

MARIONVILLE BOARD OF ALDERMEN REGULAR SESSION MINUTES

Marionville Conference Room, 101 S Central

Thursday, May 11, 2023

President of the Board, Melissa Freeman 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. Mayor Blankenship was absent.

Following roll call, Melissa Freeman 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 Lawrence made the motion to approve the order of the agenda as presented. Alderman Herndon seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows: AYES: 6- Bliss, Freeman, Herndon, Urschel, White, Lawrence

Approve minutes of April 13, 2023 regular session and April 26, 2023 work session: Alderman Bliss made the motion to approve the minutes of April 13th meeting as presented. Alderman Freeman seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows: AYES: 5- Herndon, White, Bliss, Freeman, Urschel
ABSTAINED: 1- Lawrence

Alderman Bliss made the motion to approve the minutes of April 26th work session as presented. Alderman Lawrence seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows: AYES: 5- Herndon, Lawrence, Urschel, Freeman, Bliss
ABSTAINED: 1- White

Approve payment of Bills, Bank Recs and Cash Reports: Alderman Freeman made the motion to approve payment of Bills, Bank Recs and Cash Reports as presented. Alderman Bliss seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows: AYES: 6- White, Herndon, Bliss, Lawrence, Freeman, Urschel

Citizens Comments/Official Guests & Visitors

Valerie Vickers: Mrs. Vickers stated she was very concerned about the property at 603 S Missouri. It has been a problem for a very long time. People start to fix it, then they stop, then someone starts fixing again but stops. The mosquitos have been horrible for years. They can't enjoy their back yard because of it. She indicated there is a shed on property that is over a cellar or something and the floor is gone now and there is about five to ten feet of standing water in it. She shared with the board pictures of the property and pictures of her family with mosquito bites after being in the yard. It was noted we do have measures to take and nuisance and abatement was on the agenda to be discussed later tonight, so the board will discuss this issue more at that time.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Chief Coatney: They are continuing to get things done slowly at the municipal building. Should be fully up and running within thirty to sixty days. He offered to assist in the nuisance abatement process anyway he could.

Kris Bowling: Thanked the aldermen who made it out to tour the treatment plant yesterday. The dump truck is still in the shop to fix the transmission. They have patched some potholes and picked

up some brush, but the brush pick up is difficult without the dump truck. The boom on the bucket truck had its annual inspection. There were thirty-six fire/medical calls last month. He will be finished with the DNR classes after next week. Alderman Freeman appreciated receiving a copy of the dog pound inspection report. The aldermen indicated they appreciated the tour of the plant and appreciated all the hard work that has been done. Alderman Urschel commented she was also impressed with the dog pound. Kris also mentioned that several letters for grass and vehicles have been mailed.

Doris Rapp: They will be placing American flags on veteran's graves the Thursday or Friday before Memorial Day. She needs volunteers and asked if the request could be put on Facebook.

OLD BUSINESS

Resolution 05-2023R: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MARIONVILLE, MISSOURI UPDATING THE EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK TO INCLUDE A FLOATING HOLIDAY IN THE HOLIDAY SECTION: Alderman White made the motion to approve Resolution 05-2023R as presented. Alderman Urschel seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:

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

Resolution 06-2023R: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MARIONVILLE, MISSOURI UPDATING THE EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK TO INCLUDE A TAKE HOME VEHICLE POLICY: Alderman Freeman made the motion to approve Resolution 06-2023R as presented. Alderman Lawrence seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:

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

Clarification on cemetery mowing contract: Doris Rapp commented since taking over the cemetery, we haven't had too many problems, but after the first mowing this year not meeting some of the specifications, we felt it was necessary to come up with this so there is a guideline and allowing either party the option to terminate if needed. Alderman Urschel made the motion to go ahead with the lawn care contract presented. Alderman Freeman seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:

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

NEW BUSINESS

Accept Deb Dudley's resignation from Park Board: Alderman Freeman made the motion to accept Deb Dudley's resignation from the Park Board. Alderman Bliss seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:

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

Park Board Appointments: Several people attended the work session with the park board and these people indicated they would be willing to serve on that board. Mayor Blankenship would like to appoint Rick Sims, Cole Amos, Clayton Warden and Jeff Norris to Park Board. Alderman Bliss made the motion to approve these appointments to the Park Board as presented. Alderman Urschel seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:

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

Planning & Zoning Re-Appointments (Bob Crain and Dave Bostick): Bob Crain and Dave Bostick have indicated they would serve another term on Planning and Zoning and Mayor Blankenship would

like to re-appoint them to the Planning and Zoning Commission. Alderman Bliss made the motion to approve these re-appointments to Planning and Zoning as presented. Alderman White seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:
AYES: 6- Herndon, Lawrence, Freeman, Urschel, Bliss, White

