

MARIONVILLE BOARD OF ALDERMEN REGULAR SESSION MINUTES

Marionville Conference Room, 101 S Central

Thursday, August 17, 2023

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

Following roll call, Mayor Blankenship led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and Wes Coatney opened the meeting with prayer.

Approve Order of Agenda: Alderman Urschel made the motion to move Food Trucks up to number 14 and approve the rest of the agenda as presented. Alderman Freeman seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:

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

Approve minutes of July 13, 2023: Alderman Freeman made the motion to approve the minutes of July 13, 2023 as presented. Alderman Herndon seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:

AYES: 4-Bliss, White, Herndon, Freeman

ABSTAIN: 1-Urschel (absent)

Approve payment of Bills, Adjustments, Bank Recs and Cash Reports: Alderman Bliss made the motion to approve payment of Bills, Adjustments, Bank Recs and Cash Reports as presented. Alderman White seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:

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

Citizens Comments/Official Guests & Visitors

Dylan and Brooke White stated they were here to speak on the Food Trucks. They had purchased a lot and were hoping to rent spaces for food trucks and farmers markets. However, they have questions about our regulations regarding parking lots for a business. Mayor Blankenship indicated that topic is being discussed later on the agenda.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Kris Bowling (Public Works, ACO, Fire and Sewer): Kris turned in a written report; however, asked the board where we were at with updating the Building Codes. It was noted that summaries of the some of the differences going from the 2012 IBC to the 2021 IBC were handed out in a previous meeting for the board to review. This item can be discussed at the next meeting. Kris also asked about the possibility of selling the lot on Grant Street. Kris asked about having a meeting to discuss the ARPA money again. He does have the cost on replacement of manholes.

Police Chief Coatney: Our police department is fully staffed. The midyear stats indicate we are still seeing a reduction in crime. He continues working on the FLOCK camera system. The police station is being utilized; however, it is not fully connected to both reporting systems yet.

Doris Rapp, Cemetery: Turned in a written report and thanked Public Works for their help in repairing block markers

Rick Woods, Zoning Official: Rick stated he has had several calls about zoning codes and lots in town. One is the owner of the lot next to Grant Street, so we might have interest in someone purchasing. People continue to be interested in building.

Alderman Freeman asked if there could be a meeting with the zoning official, building inspector and code enforcer to go over our vacant property/house ordinance. Now that there is more than one person for these positions, we need to figure out who does what or if any wording needs to be changed. (They will get together on this)

OLD BUSINESS

Setbacks for non-permanent accessory structures: This was continued from last month's meeting. Rick Woods didn't disagree with changing setbacks for non-permanent accessory structure and there are some exceptions; however he indicated there were other regulations to consider, one being the fire rating. Since this falls under zoning, any changes would need to start with Planning and Zoning making a recommendation to the Board of Aldermen.

Bill No. 2023-15/ Ordinance 15-2023 "AN ORDINANCE CREATING AND ESTABLISHING A CITY PARK BOARD FOR THE CITY OF MARIONVILLE": Bill 2023-15 was read twice by title only. This ordinance is creating a park board that will function as an advisory board to the Board of Alderman. Alderman Urschel made the motion to approve Bill No. 2023-15 as presented. Alderman Herndon seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:

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

Appointments to the Park advisory board: Mayor Blankenship stated he has no appointments tonight but would accept volunteers for this board. With the previous ordinance, the park board may have up to three members who live outside the city limits but in the Marionville School District.

NEW BUSINESS

Trash and Recycle proposals: Four proposals were received. The monthly rates were as follows:
Republic Services—with curbside recycling-- \$14.00/month, extra cart \$5.00

Trash only—12.00/month

Doty Trash Service—Trash only—\$14.50/month, extra cart \$14.50

Cards—with curbside recycling--\$15.21/month, extra cart \$5.00

Trash only—\$12.95/month, extra cart \$5.00

WCA—Trash only—\$12.25/month, extra cart \$10.00

The board indicated that after contacting several cities and getting reviews, this was a difficult decision. Marionville has offered curbside recycling the past few years and while researching these companies we have learned that the recycling market has changed. A lot of the recycling collected is contaminated and goes to the dump for that reason. Only about thirty percent gets recycled after sorting. This gets processed and could still end up in the dump if they can't find a buyer. Is recycling worth the extra cost? It was also noted even though we have seen some improvement in the current trash service; we have several citizens who are concerned about the missed trash and broken carts. Communication is also a big part of this decision. Alderman White made the motion to award to Trash proposal to Doty Trash Service. Alderman Freeman seconded. The motion failed on the following roll call vote:

AYES: 1- White

NAYES: 4- Urschel, Herndon, Bliss, Freeman

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Alderman Freeman made the motion to award the Trash proposal to WCA. Alderman Urschel seconded. The motion passed on roll call vote as follows:

AYES: 3- Urschel, Bliss, Freeman

NAYES: 2- Herndon, White

Bill No. 2023-13/ Ordinance No. 13-2023 "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF MARIONVILLE, MISSOURI TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT FOR COLLECTION OF WASTE MATERIALS WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF MARIONVILLE, MISSOURI": Bill No. 2023-13 was read twice by title only. This would be entering into an agreement with WCA. Alderman Freeman made the motion to approve Bill No. 2023-13 entering into an agreement with WCA. Alderman White seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:

AYES: 4- White, Freeman, Urschel, Bliss

NAYES: 1- Herndon

Discuss Food Trucks: (this item was moved up on the agenda) Food Trucks, etc. are becoming more popular. The aldermen reviewed examples from various cities. Since we currently don't have a separate code for this, they fall under our commercial business codes; however they are not brick and mortar stores. One of the issues is dust free surface for parking and water runoff, which requires engineered drawings. It was noted these drawings are extremely expensive. Are the ordinances impeding our growth? Rick Woods stated the board can create exclusions in the codes, but still comply with buffering requirements, etc. There are several things to consider—licensing, inspections, special events, how long will they be there. Mayor Blankenship stated he would work up the contents for an ordinance and have the attorney draft one for Mobile Vendors.

Bill No. 2023-11/ Ordinance No. 11- 2023 "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 405.450- GENERAL PROVISIONS FOR SIGNS FOR THE CITY OF MARIONVILLE, MISSOURI": Bill No. 2023-11 was read twice by title only. This bill is officially accepting a previous recommendation from Planning and Zoning allowing signs to be painted on building walls. The sign fee schedule was amended to reflect this recommendation from a few years ago; however, the wording to allow signs painted on building walls was not amended. Alderman Bliss made the motion to approve Bill No. 2023-11 as presented. Alderman Freeman seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:

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

Bill No. 2023-12/ Ordinance No. 12-2023 "AN ORDINANCE TO RE-ADOPT CHAPTER 117: CONFLICTS OF INTEREST, OF THE CITY CODES FOR THE CITY OF MARIONVILLE, MISSOURI": Bill No. 2023-12 was read twice by title only. Alderman Freeman made the motion to approve Bill No. 2023-12 as presented. Alderman Urschel seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:

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

Bill No. 2023-14/ Ordinance 14-2023 "AN ORDINANCE TO LEVY TAXES FOR 2023": Bill No. 2023-14 was read twice by title only. Bill No. 2023-14 was read twice by title only. The proposed tax levy for 2023 is .5627 per one hundred dollars assessed valuation. Alderman Freeman made the motion to approve Bill No. 2023-14 as presented. Alderman Bliss seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:

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

Discuss the Survey for the businesses in Marionville: Alderman Freeman stated she was ready to begin summarizing the surveys turned in by the citizens. Alderman Freeman had prepared a survey for the businesses in Marionville for the board to review and asked permission to get business owners feedback. The board consented to the survey for businesses.

Internet at the Sewer plant: Kris Bowling indicated the internet doesn't work all the time and felt he could get it cheaper somewhere else. Alderman Freeman made the motion to grant Kris Bowling permission to research internet options for the sewer plant and if he found one cheaper than what we have, go ahead and purchase it. Alderman Urschel seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:

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

Park check signers, reimburse general fund for park expenses paid, temporary work at the park: Alderman Freeman made a motion for the current city signers (Dale Blankenship, Melissa Freeman and Gina Herndon) to be the signers for the park bank accounts and to remove all other signers. Alderman Bliss seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:

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

Alderman Bliss made the motion to reimburse general fund from the park account for park expenses that were paid from the city checking account. Alderman Herndon seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:

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

Currently Public Works has been mowing the park when volunteers have not been able too. It was mentioned the school had previously expressed interest in maintaining the ballfields. Public Works has been spending an average of five hours a week at the park. Alderman Freeman made the motion to have Public Works maintain the park until the Park Board can get established and for the Park to reimburse the City for twenty-five (25) hours a month for maintenance and mowing until something else is recommended. The hourly rate would be based on Kris Bowling's hourly rate. Alderman Herndon seconded. The motion passed on roll call vote as follows:

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

Accounting Policy and Procedures Resolution 09-2023R Adopting an Accounting Policy & Procedures Manual: Alderman Freeman made the motion to approve Resolution 09-2023R and the Accounting Policy and Procedures as presented. Alderman Herndon seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:

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

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 (1) Legal matters:

Mayor Blankenship was not ready for a closed session at this time.

ALDERMEN COMMENTS

Kathy Urschel: Thanked the Street, Fire and Police Departments for their services during and after the wind storm.

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Kevin Bliss: We need to look at some of our ordinances regarding businesses in order to become more business friendly.

Melissa Freeman: We had several surveys turned in by citizens. If anyone would like to help her assess the results, just let her know.

MAYOR COMMENTS

Mayor Blankenship reminded everyone the MML conference was September 10-13 and City Hall would be closed those days. Applefest will be held September 15-16, and the board's regular meeting on September 14 was moved to September 21.

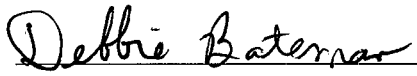
ADJOURNMENT

Alderman White made the motion to adjourn; seconded by Alderman Freeman. All voted aye. The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.



Dale Blankenship, Mayor

ATTEST:


Debbie Bateman, City Clerk