

## **Regular Board Meeting Minutes – July 13, 2023 – 6:00 p.m.**

Present: Aldermen – Patrick Parker, Troy Renner, Dennis Williams and Myrna Carothers, City Attorney Jim McConnell, City Administrator Dennie Carothers, Fire Chief Chris Wilson, Superintendent David Burnett and City Clerk Cindy Bowman

Absent: Mayor Dorothy Lanpher

Guests: Tammy Wilson, Nora Fejza, Austin Rice and Drae Schoo

Mayor Pro-tem Williams called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm.

The meeting opened with the pledge of allegiance.

Alderman Williams moved, with a second by Alderman Parker, to amend the agenda by moving the Superintendent Report up to item #10. On voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Alderman Renner moved, with a second by Alderman Parker, to approve the amended agenda. On voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Alderman Renner moved, with a second by Alderwoman Carothers, to approve the minutes of the June 8, 2023 regular session, and the June 20 and 29, 2023 special sessions. On voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

The treasurer's report was given as follows:

Balance Brought Forward:	\$1,182,707.49
Deposits:	\$543,113.55
Checks:	\$216,474.35
Ending Balance:	\$1,509,346.69

Alderman Parker moved, with a second by Alderman Renner, to accept the treasurer's reports. On voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Alderman Renner moved, with a second by Alderman Parker, to approve the payment of the city bills. On voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

City Attorney McConnell had provided copies of the lease between the City and Drae Schoo for the lot at 210 North Broad Street for the term of one year. Alderman Parker moved, with a second by Alderwoman Carothers, to approve the lease and authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the documents. On voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Nora Fejza and Austin Rice were present to discuss the bill left for the property at 613 E Willow by Aimee Taylor. Ms. Fejza stated that her parents own the property

and Ms. Taylor did not have authorization to turn on utilities at the property. They are in the process of evicting Ms. Taylor and do not feel that they should be responsible for the bill left by Ms. Taylor. The ordinances regarding utility bills were explained to Ms. Fejza and she was advised that a payment plan could be set up for the remainder of the bill after all deposits were applied.

The Superintendent report was reviewed. Superintendent Burnett stated that he had estimated the cost for the railing across the loading zone area would be about \$600 to \$700. After much discussion regarding the configuration of the railing, it was decided to proceed with it as planned.

Superintendent Burnett stated that the chainsaw needed to be replaced. Shelby County Implement has a Stihl for \$387. Alderwoman Carothers moved, with a second by Alderman Parker, to approve the purchase from Shelby County Implement. On voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

City Administrator Carothers stated that he had spoken with a representative from the company for the Schonstedt locator. That model is obsolete and cannot be repaired. A replacement with an updated version would cost \$3,150 and come with a three-year warranty. Alderman Parker moved, with a second by Alderman Renner to purchase the locator. On voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Alderman Renner moved, with a second by Alderwoman Carothers, to accept the Superintendent report. On voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

The Fire Chief report was reviewed. Alderman Parker moved, with a second by Alderwoman Carothers, to approve the Fire Chief report. On voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Police Chief Barton presented a quote from The Gun Grove for two Sig Sauer P320 M17 9MM pistols with reflex sight, duty holsters and double mag pouches for a total of \$2,250. The guns would be the property of the City and returned to the City upon an officer leaving employment. Alderman Renner moved, with a second by Alderwoman Carothers, to purchase the guns from Gun Grove. On voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Alderman Parker moved, with a second by Alderman Renner to accept the Police Chief Report. On voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

The City Clerk Report was reviewed. Alderman Parker moved, with a second by Alderman Renner, to accept the City Clerk Report. On voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

City Administrator Carothers stated that he has spoken with Shannon Howe and a date of August 15<sup>th</sup> at 3 pm had been set for a bid opening for the street project.

Alderman Parker moved, with a second by Alderman Renner, to accept the City Administrator report. On voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Under Miscellaneous, Administrator Carothers stated that the water usage at the ballpark was over 33,000 gallons this past month. Years ago, a policy had been enacted that the City would pay for the first five thousand gallons and the Baseball Association will be billed for the remainder. After much discussion, Alderwoman Carothers moved, with a second by Alderman Renner, to send a letter to the Association stating that the City would forgive one half of the overage and that payment could be made in installments. On voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

The scheduling of lifeguards at the pool was reviewed. The board felt that having three lifeguards on duty at the same time was unnecessary.

Attorney McConnell updated the Board on some of the changes being made with the Show Me Courts system. The latest rule changes have increased the workload on the prosecutor's office and for the court clerk.

Alderwoman Carothers moved, with a second by Alderman Parker, to adjourn the meeting. On voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:01 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Bowman  
City Clerk

*Approved 8/17/2023*