

January 3, 2019

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: Mayor John Long, Michael Williams, Jackie Pangborn, Julie Moulden, Richard Stuck, Michael Purol, Russell Inlow, Ronald Krigbaum, Ralph Lemongelli, Debbie Tanzey, Ben West, Matthew Greening, Mark Greening, Chris Callow, Tyler Wheeler, Rich Enochs, Travis Pugh, Roger Berry, Abbey Gerveler, Mandi Kindhart

Mayor Long called the meeting to order.

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

Consent Agenda:

- Alderman Painter made a motion to approve the consent agenda that included the minutes from the December 20, 2018 meeting and the bills payable, Alderman Moss seconded with all in favor.

Mayor Long opened the floor to open forum:

- Julie Moulden and Richard Stuck from the Office of the State Auditor addressed the Council about the upcoming audit. Ms. Moulden stated the audit should start in 1-2 weeks and will take 3-4 months to complete. This audit will cost \$35,000-\$50,000 but written notice will be given if it will cost more than that. A closed session meeting will be held with the Council to review the draft of the report and to answer any questions. State Auditor Nicole Galloway will give a public delivery of the report in approximately 6-10 months from now.
- Ron Frericks, from QFB Energy approached the Council to discuss a proposal with Arcadia Metalcraft using his company's services to lower their gas prices. Arcadia would like to purchase gas from a different company but use our lines and pay a wheeling charge to get it to their building. After much discussion it was decided that Mr. Frericks will do some more research and send his information to Jackie Pangborn for further review.
- Debbie Tanzey was present to discuss an issue with the furnace in her garage. She was not home for several days and during that time, the heat exchanger went out on her furnace, causing the furnace to run constantly using 6,028 units of gas. She has since had the problem fixed. Alderman Painter made a motion to reduce Ms. Tanzey's bill by 75%, reducing the cost from \$3,502.05 to \$873.64, Alderman Moss seconded with Aldermen Painter,

Osbourne, Moss and Hays in favor. Aldermen Vioria and Foster abstained.

- Roger Berry discussed with the Council a water leak that he had at his property. It was going out into his yard and not in his sewer. He asked for a reduction in his bill for sewer charges. Alderman Moss made a motion to reduce Mr. Berry’s bill to average usage for a savings of \$150.57, Alderman Painter seconded with all in favor.
- Ralph Lemongelli asked about Work Comp insurance, since it was not renewed at the last meeting, will it be re-bid? It will be re-bid but it is not due until April 1, 2019. He also asked about the 105 N. Main building, Michael Williams stated all heirs have been contacted, just waiting on their responses.
- Michael Purol discussed the specs for the demolition of 105 N. Main. He stated he just got the asbestos inspection report, so he hasn’t had time to add that in, but will have a complete report ready for the next meeting. He also had sketches of what the space could look like after demolition.

Public Works:

- Alderman Vioria gave a general update for all public works departments.
- One of the kids that worked as summer help has asked about working part time (3 p.m. – 4 p.m.) daily. It was decided at this time there is not enough work to warrant hiring him. If there is, we would need to go out for applications.
- Bids for telephone poles have been received. One concern brought up was that Kerry Lee was to be contacting Ralls County about trading 45’ poles for 35’ poles. That can still be done later, but these new poles are also needed. Bids received were:

Bids for Electric Poles

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Details</u>
Arkansas Electric Cooperative		\$9,293.00
35’ – Qty 35 - \$207	\$7,245.00	
8 – Qty 40 - \$256	\$2,048.00	
Anixter Power Solutions		\$9,819.31
35’ – Qty 35 - \$215.21	\$7,532.35	
8 – Qty 40 - \$285.87	\$2,286.96	
Bridgewell Resources		\$8,719.19
35’ – Qty 35 - \$194.85	\$6,819.75	
8 – Qty 40 - \$237.43	\$1,899.44	
Fletcher Reinhardt		\$9,078.00
35’ – Qty 35 - \$202	\$7,070.00	

8 – Qty 40 - \$251	\$2,008.00	
Thomasson Company		\$7,734.00
35' – Qty 35 - \$170	\$5,950.00	
8 – Qty 40 - \$223	\$1,784.00	

Alderman Moss made a motion to accept the bid from Thomasson Company for \$7,734.00, Alderman Foster seconded with all in favor.

