

MARIONVILLE BOARD OF ALDERMEN REGULAR SESSION MINUTES

Marionville Conference Room, 101 S Central

Thursday, October 14, 2021

Mayor Blankenship called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. On roll call the following Aldermen were present: Joanne Lawrence, Murlin Bettinger, Doris Rapp, 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 Doris Rapp opened the meeting with prayer.

**Approve Order of Agenda:** Alderman Freeman made the motion to approve the order of the agenda as presented. Alderman Rapp seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:  
AYES: 5- Bettinger, Freeman, Herndon, Rapp, Lawrence

**Approve minutes September 9, 2021 regular session:** Alderman Bettinger made the motion to approve the minutes of the September 9, 2021 meeting as presented. Alderman Lawrence seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:  
AYES: 5- Rapp, Herndon, Freeman, Bettinger, Lawrence

**Approve payment of Bills, Adjustments, Bank Recs and Cash Reports:** Alderman Freeman made the motion to approve THE payment of Bills, Adjustments, Bank Recs and Cash Reports as presented. Alderman Herndon seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:  
AYES: 5- Freeman, Rapp, Bettinger, Lawrence, Herndon

**Citizens Comments/Official Guests & Visitors**  
(none)

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

*Fire Department:* Chief Bowling stated we have a new firefighter and the fire department will be at the school tomorrow for Fire Prevention Week.

*Police Department:* Chief Coatney gave an update on hiring personnel and he is continuing working on radars and cameras.

Aldermen reviewed reports they received from Public Works and ACO.

**OLD BUSINESS**

*Alderman Ward II Appointment:* Mayor Blankenship appointed Donna White to fulfill the opening for Ward II. Alderman Rapp made the motion to accept the mayor's appointment. Alderman Herndon seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:  
AYES: 5- Herndon, Freeman, Bettinger, Lawrence, Rapp

Donna White took the oath of office from City Clerk, Debbie Bateman.

*Cemetery Endowment Fund:* A representative from Edward Jones was to be at the meeting; however, they discovered the state of Missouri only allows banking institutions to work with public funds. We will be looking into local banks.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

*Discuss Logan Park:* Larry Ludwig was concerned that nothing has been done since 2018 and Mrs. Ludwig's wishes were for that land to be used as a children's park. The board indicated things have been done; however, it takes time and funding Trees have been removed and the butterfly garden is still part of the plan after the water line is dug.

*New Police Vehicle:* Mayor Blankenship noted a new police vehicle was going to be in next year's budget, however, the state is recommending vehicles be ordered now, to possibly get one by the end of 2022 due to computer chip issues. Chief Coatney contacted the states purchasing department and received a state bid on a 2022 Ford Explorer and a 2022 Ford F150. Delivery and other options would be extra. He indicated Aurora received a bid from Jimmy Mitchel Motors matching the state bid and they would do the same for Marionville. Alderman Freeman made the motion to allow Chief Coatney to order an F150, 4 wheel drive, for the Marionville Police Department. Alderman White seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:

AYES: 6- White, Herndon, Lawrence, Bettinger, Rapp, Freeman

*New Vendor List to Pay Early:* This is vendors who can be paid before the regular meeting for services rendered. Most are local vendors. Alderman Rapp made the motion to approve the list as presented plus add S & A Plumbing to it. Alderman Herndon seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:

AYES: 6- Freeman, White, Rapp, Herndon, Lawrence, Bettinger

*Discuss Possible Use Tax:* This is not a separate tax. If passed, the city tax that our local retailers pay would be imposed on out-of-state retailers (on-line purchases) also. We rely heavily on sales tax revenue. Alderman Lawrence made the motion to proceed with the process to add this to the April Ballot. Alderman Herndon seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:

AYES: 6- Bettinger, Freeman, White, Herndon, Rapp, Lawrence

*Vote to go into closed session pursuant to RSMo 610.021(1)Legal actions, causes of action or litigation; RSMo 610.021(3)Hiring, Firing, Disciplining or Promoting; and RSMo 610.021(13)Individually identifiable personnel records, performance ratings or records pertaining to employees or applicants for employment:* Alderman Bettinger made the motion to go into closed session pursuant to RSMo 610.021(1)Legal actions, causes of action or litigation; RSMo 610.021(3)Hiring, Firing, Disciplining or Promoting; and RSMo 610.021(13)Individually identifiable personnel records, performance ratings or records pertaining to employees or applicants for employment. Alderman Rapp seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:

AYES: 6- Rapp, Lawrence, Freeman, Bettinger, Herndon, White

Aldermen went into closed session at 7:55 p.m.

Aldermen returned to open session at 8:30 p.m. No votes were taken in closed session.

## **ALDERMEN COMMENTS**

*Doris Rapp:* She showed the board what the directional signs in the cemetery are going to look like. She thanked the city crew for helping with the trees at the cemetery.

*Melissa Freeman:* Recommended an internal review by the department heads regarding the Special Event Permits after the event. The reports would be used to see what needed to be done for the next one.

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**MAYOR COMMENTS**

Mayor Blankenship announced City Wide Cleanup will be Wednesday, November 3, 2021 (curbside). The November meeting was moved to November 18. The board set a budget meeting for November 4, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Alderman Freeman made the motion to adjourn; seconded by Alderman Rapp. All voted aye. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

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Dale Blankenship, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Debbie Bateman, City Clerk