

Regular Board Meeting Minutes – November 16, 2023 – 6:00 p.m.

Present: Aldermen – Troy Renner, Dennis Williams, Myrna Carothers and Patrick Parker (arrived at 6:14 pm), City Attorney Jim McConnell, City Administrator Dennie Carothers, Police Chief Raymon Barton, Fire Chief Chris Wilson, City Superintendent David Burnett, Court Administrator Tamera Wilson and City Clerk Cindy Bowman

Absent: Mayor Dorothy Lanpher

Guests: Darrell Wilson, Larry Gibson, Bill Beldon and Mark Lake

Mayor Pro-tem Williams called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm.

The meeting opened with the pledge of allegiance.

Darrell Wilson addressed the board with his concerns regarding the effects of the declining population.

Alderman Renner moved, with a second by Alderwoman Carothers, to amend the agenda by adding Municipal Court Report to the agenda following #11 Fire Chief Report. On voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Alderman Parker arrived at the meeting.

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

Alderwoman Carothers moved, with a second by Alderman Renner, to approve the minutes of the October 12, 2023 regular session. On voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

The treasurer's report was given as follows:

Balance Brought Forward:	\$1,427,162.74
Deposits:	\$99,308.41
Checks:	\$126,960.99
Ending Balance:	\$1,399,510.16

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

Alderman Parker moved, with a second by Alderwoman Carothers, to approve the payment of the city bills. On voice vote, the motion carried unanimously. Discussion was held regarding the price quote for the annual Safety Dinner from the Clarence Baseball Association. The quote was \$45.00 per plate which

included prime rib. It was decided to ask if chicken or loin was substituted for prime rib what the price would be. A max price of \$25.00 per plate was set. City Clerk Bowman will check with Spencer.

The Clarence Christian Church had requested permission to place a sign advertising the church on Old Highway 36 at the eastbound ramps from Highway 36. Alderwoman Carothers moved, with a second by Alderman Renner, to grant permission for the sign. On voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Alderman Parker moved, with a second by Alderman Renner, to keep the safety award for employees at \$100.00. On voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

The quotes from Anthem and MIRMA for employee health insurance were reviewed. Larry Gibson, Gallaher Insurance Group, mentioned that there were additional options by raising the deductible amounts. Larry will provide City Clerk Bowman with numbers for these options and a meeting will be scheduled at that time.

The Superintendent report was reviewed. Superintendent Burnett stated that he would like to purchase a leaf blower and snow blower. Now that we have installed the fencing in front of City Hall, snow removal will be more difficult. Alderwoman Carothers moved, with a second by Alderman Parker, to authorize the purchase of a leaf blower and snow blower with a limit of \$1,100. On voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

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

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

Court Administrator Tamera Wilson presented the Municipal Court report for January 1, 2023 through October 31, 2023. Alderman Parker moved, with a second by Alderman Renner, to accept the court report. On voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

The Police Chief report was reviewed. Chief Barton presented information regarding Mid-States Organized Crime Information Center, Membership in the organization would provide information regarding the movement of known criminals and alert local agencies. Alderwoman Carothers moved, with a second by Alderman Renner, to approve membership in MOCIC in the amount of \$100.00. On voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

There was discussion regarding an incident of two dogs that had attacked another dog. The dogs are currently at Red Barn Veterinary. Chief Barton requested a decision from the Board regarding if the dogs should be banned from City limits until court, at which time Judge Greenwell will make the decision regarding the disposition of the dogs on the tickets that have been filed. Alderwoman Carothers moved, with a second by Alderman Renner, to ban the dogs from town until the court appearance. On voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

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

The City Clerk report was reviewed next. City Clerk Bowman asked about what days City Hall would be closed for Christmas. She stated that she would have to have City Hall open for candidate filings on December 26th as that is the last day of filing. Alderman Parker moved, with a second by Alderman Renner, to close City Hall December 22nd for Christmas Eve and December 25th. On voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

City Clerk Bowman presented a letter from Judge Greenwell requesting support for Treatment Court. Last year's support was \$250.00. Alderman Parker moved, with a second by Alderwoman Carothers, to approve support of \$250.00 again this year. On voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Alderman Renner moved, with a second by Alderman Williams, to approve the City Clerk report. On voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

The City Administrator report was reviewed. It was decided to send Kristin Magruder a thank you for the work she has done on her property, thanking her for taking pride in her property.

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

Under Miscellaneous, City Clerk Bowman requested direction regarding meal tickets. The current meal allowance is \$10 for breakfast, \$20 for lunch and \$30 for dinner. An employee had turned in a ticket for over \$70.00 for one meal. What was the Board's direction concerning this matter? Alderwoman Carothers moved, with a second by Alderman Renner, to change the meal allowance to \$75.00 per day. On voice vote, the motion carried unanimously. City Clerk Bowman reiterated that itemized tickets must be turned in for verification of what was purchased.

Alderman Renner stated that a representative was needed from the Western District for the University of Missouri Extension Council.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:16 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Bowman
City Clerk

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