

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: John Long, John Wilcox, Jackie Pangborn, Jerry Potterfield, John Russell, Ralph Lemongelli, Linda Geist, Gary McElroy, Mark Bross, Tyler Wheeler, Rich Enochs, Forrest Gossett, Marcia Watson, Jack Grove, Helen Shawn, Matthew Greening, Ronald Krigbaum, Mandi Kindhart, Zach James, Kevin O'Bryan, Mark Greening, Keith Ganaway, Andy Colombini, Jamie Colombini, Daren Dowell, Dustin Bachtel, Rick Poertner, Abbey Gerveler

Mayor Long called the meeting to order.

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

Alderman Hays made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 9, 2018 meeting; Alderman Painter seconded with all in favor. Alderman Painter made a motion to approve the July financials, Alderman Moss seconded, with all in favor. Alderman Moss made a motion to approve the bills payable from August 13th and August 24th, Alderman Painter seconded, with all in favor.

Mayor Long opened the floor to open forum. Daren Dowell and Dustin Bachtel from Chariton Valley were present to give some clarification about the phone bids that were recently turned in. They explained the difference between their phone system and the other bidders. Alderman Moss asked about delays in getting fiber to the City, as well as how long it would be before it got here. This process would take at least six months and could include delays due to getting right of ways from the railroad. Alderman Moss was also concerned about having to dig around utilities to install fiber and what kind of problems this could cause if something was hit.

Mark Bross was also present to discuss the evaluation of the sewer plant. Basically, the only option is to replace the sewer plant. The current plant is unable to meet classifications required by recent DNR. The existing tanks, building and blowers could be kept. Four options were given, but the recommended option was the Aero-Mod ammonia removal system that will cost \$10,095,477.20 for construction, have a \$110,514.32 annual operating cost giving a 20-year present worth of \$12,193,858.92. This could be paid with price increases, revenue bonds and funding agencies. Mr. Bross stated the City needs to push for the Bond issue because if an emergency happens, it will be a necessity to proceed with the facility replacement, with or without approval from the residents. Alderman Moss made a motion to approve the report to send to DNR, Alderman Foster seconded with all in favor.

John Russell brought up his proposal for City Attorney and wanted a chance to address the Council since the mayor has not discussed the proposal with him. He asked if the Council had any questions for him and also stated he thinks he can save the City a considerable amount of money. Mr. Russell also listed charges by other surrounding cities and what they had been billed by their City attorney.

Jerry Potterfield was present and questioned how the City handles real estate that is sold that is owned by the City. He was told that it was handled on a case by case basis and didn't agree with this. He feels that there needs to be a procedure in place to handle this.

Helen Shaw addressed the Council and questioned high water and sewer bills, and how to pay for these on a fixed income. She was also under the impression that the letter she got in the mail stated the water rates would be going up on September 1st. Ms. Shaw was informed that this is an untrue statement. She also made a complaint about drivers in front of her house speeding. Chief Wheeler will look into this statement.

Public Works – Alderman Vioria gave a public works report that included information about a gas line being replaced on Stanton, and the street department fixed equipment at Mosswood.

Matt Greening received his “C” water license. The D license is the first level attainable. Mr. Greening had enough experience that he was able to skip the D license and attain his C license which meant that he received \$0.50 for passing D and \$0.50 for attaining C. Alderman Foster made a motion to increase Mr. Greening's pay by \$1.00 retroactive to July 31st, Alderman Moss seconded, with all in favor.

Public Safety – The contract renewal for dispatching service from Monroe County Joint Communications is due and is the same price as the prior contract at \$5,723.33 per month. Chief Wheeler stated they have not had any issues. Alderman Foster made a motion to allow Mayor Long to sign the contract with Monroe County Joint Communications as requested, Alderman Moss seconded with all in favor.

The Monroe County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation plan is complete. Alderman Moss made a motion to allow Mayor Long to sign the resolution adopting the Monroe County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation plan, Alderman Hays seconded, with all in favor.

Administrative Report:

- The tax sale on August 27th has three properties listed that are currently nuisance issues within the City. Ms. Pangborn asked if there was any interest in pursuing any of these properties for demolition. There was no interest.

- Phone Bids – Ms. Pangborn is still obtaining costs and getting additional information on these bids. This will be tabled until the next meeting.
- The letter to the Attorney General was sent this week in response to the Sunshine Law complaint.
- An annual donation of \$3,000.00 is made each year to the Monroe City Nutrition Center, which is billed quarterly. Alderman Moss made a motion to continue with this donation, Alderman Foster seconded with all in favor.
- Utilities – The MML and Attorney Wilcox have stated that there is no legal reason that we can't shut utilities off for residents that have not paid, even if they have a doctor's note saying they are on oxygen, dialysis, etc.
- Sanitation Bids – only one bid was received for sanitation pickup, from Dayne's Disposal. First year price is \$9.45/month, second year \$9.73, third year \$10.02. Alderman Foster made a motion to accept the bid from Dayne's Disposal as listed, Alderman Moss seconded with all in favor.
- Requested the following accounts be written off as uncollectible for accounting purposes only and referred to the City's Collection agency:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Hobbs, John	707 Easy St #57	\$417.44
Ross, Kelly	303 Sunset Dr #15	\$654.60
Minor, Kelli	730 Gypsy Row #43	\$153.30
Marsh, Michayla	211 Lawn St	\$1,498.78
Hammock, Jenel Hanlin	15 Sycamore Lane	\$524.61

Alderman Moss motioned to write off these utilities for accounting purposes only, Alderman Foster seconded. Aldermen Foster, Viloría, Hays in favor; Aldermen Painter and Osbourne opposed. Motion passed.

Park Report

- A meeting was held on August 21, 2018 at 4:30 p.m. Gordon Hill park was discussed, and it needs updated.
- A big thank you to Marilyn Minor and Sally White for managing the pool this year. The Park Board donated \$100 to the pool for gift cards for the End of Summer bash which will be held on September 2nd. The next Park Board meeting is scheduled for September 18th.

Economic Development:

- The Economic Development committee met to discuss the property west of the Golf Course and the Community Development Block Grant. There were questions regarding rezoning and what utilities should be provided. One option is sewer only, also reviewing options for power. Another meeting has been scheduled for August 29, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.

City Attorney Report

- A formal resolution for the Sunshine Law has been compiled. Alderman

Foster made a motion to allow the Mayor to sign this resolution, Alderman Painter seconded with all in favor.

- A Sunshine request form has also been compiled. Alderman Foster made a motion to approve this form, Alderman Moss seconded with all in favor.
- Ordinance for the Sale of Property to Monroe City Ready Mix. Alderman Moss made a motion to approve this sale, Alderman Foster seconded with all in favor. (Ordinance had it's three readings in October 2017). Closing date is September 1, 2018.

Mayor's Report

- Mayor Long reminded everyone that the City Attorney appointment is a professional service, and he has taken into consideration everyone's comments. He stated he would like to appoint Michael Williams as City Attorney. Roll call vote as follows:

Connie Painter	Nay	Jeremy Moss	Yea
Marvin Vloria	Yea	Dane Foster	Yea
Jason Osbourne	Nay	Melissa Hays	Nay

The Mayor is unable to break a tie on his appointment, so no decision was made. Attorney Wilcox called MML about this very issue and it can be tabled until next meeting and voted on again. Many citizens voiced concern about tabling this until next meeting.

Alderman Foster motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m., Alderman Hays seconded with all in favor.

John Long, Mayor

Christine Ellison, City Clerk