

Regular Board Meeting Minutes – August 17, 2023 – 6:00 p.m.

Present: Mayor Dorothy Lanpher, Aldermen – Troy Renner, Dennis Williams, Myrna Carothers and Patrick Parker(6:05pm), City Attorney Jim McConnell, City Administrator Dennie Carothers, Fire Chief Chris Wilson, Police Chief Raymon Barton, Superintendent David Burnett and City Clerk Cindy Bowman

Guests: Tammy Wilson, Spencer Johnston, Bobbie Barton, Theresa Wyrick, Julia Teel, Lilly White and Jolie Foreman

Mayor Lanpher called the Public Hearing for Property Tax Rates to order at 6:00 pm.

City Clerk Bowman stated that due to the unusual increase in property valuations, the calculated property tax rates are lower than the voter approved rates. Property tax rates calculated at \$0.9427 for General, \$0.1885 for Streets and \$0.0943 per \$100 assessed valuation for Library.

There being no public comment for the tax hearing, the hearing adjourned at 6:02 pm.

Mayor Lanpher called the regular meeting to order at 6:02 pm.

The meeting opened with the pledge of allegiance.

During Public Comment, Spencer Johnston and Bobbie Barton discussed the Clarence Athletic Association and what it would be required for them to use the gym in the old building for basketball practices and games. They anticipate having teams for 3rd & 4th grades and 5th & 6th grades. The Board agreed with allowing the Association to use the gym a classroom. Guidelines and a checklist will be developed.

Teresa Wyrick was present to discuss the dog pen fencing that she had put up in the front and side of her house at 109 N Shelby. Ms. Wyrick requested time to rearrange the fencing so that what was in the front yard was not over four feet high. The Board agreed to allow her two weeks to accomplish this. Ms. Wyrick stated that it would be July 2024 before she would have the permanent fencing completed.

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 July 13, 2023 regular session. On voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

The treasurer's report was given as follows:

Balance Brought Forward:	\$1,509,346.69
Deposits:	\$108,724.11
Checks:	\$123,367.05
Ending Balance:	\$1,494,703.75

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

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

Alderman Williams moved, with a second by Alderman Renner, to approve the 2023 property tax rates as presented in the tax hearing subject to approval by the State Auditor's office. On voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Bill No. 2023-006, an ordinance to establish a procedure to disclose potential conflicts of interest and substantial interests for certain municipal officials, was read by title by Attorney McConnell. Alderman Williams moved, with a second by Alderman Parker, to approve the first reading of Bill No. 2023-006. On roll call vote, the motion carried as follows:

AYES: 4-Parker, Renner, Carothers and Williams
NOES:0

Attorney McConnell read Bill NO. 2023-006 by title a second time. Alderman Renner moved, with a second by Alderwoman Carothers, to approve the second reading of Bill No. 2023-006. On roll call vote, the motion carried as follows:

AYES: 4-Parker, Renner, Carothers and Williams
NOES:0

Bill No. 2023-006 was assigned Ordinance No. 662.

City Administrator informed the Board that only one bid was received for the Grand Street Improvements Project in the amount of \$420,521.00 from BRS Construction of Edina, MO. All required documents were included with the bid. The bid was under the projected bid. Alderman Parker moved, with a second by Alderwoman Carothers, to accept the bid from BRS Construction. On voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

The Superintendent report was reviewed. Alderman Williams moved, with a second by Alderman Parker, to accept the Superintendent Report. On voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

The Fire Chief report was reviewed. Chief Wilson stated that the pump testing had been completed and the truck passed. Alderwoman Carothers moved, with a second by Alderman Renner, to accept the Fire Chief report. On voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Police Chief Barton asked about the South Shelby Homecoming Parade to be held September 29th in Clarence.

It was decided that Chief Barton should send a letter to Angel Chinn regarding the cleanup of the property at 108 W Liberty. The property must be cleaned up before September 27th to avoid the City taking further action.

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

The City Clerk Report was reviewed. There was discussion regarding the boot allowance. Alderman Parker moved, with a second by Alderman Williams, to increase the limit for purchase of boots for the police and utility workers to \$150.00. On voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

City Clerk Bowman had presented prices for iPad options for the Board. Alderwoman Carothers moved, with a second by Alderman Renner, to proceed with the purchase of iPad 10th Gen for the Board. On voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Alderwoman Carothers moved, with a second by Alderman Renner, to purchase an additional monitor for the office. On voice vote, the motion carried 3-0 (Alderman Williams had stepped out of the meeting for a moment)

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

Nuisance properties were discussed during the review of the City Administrator report. The security cameras were also discussed. It was decided to add two more cameras along with additional storage capacity.

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

Under Miscellaneous, it was discussed what repairs would be needed in the men's restroom in the old building. Administrator Carothers also stated that Faith Family Church had wanted to work on the ditches along 151 but decided to paint the new fence in the parks.

Alderman Renner moved, with a second by Alderman Williams, to go into closed session pursuant to RSMo 610.021 Subsection 2 – Leasing, purchase or sale of real estate. On roll call vote, the motion carried as follows:

AYES: 4-Parker, Renner, Carothers and Williams

NOES:0

Open session ended at 7:58 pm.

CLOSED SESSION MINUTES (recorded elsewhere)

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 9/14/2023