

MARIONVILLE BOARD OF ALDERMEN REGULAR SESSION MINUTES

Marionville Conference Room, 101 S Central

Thursday, December 14, 2023

Mayor Blankenship 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, and Gina Herndon. Melissa Freeman was absent.

Following roll call, Mayor Blankenship led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and City Clerk; Debbie Bateman opened the meeting with prayer.

Approve Order of Agenda: Alderman Lawrence made the motion to approve the order of the agenda as presented. Alderman Bliss seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:

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

Approve minutes of November 9, 2023 Public Hearing and Regular Session: Alderman White made the motion to approve the minutes of November 9, 2023 Public Hearing and Regular Session as presented. Alderman Herndon seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:

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

Approve payment of Bills, Adjustments, Bank Recs and Cash Reports: Alderman Herndon 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: White, Herndon, Bliss, Lawrence, Urschel

Citizens Comments/Official Guests & Visitors

None

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Police Chief Coatney: Submitted a written report. They have been approved for a grant to purchase a body cam system.

Kris Bowling: Submitted a written report for Fire, Streets, ACO and Sewer. Indicated he has applied for a grant for extrication equipment (less than \$5,000).

Doris Rapp, Cemetery: Thanked Mayor Blankenship for looking at the wiring in the cemetery building to get the electricity on. They are still repairing damaged stones.

OLD BUSINESS

Eddie McLiney, with McLiney and Company: Mr. McLiney was here last month regarding a possible lease purchase for adding on to the fire station. The deadline for that particular 50/50 grant has been extended to January 5. He gave the board a handout and went over some financial information. Mayor Blankenship indicated a decision wasn't needed until we actually get the grant.

Cemetery headstone cleaning and IOOF building: The building is wired for electricity but it is not hooked up. The epoxy to repair the stones has to be kept at a minimum of 40 degrees. Mayor Blankenship said he has a breaker ordered to get it up to code.

Bill No. 2023-23/ Ordinance No. 23-2023 AN ORDINANCE DECLARING THE RESULTS OF THE PUBLIC ELECTION HELD IN MARIONVILLE, MISSOURI, ON 7 NOVEMBER 2023; AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO IMPOSE A THREE PERCENT (3%) SALES TAX ON ALL TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY RETAIL SALES OF ADULT USE, NON-MEDICAL MARIJUANA SOLD WITHIN THE CITY OF MARIONVILLE: Bill NO. 2023-23 was read twice by title only. Alderman Urschel made the motion to approve Bill No. 2023-24 as presented. Alderman Lawrence seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:
AYES: 5- Lawrence, White, Herndon, Bliss, Urschel

Bill No. 2023-24/ Ordinance 24-2023 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 530 "RENTAL PROPERTY" FOR THE CITY OF MARIONVILLE: Bill No. 2023-24 was read twice by title only. This ordinance is adding short term rentals to the occupancy inspections. Alderman Bliss made the motion to approve Bill No. 2023-24 as presented. Alderman White seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:
AYES: 5- Urschel, Bliss, Herndon, White, Lawrence

Pay increases for 2024: Mayor Blankenship stated the 2024 budget draft included a three percent increase for all hourly employees on the pay scale and this would be a base cost of living adjustment. Mayor Blankenship recommended the three percent and noted it could be adjusted later if needed. Alderman Lawrence made the motion to give the hourly employees listed on the pay scale a three percent increase to begin with pay period ending January 12, 2024. Alderman Urschel seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:
AYES: 5- White, Lawrence, Herndon, Urschel, Bliss

Bill No. 2023-25 Ordinance No. 25-2023 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE PROPOSED PAY SCALE & COMPENSATION OF WAGES FOR CITY EMPLOYEES: Bill No. 2023-25 was read twice by title only. This is a scale showing the minimum and maximum pay. Alderman Urschel made the motion to approve Bill No. 2023-25 as presented. Alderman Lawrence seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:
AYES: 5- Herndon, Bliss, Lawrence, White, Urschel

Resolution 11-2023R A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF MARIONVILLE, MISSOURI ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2024: Alderman Bliss made the motion to approve Resolution 11-2023R as presented. Alderman White seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:
AYES: 5- Urschel, White, Bliss, Lawrence, Herndon

NEW BUSINESS

New Vendors pay early list: Alderman Urschel made the motion to approve the new Vendors to pay early list as presented. Alderman White seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:
AYES: 5- Lawrence, Bliss, Herndon, Urschel, White

Cemetery CD: The Cemetery CD matures on January 4, 2024. Mayor Blankenship asked the board to allow him to transfer to the bank that has the best rate at the time of maturity, since the rates can change. Alderman White made the motion to allow Mayor Blankenship to transfer the CD to the bank with the best rate at the time the CD matures. Seconded by Alderman Bliss. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:
AYES: 5- Bliss, White, Urschel, Herndon, Lawrence

Park Advisory Board appointment –Valerie Hopkins: Mayor Blankenship appointed Valerie Hopkins to the Park Advisory Board. Alderman White made the motion to approve the appointment and Alderman Urschel seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:
AYES: 5- White, Lawrence, Herndon, Urschel, Bliss

Park Advisory Board recommendations: Kris Bowling stated they would like to change the trash cans. Now the trash is put in small poly carts with no bags then dumped in the bigger dumpster. All trash is loose. The Park Board is recommending purchasing ten 55 gallon cans with dome tops which will have trash bags in them. The cost would be less than fifteen hundred dollars (\$1500). Alderman Lawrence made the motion to approve the recommendation as presented. Alderman Herndon seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:
AYES: 5- Urschel, Bliss, White, Herndon, Lawrence

Vote to go into closed session pursuant to RSMo (3) Personnel. Hiring, firing, disciplining or promoting of particular employees. (13) Personnel. Individual identifiable personnel records pertaining to employees or applicants for employment, (1) Litigation: Alderman Lawrence made the motion to go into closed session per RSMo (3) Personnel. Hiring, firing, disciplining or promoting of particular employees. (13) Personnel. Individual identifiable personnel records pertaining to employees or applicants for employment, and (1) Litigation. Alderman White seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:
AYES: 5- Herndon, Lawrence, Bliss, Urschel, White

The Board went into closed session at 7:08 p.m.
The Board returned to open session at 7:15 p.m.

The only vote taken in closed session was to return to open session.

ALDERMEN COMMENTS

Kathy Urschel: Inquired about speed limit signs around the school. It was noted there is a speed limit/school zone sign on both sides of the roads that fall in the school zone. Alderman Urschel asked if the city could purchase Christmas decorations for next year and possibly add to it every year.

MAYOR COMMENTS

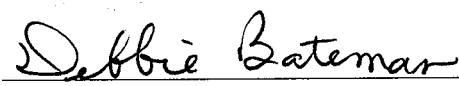
Mayor Blankenship informed everyone that GFL/WCA will start delivering their trash cans next week and that trash day will be switching to Monday's starting January. Everyone is to leave Republic Service cars at the curb after their last pick up on December 28. City offices will be closed December 22 – December 25 for Christmas. Candidate filing is open until 5:00 p.m., December 26. The food bank could use items like canned vegetables, canned pasta dinners, breakfast items, etc.

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman White made the motion to adjourn; seconded by Alderman Bliss. All voted aye. The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.


Dale Blankenship, Mayor

ATTEST:


Debbie Bateman, City Clerk

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