

MARIONVILLE BOARD OF ALDERMEN REGULAR SESSION MINUTES

Marionville Conference Room, 101 S Central

Thursday, November 9, 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, 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 Debbie Bateman opened the meeting with prayer.

Approve Order of Agenda: Kris Bowling asked if agenda items nineteen thru twenty-two (19-22) could be moved closer to the beginning of new business. Alderman Freeman made the motion to move agenda items nineteen thru twenty-two (19-22) after agenda item eleven (11) and approve the rest of the agenda as presented. Alderman Lawrence seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:

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

Approve minutes October 12, 2023 regular meeting and October 24, 2023 Special meeting:

Alderman White made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Alderman Bliss seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:

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

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: 6- Urschel, Herndon, White, Freeman, Bliss, Lawrence

Citizens Comments/Official Guests & Visitors

None

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Police Chief Coatney: After attending meetings addressing the mental health crisis in Barry/Lawrence Counties, he will be attempting to increase our participation in bringing our community together to help resolve these issues. Chief Coatney stated during the month of October, Marionville had one hundred seventeen (117) calls for service.

Kris Bowling (Sewer, Public Works, Fire, ACO): A written report was turned in, which included: Sewer- adding high water alarms and lighting to the lift stations, no issues with reporting, had 56 loads of sludge and a new gear box is ordered for the bar screen. Public Works- culvert repairs, mowing and brush hauling, winterizing park water lines and annual services for equipment and vehicles. Fire- seventy-two (72) call for service, annual hose testing, annual services for equipment and vehicles and he just received his Fire Officer 1 certificate. ACO- seven (7) dogs were in and of the pound during September and October.

Doris Rapp Cemetery: Doris and Bud have been busy cleaning and digging up damaged headstones. She has contacted someone who can do the larger ones for about three hundred fifty dollars (\$350.00) per stone. People have volunteered to help with this and they are trying to get donations for the restoration.

OLD BUSINESS

Bill 2023-20/ Ordinance 20-2023 An Ordinance amending Chapter 205" ANIMAL REGULATIONS" for the City of Marionville: Bill No. 2023-20 was read twice by title only. Changes were discussed at the previous meeting regarding cats and redemption fees. Alderman Lawrence made the motion to approve Bill 2023-20 as presented; seconded by Alderman Urschel. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:

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

NAYES: 1- Bliss

Bill No. 2023-22/ Ordinance 22-2023 An Ordinance amending Section 405.140 and Section 405.150 of Article IV, Chapter 405, Zoning regulations of the Marionville Ordinances: Bill No. 2023-22 was read twice by title only. Planning and Zoning recommended setbacks for portable accessory structures be amended to five (5) feet. Alderman Freeman made the motion to approve Bill No. 2023-22 as presented; seconded by Alderman Bliss. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:

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

NEW BUSINESS

BILL NO. 2023-19/ORDINANCE No.19-2023 An Ordinance of the City of Marionville, Missouri approving the request for Zoning Change of property from R-1 to R-2 (single family) to (two family): The Public Hearing regarding this zoning request to change the zoning from R-1 to R-2 for the property at 515 and 517 S. Euclid Street was held tonight before the meeting. Alderman White made the motion to approve Bill No. 2023-19 as presented; seconded by Alderman Bliss. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:

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

Department of Public Safety ARPA grant- Fire Department: Fire Chief Kris Bowling stated that last year he was asked to look into the cost of adding on to the fire station. It would be a forty by sixty (40 x 60) metal addition adding two (2) bays. Last week the ARPA grant opened up again for a fifty/fifty (50/50) match on capital improvements. However, the application is due December 1 and requires a budget with it. The architect indicated he could get a budget and the cost would be around five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000.00). Ed McKliney with McKliney and Company presented the board some information on the process. It would be a lease purchase agreement for approximately twenty (20) years. In order to give us advice, they would need to sign an underwriting/placement agent agreement, and then he could look at our financials and see where we stood. If we did receive the grant and felt like it was too much, we could turn it down at that time.

Alderman Urschel made the motion to sign the agreement with McLiney and Company as the underwriter for the lease purchase and financial consulting for the possible grant from Department of Public Safety. Alderman Lawrence seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:

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

Fire Officer Pay: Fire Chief Kris Bowling indicated the officers (fire chief, assistant chief and captain) met and agreed instead of getting officer pay they would like to put that money towards the above

mentioned add-on to the fire station. This is approximately eighty four hundred dollars (\$8400.00) a year. After discussion, the aldermen agreed to postpone this until the December meeting to have time to think about it.

