

The Board of Aldermen met in regular session at 6:00 p.m.

Aldermen Present: Connie Painter, Marvin Vilorio, Jason Osbourne, Jeremy Moss, Dane Foster, Melissa Hays

Alderman Absent:

Others Present: Jackie Pangborn, Michael Williams, Tyler Wheeler, Travis Pugh, Jerry Potterfield, Pam Potterfield, Anthony Allieri, Meghan McCluskey, Randy Potterfield, Gerry Quinn, Hazel Smith, Ronald Krigbaum, Cindy Hultz, Chandra Beaver, Rich Enochs, Joe McNeill, Bill Elliott, Kerry Lee, Ralph Lemongelli, Mandi Kindhart, Mark Yager, Damon Vuch, Michael Schneider, and Jamie Allen

Mayor Long called the meeting to order.

Mayor Long asked everyone to stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

Bill Elliott was recognized with a plaque and thanked for his 36 years of service with the City of Monroe City, and 46 years total including the fire department. Bill retired on June 15, 2018.

Alderman Moss made a motion to approve the consent agenda which included the minutes from the June 6, 2018 meeting and June 8, 2018 meeting as well as the May financials and bills payable; Alderman Foster seconded with all in favor.

Representatives from the Mark Twain Regional Council of Governments were present for the meeting. Cindy Hultz gave an update on a Community Development Block Grant that is being worked on, it is 95% done but waiting on a Preliminary Engineering Report. Chandra Beaver discussed the Hazard Mitigation Plan. This is a plan that is put in place for problematic areas to undertake measures to reduce the adverse impact of disasters in our community, to include (but not exclusively) participating in programs and activities with SEMA, FEMA, other state and federal agencies, other county governments, and other local jurisdictions within this County. There are two more meetings before this is finalized, and the City will need to attend one of these meetings in order to be included. Once this is complete, the City will have to adopt a resolution to adopt the five-year plan.

Gerry Quinn spoke to the Council regarding Mosswood Place and trying to get their gravel road paved. He understands that the City will be receiving money back from the Monroe County 36/72 Corridor and just wanted to see if the Council would approve adding Mosswood Place to the list of roads to be paved, hopefully while Bross is still in town this week. Some of the concerns were that there is still a house that has dirt work yet to be completed, and heavy dump trucks will ruin freshly paved roads. The homeowner, Mark Yager, stated they are almost complete but they can drive through the back way to get to the yard to spread the dirt. Mr. Quinn has an

estimate from Bross for \$12,795.00 and asked that his request be considered when planning for the next list of roads to be paved.

The Monroe County 36/72 Transportation District has been abolished, and after all outstanding bills were paid from this tax, there was a surplus of money. Monroe County has decided to split half of the money amongst four cities: Paris, Monroe City, Madison and Holliday. Monroe City will receive \$49,575.70 and since this was from a road tax, we are encouraged to use this on our roads. The question was asked why Stoutsville wasn't included in this split, but that is a question for the County Commissioner.

Attorney Williams stated the motion from the previous meeting to ratify the decision to allow Mayor Long to enter into a contract with PeopleService, Inc. needs to be rescinded as an ordinance needs to be in place for this. Alderman Moss made a motion to rescind the motion from the June 8, 2018 meeting allowing Mayor Long to sign the contract for PeopleService, Inc., Alderman Painter seconded with all in favor.

Mayor Long then opened the floor for any discussion about this contract. The first question was why was this contract negotiated in executive session and why was the meeting notice not posted? The meeting notice was posted at City Hall, as all meetings are, and due to the nature of personnel issues that caused the need for additional services, it was originally discussed in executive session. The contract was not signed and was opened to the public during this meeting to discuss any concerns and to explain the need for their services.

It was explained that the City is currently operating the water plant with one employee that is not certified, and the sewer plant with one employee that is leaving at the end of the month. Certified employees are few and far between, and no one is interested in coming to Monroe City to deal with the type of surface water treatment plant that is in use at our City's facility. Also, hiring new individuals with no experience and training them is not an option because it is a long process to get certified. PeopleService, Inc. has certified employees, with years of experience, that will be able to run the water plant efficiently.

