

MARIONVILLE BOARD OF ALDERMEN REGULAR SESSION MINUTES
Marionville Conference Room, 101 S Central
Thursday, October 13, 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, 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 Murlin Bettinger opened the meeting with prayer.

Approve Order of Agenda: Alderman Freeman made the motion to add "9C- Oath of Office" and approve the rest of the agenda as presented. Alderman Bettinger seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:

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

Approve minutes of September 8, 2022 Public Hearing and Regular Session: Alderman Lawrence made the motion to approve the minutes September 8, 2022 Public Hearing and Regular Session as presented. Alderman Freeman seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:

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

Approve payment of Bills, Adjustments, Bank Recs and Cash Reports: Alderman Bettinger 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- White, Lawrence, Bettinger, Freeman, Herndon

Citizens Comments/Official Guests & Visitors

Larry Ludwig: Mr. Ludwig stated he would like for the members of the board to know where he stand as far as Logan Park. He gave the city clerk his phone number for them to contact him. He indicated he will be available for thirty (30) days. He wants to know what the future is for Logan Park; what the funding prospects are; will it go under the established Park Board or a separate board; or any other plans for the property. Since the time this property was donated to the city nothing has been done. His late wife donated the land for the purpose of being a park. It's still a field. He would like to know where the city stands; either in writing or he can come to the next meeting. He stated the city has had the property for seven (7) years. Let's get together and figure out what to do. If his expectations are more than what the city can do, he wants to know. The city needs to figure out what to do with that piece of property.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Police Dept.: Captain Bliss stated the department is down a total of four (4) officers. The new police truck is here. The Municipal building is getting closer to having officers working over here.

ACO: Karyn Wilks submitted a written report. The pound is full. She indicated adoptions slow or just not happening.

Sewer Dept.: Mayor Blankenship reported the one clarifier that's been plugged up will be worked on tomorrow. The new drive is in the bar screen and it is keeping up. Our engineers have re-applied for a grant to improve the bridge going to the plant. The Street Dept. did some jetting sewer lines last month.

OLD BUSINESS

Doris Rapp resignation: Alderman Lawrence made the motion to accept the resignation of Doris Rapp, Alderman Ward I. Alderman Herndon seconded. Motion passed on the roll call vote as follows:

AYES: 4- Freeman, Herndon, Bettinger, Lawrence

NAYES: 1-White

Appointment of Ward I Alderman: Mayor Blankenship appointed Kevin Bliss to fill the alderman vacancy in Ward I. His term will expire April 2023. Alderman Herndon made the motion to approve the appointment of Kevin Bliss to Ward I Alderman. Alderman White seconded. Motion passed on the roll call vote as follows:

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

Oath of Office: Kevin Bliss took the oath of office from City Clerk, Debbie Bateman.

Fire station addition: Fire Chief, Kris Bowling, stated he contacted four (4) different places but only heard back from one (1) regarding a rough estimate for a steel structure approximately 50 x 50. The estimate was approximately ninety dollars (\$90) a square foot. He requested to develop a bid packet in order to solicit bids to get more concrete amounts. A lot of the work can be done themselves. There were questions about FORVIS' emails and their interpretation as to how much of the ARPA funds could be used for the addition. It was noted we need to have an ARPA meeting to clarify how much of the ARPA funds can be used, if we have to match funds, etc. The board was in agreement this addition plus the possibility of having a bay for an ambulance here would be great for our town and agreed to have the fire department go ahead and create a bid packet to request quotes.

NEW BUSINESS

P & Z appointments: Mayor Blankenship appointed Jeanne Moerer to the Planning and Zoning board. Alderman Freeman made the motion to approve the appointment of Jeanne Moerer to Planning and Zoning. Alderman Lawrence seconded. Motion passed on the roll call vote as follows:

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

Mayor Blankenship stated one alderman can serve on Planning and Zoning if approved by the aldermen. Last month Alderman White volunteered until someone could be appointed to Planning and Zoning; however, our new alderman, Alderman Bliss is currently on Planning and Zoning. Alderman White stated she would step down as the alderman on that board and made the motion to allow Alderman Bliss to serve on Planning and Zoning. Alderman Bettinger seconded. Motion passed on the roll call vote as follows:

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

P&Z recommendation on a lot Rezoning from R-1 to R-2 for Jay Riddle of Hopewell Homes LLC at College and South otherwise known as PARCEL NUMBER: 117035003022700200, SOUTH ST., HOPEWELL HOMES LLC MINOR S/D OF THE W1/2 LT 133 BLK 30 COLLEGE ADDN-MARIONVILLE: The public hearing regarding this issue was held right before this meeting began. Mr. Riddle wants to build three (3) duplexes on this lot. The concern was what is best for the general public welfare. Some were concerned about traffic at the school; however, most felt traffic would not be a huge impact. Would this be allowable or not allowable zoning? If approved, the zoning would be going from single family dwelling to two-family dwellings, which is still residential zoning. It was brought up that the future land use map in the comprehensive plan shows the lot diagonal from this

one is marked multi-family. The board felt this would be a good improvement and a lot of people are looking for places to rent. Alderman Bliss made the motion to accept Planning and Zoning's recommendation to rezone parcel 117035003022700200 from R-1 to R2 and prepare the ordinance for the next meeting; seconded by Alderman Bettinger. Motion passed on the roll call vote as follows:

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

NAYES: 1- Freeman

Building codes regarding Roaming Buffalo: Alderman Freeman stated this was brought to her last minute and it is very concerning. They purchased land in the city to expand their business but with what the city requires, it is costing more and taking more time. The problem is if they expand in the county or any business builds in the county, they don't have to abide by any codes because Lawrence County doesn't have building codes. Alderman Freeman asked what can be done to help get business in town and still uphold our codes. She doesn't want to sacrifice safety but we need help. The Roaming Buffalo needs their building up by next spring, so we can't help that, but they want to develop the existing property in the future. Alderman Freeman stated she had contacted Aurora and their Community Development Director, Carrie Howlett, and she is willing to meet and discuss economic development programs that are available through the state.

Renew Flood Insurance: Aldermen reviewed the new quote for flood insurance at the sewer plant and lift station. Alderman Freeman made the motion to renew the flood insurance and increase the coverage with option B on both policies. Alderman White seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:

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

Park Board members: Alderman Freeman made the motion to remove Ty Snider from the Park Board. Alderman Herndon seconded. On roll call vote there was some confusion due to the new alderman not being on the board at the last meeting. The board consented to table this item until after the closed session. After the closed session, Alderman Freeman made the motion to remove Ty Snider from the Park Board. Alderman Herndon seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:

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

ABSTAIN: 1-Lawrence (personal conflict)

Handbook Revisions: The board reviewed the possible changes to the handbook. It was suggested to clarify with the attorney the section on medical marijuana. After further discussion, Alderman Freeman made the motion postpone this until another meeting especially since Alderman Bliss just received his copy. Alderman Bliss seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:

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

Closed Session pursuant to RSMo 610.021 (3) hiring, firing, disciplining, or promoting. And (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; And (13) individually identifiable personnel records, performance ratings or records pertaining to employees or applicants for employment. Alderman Bettinger seconded. Motion passed on the roll call vote as follows:

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

The Board of Aldermen went into closed session at 8:06

The Board of Aldermen returned to open session at 8:26. Mayor Blankenship stated the only vote taken was to come back to open session.

Temporary hire: Seth Forester and Kris Bowling have indicated they would be will to help out by serving in a part time public works supervisor capacity. Nothing full time; they should be able to keep it forty (40) hours or less between the two (2) of them. They are asking twenty dollars (\$20) an hour each. Alderman White made the motion to allow Seth and Kris to fill in until we can find a supervisor; seconded by Alderman Bettinger. Motion passed on the roll call vote as follows:
AYES: 6- Herndon, Freeman, White, Lawrence, Bettinger, Bliss

ALDERMEN COMMENTS

Alderman Freeman: Alderman Freeman felt we needed to be more mindful of overtime hours. We need to make sure overtime was approved and justified. Alderman Freeman mentioned the need for the employees to get together and just hang out to improve comradery. She asked if any aldermen could help her throw a pot luck lunch together for the employees sometime in the near future.

MAYOR COMMENTS

Mayor Blankenship stated the new 2021 building code books were here except for the IMC and IFGC. We will have to wait until we get those before we can start the ninety (90) day review to upgrade building codes. There will be a work session for the Lawrence County Emergency Service Board on October 17 at 8:30 a.m. in Mt. Vernon, if anyone would like to go.

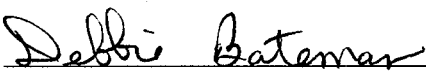
ADJOURNMENT

Alderman White made the motion to adjourn; seconded by Alderman Lawrence. All voted aye. The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.



Dale Blankenship, Mayor

ATTEST:



Debbie Bateman, City Clerk