

## **Regular Board Meeting Minutes – January 09, 2023 – 6:05 p.m.**

Present: Aldermen – Troy Renner, Dennis Williams, Patrick Parker and Myrna Carothers, City Attorney Jim McConnell, City Administrator Dennie Carothers, Fire Chief Chris Wilson, Superintendent David Burnett, Police Chief Raymond Barton and Deputy City Clerk Brandie Bowles

Guests: Cassidy Johnston, Phoebe Curless and Tammy Wilson

Absent: Mayor Lanpher

Alderman Williams called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm.

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

Alderman Parker moved, with a second by Alderwoman Carothers, to approve the minutes of the December 12, 2022, regular and closed session meeting. On voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

The treasurer's report was given as follows:

Balance Brought Forward:	\$1,087,814.89
Deposits:	\$145,797.33
Checks:	\$139,547.15
Ending Balance:	\$1,094,065.07

Alderman Parker moved, with a second by Alderwoman Carothers, 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.

Cassidy Johnston addressed the board on the need for a larger dehumidifier for the larger gym on the other side of the building. Spencer Johnston has found one he believes will help correct the issue with the film build up on the gym floor. The dehumidifier is a cost of \$1,935.00. Alderman Parker moved, with a second by Alderman Renner, to approve the purchase of the dehumidifier for the larger gym on the other side of the building. On voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Cassidy Johnston also asks for permission for the city to clean up a nuisance property in town. Chief Barton has issued several tickets to Mr. Bode, but it's still not getting through to him. The board told Ms. Johnston to get with City Administrator Carothers, he has their approval to spend up to \$1,000.00 of funds to correct the issue and bring the property up to ordinance standards. The city would hire out to handle this situation at hand. Alderman Parker moved, with a second by Alderman Renner, to approve Mr. Carothers to spend up to \$1000.00

to hire a company to clean up Mr. Bode property to ordinance standards. On voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

The Fire Chief report was reviewed. Chief Wilson asked about fireworks for July 4th celebration at the Clarence Lake. Mr. Carothers and Ms. Johnston spoke about available dates the company has to shoot them off. Alderwoman Carothers moved, with a second by Alderman Parker to approve the firework display be July-1-2023 at the Clarence Lake. Fireworks will be paid for by Clarence Civic Club. On voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Chief Wilson informed the board of the board of a meet and greet the fire department had put together for Shelby County first responders. They ask of the City would help with the cost of supplies for this event held January-21-2023 here in the community center. Alderman Parker moved, with a second by Alderman Renner, to approve the Clarence fire department to spend up to \$500.00 for supplies for the first responders meet and greet event. On voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

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

The Police Chief report was reviewed. Chief Barton stated he needs a key to the main offices of the building. Alderman Parker moved, with a second by Alderman Renner to have three additional main office keys made. One key for Chief Barton, President of the board and the mayor. City administrator Carothers and Mayor are only two people allowed to request the making of any keys for City of Clarence. On voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Chief Barton stated he would need a check in the amount of \$1,000.00 for the Missouri Academy for tuition cover for new officer. He would need check by January-12-2023. Alderman Parker moved, with a second by Alderwoman Carothers, to approve the city to cut a check in the amount of \$1,000.00 to the Missouri Academy for tuition of the new officer. On voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Chief Barton discussed there would be no need to stock the City lake with fish this year. The beach area needs additional sand for this swimming season. Alderwoman Carothers moved, with a second by Alderman Renner to hire Curtis Melson to purchase sand and do the sand work at the city lake beach area this spring to have it ready for the swimming season. On voice vote, 3-0 Alderman Parker abstains.

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

The Superintendent report was then reviewed. Superintendent Burnett was asked to have the sign installed outside the building as soon as possible and to hang evacuation map plans for the daycare. Alderman Parker moved, with a second by Alderwoman Carothers, to approve the Superintendent reports. On voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

The Administrator report was reviewed, Administrator Carothers filled the board in on where we stand with the new boiler installation. Mr. Carothers is still looking into options to upgrade the camera system in the city building.

Alderwoman Carothers moved, with a second by Alderman Renner, to approve the installation of four new streetlights as follows. One at the corner of Hazel St and First St, one at the corner of Walnut St and S. Grand St, two out by the new Dollar General store on Old Business 36. On voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

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

Alderman Renner moved, with a second by Alderman Parker, to go into closed session pursuant to RSMo 610.021 Subsection 1 – Legal action, causes of action or litigation involving a public governmental body. On roll call vote, the motion carried as follows:

AYES: 4-Parker, Renner, Carothers and Williams

NOES:0

Open session ended at 7:51 pm.

**CLOSED SESSION MINUTES** (recorded elsewhere)

Open session resumed at 7:52 pm.

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:53 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Brandie Bowles  
Deputy City Clerk

*Approved 2/13/2023*