

The Board of Aldermen met in regular session at 6 PM.

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

Aldermen Absent:

Others Present: John Long, Michael Williams, Jackie Pangborn, Jerry Potterfield, Tim Kendrick, Sheila Kendrick, Kris Potterfield, Laury Reynolds, Keith Herron, Jennifer Herron, Jim Shoemate, Tina Long, Consetta Gottman, Mandi Kindhart, Ralph Lemongelli, Sherri Lemongelli, George Hausdorf, Mark McNally, Rose McNally, Tom Miskell, Regina Miskell, Zach James, Caleb Klingsmith, Mike Schneider, Donnie Hays, Linda Geist, Heath Hall, Nick Senn, Ben Freese

Mayor Long called the meeting to order at 6 pm.

Mayor Long asked that all stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Long requested a motion to approve the consent agenda. Alderman Painter motioned to approve the Consent Agenda that includes the minutes from October 3, 2019 meeting, September financials and the bills payable; Alderman Moss seconded it with all in favor.

### **Open Forum**

- Baptist Church Trunk or Treat – The Baptist Church is requesting to close off Catherine Street from Main to Vine on October 31<sup>st</sup> from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. for their Trunk or Treat. Alderman Foster made a motion to allow this request and for the City to provide barricades; Alderman Painter seconded with all in favor.
- Jim Shoemate – Mr. Shoemate addressed the Council again with more information regarding the area to possibly be used for trap shooting. He stated that he and Mayor Long as well as Alderman Vioria did a test on Saturday October 19<sup>th</sup>. He stated from Hole 1 and Hole 8 no noise could be heard from where the range would be. Nick Senn from Quails Forever was present and stated that Monroe City has a great group of kids, and anything the City could do to help them out with this program should be done. It was mentioned that the City insurance will not cover this as it is a huge liability, but Jackie Pangborn stated there are some other options that can be done. The grant from NRA must be done by November 13<sup>th</sup> so this will not be done in time for this year, but Mr. Shoemate suggested a committee be formed to work on this. Alderman Painter agreed with this.
- Clarence Cannon Wholesale Water- Mr. Mark McNally made a presentation to the Council regarding the possibility of Monroe City becoming a member of the Clarence Cannon Wholesale Water Commission. Mr. McNally explained how the Commission works, and the possible cost savings for the City. There was also

discussion regarding the contract with PeopleServices, the issues with the source water at Route J Lake as well as our current water treatment plant.

**Public Works:**

- Alderman Vilorio gave a general update on work the departments have been doing.
- Kevin O'Bryan asked for permission to go out for bids for a tractor/brush hog that was budgeted; Alderman Moss made a motion to allow the Street Department to solicit bids for a post hole digger, Alderman Painter seconded with all in favor.
- There is a decorative pole on Main Street that needs to be repaired. Kerry Lee got quotes for a replacement, as well as an extra due to the amount of lead time in ordering. Alderman Moss made a motion to purchase two decorative poles from Fletcher-Reinhardt for \$5,668.00; Alderman Foster seconded with all in favor.
- Alderman Osbourne made a motion to solicit bids for wire needed for the School project; Alderman Foster seconded with all in favor.
- Quotes were received for conduit and elbows needed for the school project. Alderman Moss made a motion to accept the quote from Fletcher-Reinhardt for \$1,630.89; Alderman Foster seconded with all in favor.
- Old electric poles that are unusable were previously listed for sale as a whole but no one was interested in purchasing the whole lot. Several have inquired about buying one or two at a time. It was discussed allowing individuals to purchase these separately for \$10 each. The buyer would have to coordinate with Kerry Lee for pick up, but the City would not help with loading the poles. Alderman Moss made a motion to allow these poles to be sold individually; Alderman Foster seconded with all in favor.
- The vacuum pump at the water plant locked up and quit working. As this pump is required, a new one was purchased as an emergency repair. There is also an older pump there that could possibly be rebuilt. Alderman Moss made a motion to approve payment of the new pump and new motor for \$2,436.25; Alderman Foster seconded with all in favor. The old pump will be evaluated by Illinois Electric and the cost will not exceed \$180. Alderman Moss made a motion to allow George Hausdorf to send this pump off to be looked at; Alderman Foster seconded with all in favor.
- The agreement for Engineering Services from Black & Veatch was discussed. Attorney Williams has a few issues with the way the agreement is worded but feels it would be okay to enter into the contract. Ben Freese from Black & Veatch was present and stated they are looking forward to working with the City to get the water situation headed in the right direction. Alderman Moss made a motion to allow Mayor Long to sign the agreement with Black & Veatch for water plant treatment study; Alderman Hays seconded with all in favor.
- Farmer's Elevator brought to the City's attention that they have a water meter that is mostly used for filling trucks. There is a bathroom that is served by the line as well, but the majority of the water does not go through the sewer. An agreement setting out the stipulations was reviewed. Alderman Moss made a

motion to allow Mayor Long to sign the agreement with Farmer's Elevator for this service; Alderman Foster seconded with all in favor.