The City currently has six employees that will be affected by this contract. They have all been notified, and all options have been explained in detail. They are all encouraged to apply with PeopleService, Inc. and are all guaranteed an interview if they apply. The City currently spends approximately \$41,000 per month on salaries, benefits, chemicals, etc. for the water and sewer plants, water distribution and sewer collection as well as additional costs for testing and reports. The contract with PeopleService, Inc. will cost \$53,015 per month and will include personnel, supplies and materials, communication services, minor maintenance and repair expenditures, chemicals, insurance, and administrative costs such as additional reports, testing, etc.

PeopleService, Inc. comes with great references and Aldermen Painter, Hays and Osbourne, as well as Mayor Long have solicited information from other municipalities that are contracted with PeopleService, Inc. and all feedback they received was excellent. Alliance Water was contacted to give us a quote, but they did not respond. Cannon Water was also not an option as it would take too much time to get connected to them. The City would also lose the ability to control the rates if Cannon Water was in charge of the water.

Alderman Moss motioned to approve the proposed ordinance to contract with PeopleService, Inc., Alderman Hays seconded with all in favor. The proposed ordinance was assigned bill # 4.

The first reading of bill #4 was read and approved by roll call vote:

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| Connie Painter.....Yea  | Jeremy Moss..... Yea  |
| Marvin Vilorio.....Yea  | Dane Foster ..... Yea |
| Jason Osbourne .....Yea | Melissa Hays..... Yea |

The second reading of bill #4 was read and approved by roll call vote:

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| Connie Painter.....Yea  | Jeremy Moss..... Yea  |
| Marvin Vilorio.....Yea  | Dane Foster ..... Yea |
| Jason Osbourne .....Yea | Melissa Hays..... Yea |

The third reading of bill #4 was read and approved by roll call vote:

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| Connie Painter.....Yea  | Jeremy Moss..... Yea  |
| Marvin Vilorio.....Yea  | Dane Foster ..... Yea |
| Jason Osbourne .....Yea | Melissa Hays..... Yea |

Bill # 4 became ordinance # 4-2018.

A citizen stated he would like to discuss the City Attorney. He advised John Russell sent a letter to Mayor Long giving a flat rate rather than an hourly rate like our current attorney. He feels that this could potentially save the City quite a bit of money. This will be discussed more at a later date.

A question was brought up regarding the sidewalks and why the police department parks on the sidewalks, and others are allowed to park on the sidewalk as well. Chief Wheeler stated that if there is a complaint, it needs to be brought to the Police Department so it can be resolved. It was also brought up that the police should not be parked on the highway stopping traffic, it was thought to be illegal and those tickets should be voided. Chief Wheeler stated he has told his officers several times not to be out there.

Planning and Zoning – The Board of Adjustments met earlier in the evening and recommends that the Board of Aldermen approve the variances requested by Kelly Harland at 601 Second Street and Bud Smith/Rochelle Busbey at 805 Stoddard Street. Alderman Painter made a motion to approve the variances as recommended, Alderman Moss seconded with all in favor.

Public Works – Alderman Vilorio stated the gas department has been busy repairing gas lines, street department replacing culverts, picking up brush, and the electric department has replaced some poles. A big kudos to all departments including Police, Fire and Public Works for the quick response after the storm hit.

Alderman Painter gave the Public Safety report. Chief Wheeler is requesting to move the police repeater from the pole behind the police station to the water tower. They are currently experiencing communication issues from car to car and with county. The repeaters for fire and ambulance are on the water tower now also. He has received three quotes for this move:

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| Wireless USA       | \$6,389.00 |
| MW Radio Systems   | \$6,750.00 |
| A&W Communications | \$3,981.00 |

Chief Wheeler would like approval to go with A&W Communications bid but asking for approval for \$4,500.00 in case new conduit is needed as this is not in the bid. In order to pay for this, Chief Wheeler is requesting to use funds originally allocated for guttering at the police station since those funds will not be used this year. Alderman Moss made a motion to approve the move of the police repeater by A&W Communications in the amount of \$4,500.00, Alderman Painter seconded with all in favor.

