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Regular Board Meeting Minutes – December 9, 2019 – 6:30 p.m.

Present: Mayor Wendy Knapp, Aldermen – Patrick Parker, Troy Renner, Mike Rickerson and Dorothy Lanpher, City Attorney Jim McConnell, Administrator Dennie Carothers, Superintendent David Burnett, Fire Chief Bill Hall, Assistant Fire Chief Chris Wilson, Police Chief Raymond Barton, Police Officer Stefnie Jones and City Clerk Cindy Bowman.

Guest: Margaret White, Brandon Hunter, Kelly Beets, Jillian Lancour, Carrie Elsen, Russell Bode and Cindy Hultz

Mayor Knapp called the regular board meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

During Public Comment, Russell Bode stated that he has a bottle calf in his back yard at 217 S. Grand Street. Bode stated that he would only be keeping it for a few more weeks until it was weaned. The Board agreed that the calf must be gone by February 10, 2020.

Brandon Hunter addressed the Board about moving in a single wide mobile home at 204 Monroe Street. The Board stated that they had no objections to this, but Mr. Hunter needed to follow the procedure and make application for a variance to the Zoning Commission. City Clerk Bowman provided Mr. Hunter with the application.

Carrie Elsen introduced herself to the Board. Ms. Elsen has taken a position with the MU Extension Office.

Alderman Rickerson moved, with a second by Alderwoman Lanpher, to approve the agenda. On voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Alderwoman Lanpher moved, with a second by Alderman Rickerson, to approve the minutes of the November 12, 2019 closed and regular session. On voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

The treasurer's report was given as follows:

Balance Brought Forward:	\$948,780.17
Deposits:	\$100,963.66
Checks:	\$94,967.93
Ending Balance:	\$954,775.90

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

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

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The Fire Chief report was reviewed. Chief Hall stated that he had purchased ten special 9-volt batteries for the air packs. There had been a problem with regular batteries running down and corroding. The Fire Department will now be meeting twice a month, on the first Wednesday for the monthly meeting and on the third Thursday for training.

Alderwoman Lanpher moved, with a second by Alderman Parker, to accept the Fire Chief report. On voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Kelly Beets, Missouri Intergovernmental Risk Management Association (MIRMA) presented a certificate to Administrator Carothers in recognition of the City's participation in the association's Risk Management Awards Program and has been awarded a grant of \$6,500.00 towards the purchase of a sewer camera.

Cindy Hultz, Mark Twain Regional Council of Governments, discussed with the Board about the City applying for a CDBG grant for streets since the City is considered LMI. Applications are due in May. Alderman Rickerson moved, with a second by Alderwoman Lanpher, to move forward with the grant application process. On voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Jeremy Clevenger, Clevenger & Associates, CPA, PC, presented the annual audit. The only area of concern was the sewer funds and if rates are appropriate to maintain the fund. Alderman Rickerson moved, with a second by Alderwoman Lanpher, to accept the audit. On voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Police Chief Barton informed the Board that the bumper on the Durango was rusting out. A replacement bumper would be about \$275.00. Chief Barton requested to have Reserve Officer Brad Wilt fill in while Officer Jones is on vacation at the end of January. Alderman Renner moved, with a second by Alderman Rickerson, to approve paying Officer Wilt \$13.00 per hour to fill in while Officer Jones is on vacation. On voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Alderman Rickerson moved, with a second by Alderwoman Lanpher, to accept the Police Chief report. On voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

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

The Superintendent report was reviewed. Alderman Rickerson moved, with a second by Alderwoman Lanpher, to approve the Superintendent Report. On voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

The City Administrator report was reviewed. Alderwoman Lanpher moved, with a second by Alderman Renner, to accept the Administrator report. On voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

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Alderman Renner expressed his appreciation to the Clarence Community Betterment Group and area businesses and organizations for the decorating of the City Park.

Alderwoman Lanpher moved, with a second by Alderman Renner, to go into closed session pursuant to RSMo 610.021 Subsection 1 – Legal action, causes of action or litigation involving a public governmental body, Subsection and Subsection 3 – Hiring, Firing, Disciplining or Promoting of particular employees. On roll call vote, the motion carried as follows:

AYES: 4 – Rickerson, Lanpher, Renner and Parker

NOES: 0

Regular session ended at 7:32 pm.

CLOSED SESSION MINUTES – (recorded elsewhere)

OPEN SESSION MINUTES continued

The closed session ended at 8:25 pm and the meeting returned to open session.

City Attorney McConnell presented a letter from Judge Greenwell requesting a contribution to the 41st Judicial Circuit Treatment Court. A decision was postponed until the January meeting for further research.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:33 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Bowman
City Clerk