- Bids for the transformer for Lakeside Casting Solutions have been received:

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Details</u>
Arkansas Electric Cooperative	\$5,800.00	New Transformer – 8-week lead time
B & B Transformer	\$5,495.00	Rebuild – 4 – 6-week lead time
Solomon Corporation	\$4,090.00	Rebuilt – 4 – 5-week lead time
T & R Electric	\$5,260.00	Rebuilt - 6-8-week lead time

Alderman Foster made a motion to accept the bid from Solomon Corporation, Alderman Osbourne seconded with all in favor.

- Ben West, Matthew Greening and Chris Callow from PeopleServices, Inc. were present. They were asked about Mill street and the sewer overflow during big rains. Mr. West stated they continue to monitor the overflow. DNR is aware of the issue, and inflow infiltration is a common issue. The best way to fix is by smoke testing and fixing the problems as they are found.

Administrative Report:

- There was an issue with a water meter last fall at a home, and it was replaced. Since that time, it has been read wrong resulting in the customer owing a large bill. The bill will be adjusted to the correct readings and the customer will either have a credit or be refunded the overage. The customer is a budget customer and hasn't overpaid as much as the correction will be on the account.
- Michael Williams stated there is not a problem with the GED class using the basement of City Hall for their classes.
- Sewer plant project – it was brought to Jackie Pangborn's attention that the Mayor had been approached about possibly utilizing another engineer for the sewer plant project and asked if we had a contract with Klingner for their services. There is no contract with them, however they have already done the engineering study for this project, and most of it was paid for by a grant. If another engineer would be selected, this engineering study would most likely have to be done again and the City would be responsible for 100% of the cost. Also, there are other questions that need to be answered regarding

changing engineers from the USDA office. but they are currently shut down due to the government shut down. The Council stated they do not want to go with another engineer.

- The automatic pump at the Route J pump house is currently out of order. Currently PeopleService employees are going to the lake twice a day to turn the pump off and on. The cost to repair is estimated at \$2,900.00. Ben West stated this is not a priority fix and would rather continue doing what they are doing and save the budgeted funds for repairs that may be needed later in the year.
- The drug testing company that we currently use is closing their Quincy office. They have provided the City with an alternative company but before signing an authorization, Michael Williams will be looking into some clarification on the language in the paperwork.
- Authorization is needed for the Work Compensation Insurance Membership Agreement. Alderman Moss made a motion to allow Mayor Long to sign this agreement, Alderman Foster seconded with all in favor.
- Health Insurance deductibles and flex plan options were discussed. Alderman Moss made a motion to continue contributing \$750 to the flex plan, continue paying half of the dependent care for those with it, covering all premiums for employees except \$32.50 (\$65.00 is they don't do the wellness check), and deductible reimbursement at 25%, Alderman Hays seconded with all favor.
- Bids for recycling bags are in and only Midland paper was able to sell bags on a roll in a quantity of 10.

Bids for Recycling Bags

Specifications:

33" x 40"

1 mil thickness

Clear

10 bags per roll – 10 rolls per case

Quantity of 250 cases

Budgeted amount was \$3,300

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Details</u>
Midland Paper	\$12.05/ Case	\$3,012.50 4-week lead time
Global Industrial	\$36.95/100	Can't meet specs
Uline	\$62.00/250	Can't meet specs

Alderman Foster made a motion to accept the bid from Midland Paper for \$3,012.50, Alderman Moss seconded with all in favor.

- Alderman Painter asked about City business licenses. City Clerk Chris Ellison stated they were going out the next day.

Nuisance Committee:

- Michael Williams has reviewed the state statute regarding nuisance abatements. This statute puts a lot on whoever is put in charge of this and adds an additional liability on the City. This statute will be discussed more in a regular nuisance committee meeting. A meeting has been scheduled for January 22, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.

Park Report

- The next meeting is January 15, 2019 at 4:30 p.m.

City Attorney:

- Michael Williams stated again he is still waiting to hear back from the heirs on the 105 N. Main project. He also said he will have to leave by 6:45 p.m. at the next Council meeting scheduled for 1/17/19.

Alderman Foster motioned at 8:10 p.m. to go into executive session as authorized by 610.021 (3) hiring, firing, disciplining or promotion of particular employees, and by 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 therefor, Alderman Moss seconded it with a vote as follows:

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

After the adjournment of the executive session, the open meeting was reconvened.

Alderman Moss motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m., Alderman Osbourne seconded with all in favor.

John Long, Mayor

Christine Ellison, City Clerk