Fire Chief Rich Enochs is seeking approval to allow Mayor Long to sign the permit to allow the fire department to discharge fireworks. Also need to shut down East Gateway Square from the 2<sup>nd</sup> hotel entrance to the storage units. Alderman Moss made a motion to allow Mayor Long to sign the permit and to allow the road to be closed, Alderman Osbourne seconded with all in favor.

Dayne's Disposal contract ends in November. Alderman Moss made a motion to allow Jackie Pangborn to go out for bids for waste removal, Alderman Foster seconded with all in favor.

Alderman Osbourne gave the Administration report:

- Chamber Meeting – next one is July 6, 2018. 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade will be held at 10:00 a.m. on July 4<sup>th</sup>. Anyone wanting to ride in the City truck should be at BP by 9:30 a.m.
- Street to be vacated – Ms. Pangborn has contacted the individual that is wanting to take ownership of the street if it is vacated. They were told that they need to get the legal description of the property through a title search, survey or whatever process they chose and then the City will review the request again.
- City Wide cleanup – tires will be picked up the week of June 25<sup>th</sup>, then a total cost of the project should be available at the next Council meeting.
- Mural – a letter was sent to the building owner requesting a copy of the mural

design.

- A letter was sent to a citizen requesting information about the attorney billing.
- Library – there will be a book signing on June 27<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. to noon with Camryn Hays & Bradi Keller. They wrote a book called “The Journey of Cancer” and will be available for purchase during the signing.
- Sunshine Law – Chris Ellison and Jackie Pangborn have signed up for a class about Missouri’s Sunshine Law.
- DNR – currently need an Industrial User survey which will cost \$7,000, however this is something that PeopleService, Inc. will now take care of for us.
- The ordinance to modify residency for appointed officials is due for its second reading. The second reading of bill #3 was read and approved on a motion by Alderman Moss, a second by Alderman Foster with all in favor by a roll call vote as follows:

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| Connie Painter ..... | Yea | Jeremy Moss.....  | Yea |
| Marvin Viloría ..... | Yea | Dane Foster ..... | Yea |
| Jason Osbourne.....  | Yea | Melissa Hays..... | Yea |

- Requested the following accounts be written off as uncollectible for accounting purposes only and referred to the City’s Collection agency:

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| Gilker, Nicole | 726 Easy St #65 | \$1,121.32 |
| Moss, Juben    | 529 E Dover St  | \$1,470.81 |

Alderman Moss motioned to approve these accounts to be written off for accounting purposes only, Alderman Foster seconded. Aldermen Viloría, Moss, Foster and Hays in favor; Aldermen Painter and Osbourne against. Motion passes.

Nuisance committee – This is still being worked on and letters are still being sent. Any citizens that have concerns with nuisances should report these to the police department.

Park Report – The Cemetery Walk and Fishing Derby went well. There will be no movie nights at the pool this year since they are doing it in the park, but there will be two free swim nights: June 30<sup>th</sup> and July 21<sup>st</sup> from 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Mayor’s Report – Mayor Long stated he understands we are having some turbulent times but appreciates everyone that has come to voice their opinions.

Alderman Foster motioned at 8:30 p.m. to go into executive session as authorized by RSMO 610.021 (1) legal actions, causes of action or litigation involving a public governmental body and any confidential or privileged communications between a public governmental body or its representatives and its attorneys and RSMO 610.021 (2) leasing, purchase or sale of real estate by a public governmental body where public knowledge of the transaction might adversely affect the legal consideration thereof, Alderman Moss seconded it with a vote as follows:

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Connie Painter ..... Yea  
Marvin Vioria ..... Yea  
Jason Osbourne ..... Yea

Jeremy Moss ..... Yea  
Dane Foster ..... Yea  
Melissa Hays ..... Yea

After the adjournment of the executive session at 9:15 p.m., the open meeting was reconvened.

Alderman Moss motioned to adjourn the meeting; Alderman Foster seconded with all in favor.

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John Long, Mayor

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Christine Ellison, City Clerk