Extrication unit for Fire Dept.: This is one tool instead of multiple tools to save time and less maintenance. Currently our oldest set is from 2016 and the other one is refurbished. After looking at the bids, Alderman Freeman made the motion to purchase the extrication unit from Fire Master for \$14,222.00. Alderman Lawrence seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:
AYES: 6- Herndon, White, Bliss, Urschel, Lawrence, Freeman

Pickup for Fire and Sewer: In the budget meeting it was discussed replacing the fire rescue vehicle and also purchasing a pickup for the sewer department. The suggestion was to use ARPA funds for the rescue. Kris Bowling stated while getting quotes, it was noted we could save about seventy-five hundred dollars (\$7500.00) if we purchased a 2023 F-150 now vs a 2024 F-150 next year. They discussed using the Nissan van however, it would only carry two (2) people and it would be hard to access the equipment. It was noted if we sold the van; the dog box could be used on the pickup for dog calls. After looking thru the quotes, Alderman Freeman made the motion to go ahead and trade in the Nissan Van and purchase the gray 2023 F-150(41-S702 Q/T 2) for the sewer department from Hamilton Ford for forty-six thousand, seven hundred eighty dollars (\$46,780.00). Alderman Bliss seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:
AYES: 6- Lawrence, Bliss, White, Freeman, Herndon, Urschel

City Attorney/Prosecutor: Our attorney, Ken Reynolds, is retiring as of December 15, 2023. Mayor Blankenship stated after a couple of interviews and much consideration, he would like to appoint Holly Dodge of Lauber Municipal Law as our City Attorney/Prosecutor after Mr. Reynolds retirement. Alderman Freeman made the motion to approve the mayor's appointment. Alderman Lawrence seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:
AYES: 6- Lawrence, Freeman, White, Bliss, Urschel, Herndon

Resolution 10-2023R- A Resolution of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Marionville, Missouri setting rates for solid waste Disposal: Trash service with GFL will begin in January. According to their bid, our current customer rate won't need to change at this time, however, their cost for an extra poly cart is ten dollars (\$10.00) and we are currently charging five dollars (\$5.00). Alderman Freeman made the motion for the service charge to stay at the current rate of thirteen dollars and fifty cents (\$13.50) a month per occupied dwelling and ten dollars (\$10.00) a month per extra poly cart starting with the January 2024 service. Alderman Bliss seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:
AYES: Bliss, Herndon, Freeman, White, Lawrence, Urschel

Bill 2023-21/ Ordinance 21-2023 An Ordinance establishing the installation and use of backwater valves on all connections to the City's sewer system, , And amending existing Ordinance OR2008-02 of the City of Marionville: Bill 2023-21 was read twice by title only. This is adding a particular style of backwater valve. Any brand of this style can be used. Alderman White made the motion to approve Bill 2023-21as presented. Alderman Urschel seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:
AYES: 6- Urschel, Herndon, White, Bliss, Freeman, Lawrence

11/09/23

Accept the resignation of Joey Holder from the Board of Adjustments: Alderman Freeman made the motion to accept the Joey Holder's resignation. Alderman White seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:

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

Authorize General Code to update City Codes with new Ordinances: Alderman White made the motion to authorize General Code to proceed with updating our City Codes. Alderman Urschel seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:

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

Park Board recommendations: At a previous meeting it was brought up to purchase a 2023 4-wheeler that was on sale at Marionville Power Sports. The aldermen requested the park see what the trade-in value would be on the side-by-side before purchasing a new 4-wheeler. They offered two thousand dollars (\$2000.00) for the side-by-side; however, it was noted that the 4-wheeler was sold and no longer available. After reviewing the park board's minutes, Alderman Freeman made the motion to approve the Park Advisory Board's minutes. Alderman Lawrence seconded.

Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:

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

Park Advisory Board appointments: Mayor Blankenship appointed Travis Bowling to the Park Advisory Board. Alderman Freeman made the motion to approve the mayor's appointment. Alderman Herndon seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:

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

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 and (1) Litigation: Alderman White made the motion to go into 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 and (1) Litigation. Alderman Bliss seconded.

Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:

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

The board went into closed session at 8:22 p.m. The board returned to open session at 8:45 p.m. The only votes taken in closed session was to return to open.

ALDERMEN COMMENTS

Alderman Lawrence: Asked if a sign of some type could be put up at College Street and Faulkner to slow traffic down? It's a bad angle there and kids are playing all the time.

Melissa Freeman: Recently learned that ARPA funds, which we declared as revenue loss, can pay for everyday operations and then we can set aside general funds for city projects that's not time bound. If it's possible, we might use it on insurance expenses since that is a huge expense. This is something to consider as we try to decide on the best projects for the ARPA fund.

MAYOR COMMENTS

Mayor Blankenship stated there will be a ribbon cutting at Central Place on December 5 at 4:00 p.m. On December 11 and 12, Chief Coatney will be conducting a class on Discrimination Harassment Retaliation and Unprofessional Conduct if any Marionville employee or Alderman would like to attend. Candidate filing opens December 5 and closes December 26. Those whose terms are expiring are Gina Herndon-Ward I, Donna White-Ward II, Joanne Lawrence-Ward III and the Mayor's position. Marionville's Christmas Parade will be December 9 at 5:00 p.m. with activities afterward.

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Bliss made the motion to adjourn; seconded by Alderman Lawrence. All voted aye. The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Dale Blankenship, Mayor

ATTEST:

Debbie Bateman, City Clerk