

MARIONVILLE BOARD OF ALDERMEN REGULAR SESSION MINUTES

Marionville Conference Room 101 S Central

Thursday, September 21, 2023

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

Following roll call, Mayor Blankenship led us in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and Doris Rapp opened the meeting with prayer.

Approve the order of Agenda: Alderman Freeman made the motion to approve the order of the agenda as presented and Alderman White seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:
AYES: White, Freeman, Herndon, Urschel, Lawrence

Approve the minutes from August 10, 2023 Public hearing: Motion to approve, Alderman Lawrence; second, Alderman Herndon. Ayes: Urschel, Hendon, Lawrence, Freeman, and White

Approve minutes of August 17, 2023: Alderman Herndon made the motion to approve, Alderman Freeman seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows: AYES- Freeman, Lawrence, White, Herndon, and Urschel.

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 Freeman seconded. Motion passed on a roll call vote as follows:
AYES- Freeman, Lawrence, White, Herndon, and Urschel.

Citizen Comments/ Official Guests and Visitors: None present

Department Reports: Doris Rapp gave a Cemetery report. She shared that the contract for mowing by the Green Group was completed. She has attended a meeting of other Cemetery Sextons and Volunteers in Mount Vernon in regards to repairing and maintaining headstones. She had visuals showing repairs. Alderman Urschel and other volunteers may assist on the project. Also there are still limbs to pick up in the Cemetery but she has spoken to the School and the FFA may come help with clean up. There is a company called Christian Service, The owner is Christian Monroe. She will confirm, but believes they will mow for \$250.00 per mowing or \$1600 per month.

Officer Borich, from the Aurora / Marionville PD gave an update on an animal control situation stating a citation had been given and the matter would now be resolved in the court.

Mayor Blankenship updated the Board of Aldermen for the Street Department. He stated there was a lot of limb removal that had happened and that they were working on sewer repair on Benton Street.

Trojan is working on the UV light repair, but it is still not up and running. The flow meter had to be sent back and we are waiting for a control board. The Fire Department met with Liberty Utilities about upgrades and flow rates in key areas. Some of our Hydrants are not performing.

OLD BUSINESS

Setbacks for non- permanent structures. This was postponed again to next month as the Planning and Zoning have it on their agenda.

Appointments to the Park Advisory Board: The Mayor named Kristi Zemas, Richard Sims, Kris Bowling and Seth Forester to be added to the Park Advisory board. Alderman White made a motion to accept Mayor Blankenship's nominees to the Park Advisory Board; Aldermen Urschel seconded. Motion passed with a roll call vote as follows: AYES- Lawrence, Freeman, Urschel, White, and Herndon.

Court Check Signers: The Mayor brought the discussion that it would be easiest to keep the signers the same as for the City. Alderman White made the motion to keep the signers the same as the signers for the City, Signers should be Dale Blankenship, Melissa Freeman, and Gina Herndon Alderman Freeman second. Motion passed on a roll call vote as follows: AYES- Urschel, Herndon, White, and Lawrence.

Discussion of Updating Building Codes: Mayor Blankenship opened the discussion and updated the Board on some of the differences that would be found such as building materials, etc. Alderman Freeman had cost analysis reports and findings to share. Zoning Official, Rick Woods also weighed in on his thoughts on safety and compliance. Rick Woods will continue his work in updating our codes for Board Approval. No vote was taken.

NEW BUSINESS

BILL NO. 2023-16 ORDINANCE NO. 16-2023 "AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A MUNICIPLE CODE AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 605, BUSINESS REGULATIONS, ARTICLE 1 SECTION 605.010, OF THE MUNICIPLE CODE OF THE CITY OF MARIONVILLE PERTAINING TO HOME BASED BUSINESSES". Bill No. 2023-16 was read twice by title only. This Ordinance will bring our regulations to meet state statute. Alderman White made the motion to adopt, Alderman Lawrence second. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows: AYES-Freeman, Herndon, Urschel, Lawrence, and White

SEAL AND STRIPE BIDS: Discussion centered around the comparison on Bid quality and Clarity as the Mayor and Aldermen talked through the bids from Springfield Striping and Sealing and Superior Asphalt. There was some discussion of 1 or 2 coats and the price. Alderman Freeman looked up reviews on both companies. Alderman Freeman made the motion to seal and stripe 3 City properties, City Hall, the Fire station and Police Station using Springfield Striping and Sealing for \$13,126.70, Alderman Lawrence seconded. Motion passed by a roll call vote as follows: AYES- Herndon, Lawrence, White, Freeman, and Urschel

BILL NO. 2023-17 ORDINANCE NO. 17-2023 "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 510.050 – PERMITS FOR THE CITY OF MARIONVILLE MISSOURI". Bill No. 2023-17 was read twice by title only. This will make the Ordinance match the previously approved fee schedule. Alderman Lawrence made the motion to adopt Ordinance No. – 2023-17; Alderman White seconded. Motion passed by roll call vote as follows, AYES – Herndon, Lawrence, White, Freeman, Urschel.

P & Z Appointments: Mayor Blankenship stated that he had no one to appoint to the P&Z Board at this time, however, Aldermen Freeman told him about someone she felt like would be a good fit for this board. The matter was discussed and there was a plan to reach out to the potential nominee and will be addressed at the next meeting. No votes were taken.

CLOSED SESSION: The closed session was not utilized and no votes were taken.

Alderman Comments: Alderman Lawrence commented on the glorious turn out for Applefest. What a good one.

Alderman Urschel agreed on the fact that this was a great Applefest. Wanted to know what was happening with Nuisance properties in town. If we had any plans with the judge on how to handle the situations. Mayor Blankenship told her we have to write citations at this point.

Alderman White had a written statement on the state of the vacant and blighted properties in town. She stated that there needs to be a balance of freedom and regulation. This is achieved through communication and responsible ownership. She praised the effort of Alderman Urschel and Barbara Neely on having the Marionville Pride house of the month to bolster pride.

Alderman Herndon had a person at Applefest tell her about the Historical Society in Mount Vernon, and that there is very little about Marionville there on record.

Alderman Freeman spoke about the surveys that went out to the residents' and Businesses. She feels like the respondents have a good pulse on what is happening in town. The next step would be to break down the information and apply it to the flier for the use tax. She would also like to reach a younger generation. Possibly publish the survey. She also commented on a great job covering Public Works this week by Staci Daniels.

Mayor Comments: Nothing else to cover this week we haven't had in discussion.

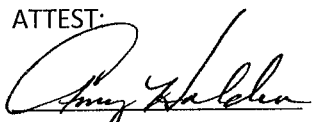
Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn made by Alderman White, second Alderman Lawrence. All voted aye. The meeting ended at 8:20 pm.



Dale Blankenship, Mayor

ATTEST:



Amy Holder, Deputy Clerk