

MARIONVILLE BOARD OF ALDERMEN SPECIAL SESSION MINUTES  
Marionville Conference Room, 101 S Central  
Thursday, November 3, 2022

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

*Approve agenda:* Alderman Lawrence made the motion to approve the agenda with moving item #4- Logan Park to #3. Alderman Freeman seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:  
AYES: 6- White, Freeman, Herndon, Bettinger, Lawrence, Bliss

*Logan Park:* It was noted the sewer lines have been capped and the water hydrant has been put in. Public Works indicated they will be working to cut off and maintain any pipe above ground. The board discussed ideas for parking areas and perhaps putting parking blocks in when the pipes are taken care of. One idea for the parking area was to put in honeycomb grids (plastic grass pavers). It was noted people like green space and a walking trail would be nice. Mr. Ludwig indicated he has a layout for a trail that we can look at. Rusty Hicks has previously stated he can help with where to put the trail in regards to the trees and tree roots. It was noted that bathrooms will eventually need to be put in and a chain link fence along Highway 14 and up Benton for about sixty feet or so. The fence would be an important barrier between the highway and the park for the safety of children and pets. Kris Bowling will be checking on bids for a fence and Alderman Freeman stated she would be willing to help raise funds once we have some pricing. We can look into the possibility of grants for green spaces. Improvements will have to made small steps at a time as we get the funding. Mr. Ludwig was concerned that people don't know about the park and suggested the city holding a kite flying contest next March. The park would be a perfect place with no power lines.

*Vote to go into closed session pursuant to RSMo 610.021(3) Hiring, Firing, Disciplining or Promoting of particular employee by a public governmental body when personal information about the employee is discussed or recorded; and RSMo 610.021(13) Individually identifiable personnel records, performance ratings or records pertaining to employees or applicants for employment.* Alderman White made the motion to go into closed session pursuant to RSMo 610.021(3) Hiring, Firing, Disciplining or Promoting of particular employee by a public governmental body when personal information about the employee is discussed or recorded; and RSMo 610.021(13) Individually identifiable personnel records, performance ratings or records pertaining to employees or applicants for employment. Alderman Freeman seconded and motion passed on roll call vote as follows:

AYES: 6- Bliss, Herndon, White, Lawrence, Freeman, Bettinger  
The Board went into closed session at 7:00 p.m.  
The Board returned to open session at 7:55 p.m.


*Votes taken in closed session:* Mayor Blankenship stated the votes taken in closed session would be available within seventy-two hours.

*Handbook:* Aldermen went through updates needed to the employee handbook. A resolution to approve the changes will be voted on at the next meeting.

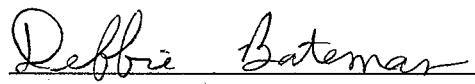
*2023 Budget:* The Board of Aldermen reviewed the first draft of the 2023 Budget. They discussed the revenues and expenses for each department and cost of living adjustments among other items. The Board will review a revised budget proposal at a meeting on November 15.

*Adjournment:*

Alderman Bettinger made the motion to adjourn; seconded by Alderman Lawrence. All voted aye. The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

  
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Dale Blankenship, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Debbie Bateman, City Clerk