Housing Authority Re-Appointment (Doug Rapp): Mayor Blankenship would like to re-appoint Doug Rapp to the Housing Authority. Alderman Urschel made the motion to approve the re-appointment to the Housing Authority as presented. Alderman White seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:
AYES: 6- Urschel, White, Bliss, Freeman, Herndon, Lawrence

Renew Insurance—MOPERM (property, auto, general liability, etc): Due to inflation among other things, the cost has increased from last year. Alderman Freeman made the motion to renew the insurance with MOPERM. Alderman Lawrence seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:
AYES: 6- Freeman, Lawrence, Herndon, Urschel, White, Bliss

Nuisance & Abatement: Alderman Freeman stated we are all aware this is a problem in town. Alderman Urschel had talked to Rick and he would be happy to go over condemnation procedures with Roy if directed to do so. The board agreed that something needs to be done immediately on the house mentioned earlier. It seems like with new people coming on board, maybe we need to have a work session with those employees so everyone knows what to do, how to do it and when. Especially if it involves administrative search warrants. The city does have an emergency clause for dangerous buildings but that still has to follow certain steps. We may want to look at rewording that section. It was also noted that it might be helpful to have a meeting with the prosecutor and judge to get their input on how to solve the issues we are having. Alderman Freeman noted that the aldermen used to be department liaisons. In one city it was very affective to have a court liaison. They would observe court, and see how the procedures were being maintained and report back to the aldermen when relevant. She would like for the aldermen to consider bringing back liaison's to the departments again. If done correctly, this could be a great help to the departments and the board.

Bill No. 2023-06/Ordinance 06-2023: "AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A MUNICIPAL CODE AMENDMENT TO SECTION 125.330 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF MARIONVILLE PERTAINING TO FINES AND COURT COSTS:" Bill No. 2023-06 was read twice by title only. This is something the Office of State Courts Administrator requested due to us transferring our court being transferred to the county. Alderman Urschel made the motion to approve Bill No. 2023-06 as presented. Alderman Lawrence seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:
Ayes: 6- Lawrence, Freeman, Herndon, Bliss, Urschel, White.

ALDERMEN COMMENTS

Kathy Urschel: Thanked Kris Bowling for the tour of the plant and she hopes we can find a way to proceed and take care of these nuisance issues.

Kevin Bliss: The tour of the plant explained a lot and the lab is really nice. We need to take care of these houses and issues.

Melissa Freeman: She attended the City Officials Training seminar and received a lot of information. The MML is sponsoring another Officials Training seminar June 8 and 9, and it would be a great

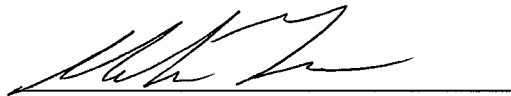
learning opportunity if anyone has the time to go. We all want what's best for the park; she urged everyone to go over Ken's letter regarding what statute the park falls under. The statute determines how many are required for a park board or park advisory board and the duties. We do have a park sales tax, but we could not find anything that says we have a park levy tax. Alderman Freeman thanked everyone who is volunteering to help with the needs at the park. It is very much appreciated.

MAYOR COMMENTS

Mayor Blankenship asked Alderman Freeman to encourage everyone to promote the food party that is now located on the north side of City Hall.

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman White made the motion to adjourn; seconded by Alderman Bliss. All voted aye. The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.



Melissa Freeman, President of the Board

ATTEST:


Debbie Bateman, City Clerk

WORK SESSION MINUTES

The Marionville Board of Aldermen met for a work session with the Marionville Park Board on Wednesday, April 26, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. at the Conference Room located at 101 S Central Street.

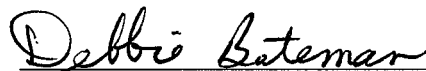
Mayor, Dale Blankenship opened the work session at 6:30 p.m. Board of Aldermen members present were: Joanne Lawrence, Kathy Urschel, Kevin Bliss, Gina Herndon and Melissa Freeman. Park Board members present were: Chris Freeman, Lona Lofton and Steve Mooneyham. Several citizens were also present.

The two boards discussed the direction and oversight of the Marionville City Park. At the moment, the park board does not have enough members to meet or sign their checks to pay the park invoices. The goal is to get enough people to volunteer to be on the park board in order to have a meeting or we will have to seek other options. It was noted, the Park Board is important to our city. There's a lot this board can do if it has enough members.

After further discussions on activities at the park and how to communicate our need for volunteers, several citizens present stated they would volunteer to be on the Park Board. Mayor Blankenship will be making those appointments at the next Alderman meeting on May 11, 2023.

No motions were made, no votes taken.

The work session adjourned at 6:10 p.m.



Debbie Bateman, City Clerk