**Public Safety Report**

- The Fire Department interviewed for a part-time Administrative Assistant. The pay for this position was discussed. Alderman Hays made a motion to set the rate at \$13 per hour; Alderman Foster seconded. Aldermen Vioria, Osbourne, Moss, Foster and Hays voted in favor. Alderman Painter opposed as she feels this pay is too high as other employees for the City did not get raises this year.
- A new server for the Police Department was put in the budget this year. Chief Wheeler would like to get this purchased. It was determined that he will have to make up bid specs and request to solicit bids.

**Administration Report**

- Mark Twain Regional Council of Governments 2019 Annual Meeting will be held on November 14, 2019 at the Madison Community Center. The reception is at 5 p.m., welcome at 6 p.m. with dinner to follow.
- A copy of the response to DNR regarding the violation dated 9/9/19 was given to the Council. There will be at least one more notice to go out in December.
- Information from Moberly Area Economic Development Corporation regarding services they provide was given to the Council.
- The mass mailer will be going out this week.
- A thank you was received from the Board of Education thanking the City Utility Departments for their quick response in kicking off the Ag Building project.
- The Scoreboard Lounge has requested to add Sunday Sales to their liquor license. They have approval from the State. Alderman Painter made a motion to allow the Scoreboard to add Sunday Sales to their license; Alderman Foster 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:

**October 2019**

Morrison, Ashley	227 Second St	\$629.34
Robertson, Alicia	110 Court St Apt A	623.82
Robertson, Alicia	110 Court St Apt C	450.81
Syrclle, Donavan	302 S. Davis	<u>263.49</u>
Total		\$1,967.46

Alderman Moss motioned to write off these accounts as uncollectible for accounting purposes only and to refer them to the City's Collection Agency; Alderman Foster seconded it. Aldermen Vioria, Moss, Foster and Hays in favor, Aldermen Painter and Osbourne opposed, motion carries.

- Ms. Pangborn asked for permission to solicit bids for safety supplies. Alderman Osbourne made a motion to allow Ms. Pangborn to solicit bids; Alderman Painter seconded with all in favor.

### **Nuisance Committee Report**

- A Nuisance Committee meeting was held prior to the Council meeting.

### **Park Board**

- A meeting was held on October 15, 2019. South Lake trees, tables from DNR grant and the pour & place playground surface was discussed. Alderman Osbourne made a motion to approve the minutes from the Park Board meeting; Alderman Foster seconded with all in favor. The next meeting is scheduled for February 18, 2020.

### **Economic Development Report**

- Alderman Foster made a motion to solicit Request for Qualifications for an Economic Development Consulting Service; Alderman Hays seconded with all in favor.
- Alderman Moss would also like to schedule an Economic Development meeting to discuss Industrial Park land. This is tentatively scheduled for November 6, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

### **City Attorney Report**

- Attorney Williams stated that Matt Perrine is wanting to get started working on the 105 North Main building prior to the sale being complete. A title search has been ordered but it is not yet complete. A pre-possession agreement has been drawn up however the Council has opted to wait until the sale is complete before allowing Mr. Perrine in the building. A special meeting can be held if needed once the title work is done to complete the sale.

### **Mayor's Report**

- Mayor Long asked about radio ads for the bond issue during the football game. It was decided that a radio ad would not have enough time to explain anything.
- There will need to be an ad put in the Lake Gazette next week about this. Alderman Hays made a motion to purchase a half page ad in the Lake Gazette not to exceed \$350; Alderman Foster seconded with all in favor.
- Census – still need to create a committee for the Census Complete Count. Alderman Painter is working on this.

There being no additional business to discuss, Alderman Foster motioned to adjourn the meeting; Alderman Moss seconded it with all in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

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John Long, Mayor

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Christine Ellison, City Clerk