He is waiting to hear back from them on what their plan is. As Emergency Management Director, Kris stated the storm siren on Coleman was fixed. Blue Valley had suggested moving it and the thought was to move it by the high school if the new development got approved. The cost to relocate it would be about five thousand dollars (\$5,000).

Police Chief Coatney: Some of been attending FBI leadership academy this week. The portable radios have been reprogrammed and coverage is much better. We know have manufactured dated on the vehicles that were ordered.

Street Supervisor, Tyrrel Snider-submitted a written report.

Sewer Dept.: There was an issue at Linn and Missouri and about forty-two feet of sewer line was replaced.

Cemetery: Doris Rapp stated when it cools down; they would like to do some landscaping maintenance.

OLD BUSINESS

Oath of Office: Melissa Freeman took the oath of office, for Alderman, Ward I, from City Clerk, Debbie Bateman. This was for the runoff election held on May 24, 2022

Elect a President of the Board/ Mayor Pro Tem: Alderman Rapp made the motion to nominate Melissa Freeman for President of the Board. Alderman Herndon seconded and the motion passed on roll call vote as follows:

AYES: 4- Herndon, White, Rapp, Bettinger

ABSTAINED: 1- Freeman

Bank Signers: Alderman Rapp made the motion to continue with the current bank signers; Mayor Dale Blankenship, Alderman Melissa Freeman and Alderman Gina Herndon. Alderman Bettinger seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:

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

Ladder Truck for the Fire Department: Last month the Board approved the purchase of the ladder truck in Pennsylvania; however, when Seth and Kris flew up to get it, they weren't satisfied with the condition of the truck. The day they got back a ladder truck from Mexico, Missouri became available. It's in great condition with eight thousand (8,000) miles and no delivery charge. The truck itself is forty-two thousand, five hundred dollars (\$42,500) and with the hoses, nozzles, etc. the cost is forty-eight thousand, five hundred dollars (\$48,500). Discussion took place about storing the truck since it would not fit in the fire station bays. Fire Chief Bowling indicated Public Works has a bay they could use even though it is not heated. He indicated they did not have a problem with it when the tanker was stored there. The Board was concerned about the need of the truck and not knowing where the merger stands. Chief Bowling indicated since he had not heard from Aurora Rural, he assumed the merger was on hold. Since Aurora Rurals tax increase did not pass, if they merged, their operating budget would be less than what Marionville's is now. Alderman Freeman asked what is being done to recruit more firefighters. She indicated she is willing to help in any way. Chief Bowling stated COVID interrupted a lot of recruitment ideas they had. They were hoping with the addition of a ladder truck and training with Aurora on water rescues and other areas, there would be more interest. The board agreed that focusing on recruitment and encouraging more training is a plus. Chief Bowling expressed he did not want to go backwards. A step to lower our ISO includes purchasing a ladder truck and updating the Fire Codes (Building Codes). Alderman Bettinger made the motion to go ahead and purchase this truck for forty-eight thousand, five hundred dollars (\$48,500) and move forward. After several seconds, Mayor Blankenship stated with no second, the motion dies. After a few more comments, Alderman Herndon seconded the motion and the roll call vote was as follows:

AYES: 3- Bettinger, Herndon, Freeman (considering the information from tonight)

NAYES: 2- Rapp, White

NEW BUSINESS

BILL NO. 2022-05 / ORDINANCE NO. 05-2022 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MARIONVILLE, MISSOURI, REAFFIRMING THE GROSS RECEIPTS TAX TO BE IMPOSED UPON ELECTRIC CORPORATIONS CONDUCTING BUSINESS WITH THE CITY AND MATTERS RELATED THERETO:

Bill 2022-05 was read twice by title only. This ordinance will keep the franchise tax from Liberty at the current rate. Alderman Freeman made the motion to approve Bill No. 2022-05/Ordinance 05-22 as presented. Alderman Herndon seconded. Motion passed on roll call as follows:

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

P&Z Recommendation on Rezoning PARCEL NO. 201002000002003005—ALL THAT PART OF LT 5 GRENIER FIRST ADDN, BEG AT SE COR OF LT5, THEN W643.63' N864.47' E194.02' S260.56' E430.05' S TO POB ALSO, KNOWN AS TRACT 2 OF THE UNRECORDED AMENDED PLAT LTS 3&5, GRENIER FIRST ADDN-Marionville Planning and Zoning met on June 28, 2022 and voted to recommend approving the rezoning request for the above parcel. This property is on the southeast corner of Jonathan Drive and S. Western Street.

BILL NO. 2022-06 / ORDINANCE 06-2022 "AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF MARIONVILLE, MISSOURI APPROVING THE REQUEST FOR ZONING CHANGE OF PROPERTY FROM A-1 (AGRICULTURE) TO C-1 (COMMERCIAL). Bill 2022-06 was read twice by title only. Alderman Rapp made the motion to approve Bill No. 2022-06/Ordinance 06-2022 as presented. Alderman White seconded and the motion passed on roll call vote as follows:

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

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 Freeman 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. Alderman Bettinger seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:

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

The Board went into closed session at 7:18 p.m.

The Board returned to open session at 7:50 p.m. Mayor Blankenship stated the only vote in closed session was to return to open session.

Transfer from City Money Market to City Checking General Fund: Alderman Freeman made the motion to transfer fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) from City Money Market to the City Checking General Fund. Alderman Rapp seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:

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

ALDERMEN COMMENTS

Doris Rapp: She is still concerned with nuisances around town and she is willing to help in anyway.

Melissa Freeman: She had contacted the School Superintendent about the traffic problem

mentioned at the May meeting when dropping students off on O'Dell. The school has not come up with any effective way to solve the issue. They were up for any ideas we might have. Mayor Blankenship stated he has a proposal from TOTH from a couple of years ago for widening College and putting two (2) lanes for pickup. That might need to be reviewed.

It was suggested using the ARPA funds towards slip lining the sewer lines. Alderman Freeman also stated we should use the results of the smoke testing and work on repairing the public I and I and use TOTH for the private I and I. She asked about a special meeting. Mayor Blankenship said he wanted to review the data on piggybacking off of Springfield first.


MAYOR COMMENTS

There will be a public hearing before the August 11 meeting at 6:15 p.m. on another rezoning request. We received a message that they will be mowing the property at Frisco and O'Dell this weekend.

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman White made the motion to adjourn; seconded by Alderman Herndon. All voted aye. The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

ATTEST:


Debbie Bateman
Debbie Bateman, City Clerk



Dale Blankenship, Mayor