

MARIONVILLE BOARD OF ALDERMEN REGULAR SESSION MINUTES
Marionville Conference Room, 101 S Central
Thursday, November 19, 2020

Mayor Blankenship called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. On roll call the following Aldermen were present: Murlin Bettinger, Gina Herndon, Doris Rapp and Melissa Freeman. Joanne Lawrence and Kay Leffingwell were 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 Herndon made the motion to approve the order of the agenda as presented. Alderman Freeman seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:

AYES: 4- Herndon, Freeman, Bettinger, Rapp

Approve minutes of October 8, 2020 regular session, October 6 and 22, 2020 special sessions: Alderman Freeman made the motion to approve the minutes of October 8, 2020 regular session, October 6 and 22, 2020 special sessions as presented. Alderman Bettinger seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:

AYES: 4- Bettinger, Rapp, Freeman, Herndon

Approve payment of Bills, Adjustments, Bank Recs and Cash Reports:

Alderman Rapp 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: 4- Bettinger, Rapp, Herndon, Freeman

Citizens Comments/Official Guests & Visitors

(none)

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Mayor Blankenship read the Fire Department Report. They have been busy working on improving the ISO. In doing so, they discovered an urgent need to buy new hose, which he considered an emergency. The Emergency Management Director is tentatively looking at getting a SEMA safe room but that involves grants and budget needs.

Animal Control Officer, Karyn Marsh: During October, the Library took donations for the shelter. She took four (4) dogs and one (1) cat to Joplin.

OLD BUSINESS

605 S Fiske Bids: One bid came in for this property. Philip Mark and Eva Johnson, Seven thousand one dollars and ninety-nine cents (\$7,001.99). Alderman Freeman made the motion to accept the

bid from Mr. and Mrs. Johnson. Alderman Rapp seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:

AYES: 4- Rapp, Bettinger, Freeman, Herndon

Bill 2020-15/Ordinance 15-2020 "AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING NEW REGULATION FOR SPECIAL EVENTS CONDUCTED WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF MARIONVILLE": Bill 2020-15 was read twice by title only. Alderman Freeman stated her intention with this was not to hinder or micromanage events but to increase communication. There were some questions on how to interpret the ordinance, mainly the fees for vendors. Alderman Rapp made the motion to postpone this until December to clarify with the attorney. Alderman Bettinger seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:

AYES: 4- Herndon, Rapp, Bettinger, Freeman

Tractor for Street Department/Treatment Plant: Mayor Blankenship stated our current tractor was manufactured between 1959-1969 and parts are hard to find. It is used for right-of-way maintenance and cleaning up the farm and the wastewater treatment plant. The alternator is causing issues. The board looked at some used tractors found online and Bridget Young from S & H went over some tractors and explained the different attachments. The question is finding out what attachments we need. Alderman Rapp made a motion to postpone this item until December and have Ms. Young do a ride along to see what equipment is needed for the work the Street Department does. Alderman Herndon seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:

AYES: 4- Freeman, Rapp, Bettinger, Herndon

NEW BUSINESS

Sewer Plant Repairs: Mayor Blankenship stated the quote to repair the Variable Frequency Drives is seven thousand, six hundred eighty-five dollars (\$7,685.00). Alderman Freeman made the motion to approve the repairs as quoted. Alderman Bettinger seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:

AYES: 4- Herndon, Bettinger, Rapp, Freeman

Mowing at Cemetery 2021: Discussed whether to put this out for bids or hire a seasonal employee to do it. The city would have to purchase a smaller mower and weed eaters if we hire a seasonal employee. Alderman Freeman made the motion to advertise for mowing bids and assess after that, plus send Mr. Essary notification of taking such bids. Alderman Bettinger seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:

AYES: 4- Bettinger, Freeman, Herndon, Rapp

Bill 2020-16/Ordinance 16-2020; "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CEMETERY BYLAWS": Bill 2020-16 was read twice by title only. This ordinance will require anyone who opens a grave to be responsible to keep it covered until it is closed. Alderman Rapp made the motion to approve Bill

2020-16 as presented. Alderman Bettinger seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:

AYES: 4- Bettinger, Herndon, Rapp, Freeman

Bill 2020-17/Ordinance 17-2020; "AN ORDINANCE CLOSING A PUBLIC STREET (NEFF STREET) WITHIN THE CITY OF MARIONVILLE, MISSOURI": Bill 2020-17 was read twice by title only. This ordinance is closing Neff Street east of Fiske Street. Alderman Rapp made the motion to approve Bill 2020-17 as presented. Alderman Freeman seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:

AYES: 4- Rapp, Freeman, Herndon, Bettinger

Vote to go into closed session pursuant to RSMo 610.021(3)Hiring, Firing, Disciplining or Promoting; RSMo 610.021(13)Individually identifiable personnel records, performance ratings or records pertaining to employees or applicants for employment: Alderman Freeman made the motion to go into closed session pursuant to RSMo 610.021(3)Hiring, Firing, Disciplining or Promoting; RSMo 610.021(13)Individually identifiable personnel records, performance ratings or records pertaining to employees or applicants for employment. Alderman Herndon seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:

AYES: 4- Freeman, Herndon, Bettinger, Rapp

The Board of Aldermen went into closed session at 7:42 p.m. and returned at 7:55 p.m.

Votes in closed session: Mayor Blankenship stated the votes taken in closed session would be announced within seventy-two hours. Within seventy-two hours, employees were notified. In Closed session Alderman Bettinger made the motion to accept Andy Barnett's resignation as Street Department Supervisor and to promote Tyrrel Snider to Supervisor with Andy Barnett as Street Laborer. Alderman Rapp seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:

AYES: 4- Bettinger, Rapp, Freeman, Herndon

Alderman Freeman made the motion to return to open session, seconded by Alderman Bettinger. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:

AYES: 4- Herndon, Freeman, Rapp, Bettinger

Street Department pay rate: Currently the minimum pay for Street Department Supervisor is thirteen dollars and fifty cents (\$13.50) an hour. Alderman Freeman made the motion to raise the minimum pay for Street Department Supervisor to fourteen dollars (\$14.00) an hour starting now. Alderman Bettinger seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:

AYES: 4- Bettinger, Herndon, Rapp, Freeman

ALDERMEN COMMENTS

Doris Rapp: They have been cutting brush and cleaning up the cemetery. One tombstone has been knocked over several times and they are going to address that issue.

Melissa Freeman: Stated she is not sure if the Christmas Parade is still on or not.


MAYOR COMMENTS

(None)

ADJOURNMENT

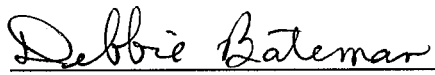
Alderman Freeman made the motion to adjourn; seconded by Alderman Bettinger. All voted aye. The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.





Dale Blankenship, Mayor

ATTEST:



Debbie Bateman, City Clerk

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