

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

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

Others Present: Mayor John Long, Kevin O'Bryan, Jerry Potterfield, Ralph Lemongelli, Ronald Krigbaum, Tyler Wheeler, Damon Vuch, Jackie Pangborn, Mandi Kindhart, George Hausdorf, Michael Williams, Terry Tesson, and Forrest Gossett

Mayor John Long called the meeting to order at 6 p.m. and asked that all stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Consent Agenda**

- The minutes of the November 21, 2019 meeting, October financials and the bills payable were reviewed. Alderman Painter motioned to approve the November 21, 2019 meeting minutes, October financials and the bills payable; Alderman Osbourne seconded it with all in favor.

### **Open Forum**

- Al Dimmitt – Mr. Dimmitt was unable to attend the meeting.
- Jerry Potterfield – Mr. Potterfield asked about the status of Arcadia. Mayor Long stated this will be discussed later in the meeting.

**Planning & Zoning Report**– Alderman Vioria stated that there was nothing to report.

### **Public Works Report**

- Alderman Vioria stated that the information is in their packet of what the departments are doing.
- Ms. Pangborn received an email from Dr. Tracy Bottoms stating that GRP, the company working on the new building at the school, was extremely appreciative of the working relationship that they have with the City departments.
- Story Walk – the Street Department has installed the poles for the story walk. Library Director Karen Seward is very pleased.
- The service agreement with Hach is about to expire. This agreement ensures regular service on many pieces of equipment at the Water Plant. Alderman Moss asked where this was in the budget, Ms. Pangborn stated it was in Equipment Maintenance and Repair. Alderman Moss made a motion to enter into the service agreement with Hach for \$7,033; Alderman Vioria seconded with all in favor.
- The agreement with Richards Electric for maintenance of the generator at Route J Lake needs to be approved. Alderman Painter made a motion to approve this agreement for \$900.00; Alderman Osbourne seconded with all in favor.
- The Flow Meter at the Waste Water Treatment Plant needs to be replaced. This Flow Meter will also be used at the new plant meaning the City could pay for this

now but be reimbursed with the loan money. Alderman Moss made a motion to solicit bids for a new Flow Meter; Alderman Painter seconded with all in favor.

### Public Safety Report

- Chief Wheeler introduced the Council to new officer Ismail Ismaili. He will be very beneficial to the department as he is fluent in 5 different languages.
- Bids were solicited for a new server for the Police Department.
  - Marco \$10,837.72
  - GFI \$10,227.20

Chief Wheeler has requested that the Council approve the bid from Marco as they currently have a contract with the City for technology, and they were also the only ones to come on-site and look at what the Police Department actually needs. Alderman Hays made a motion to approve the bid from Marco for a new server for \$10,837.72. Alderman Painter seconded with all in favor.

- Alderman Hays asked about the status of the new door at the Police Department. Chief Wheeler stated that door has been purchased and is sitting at Robey's, he just needs to find someone to install it.

### Administration Report

- Budget Adjustments – the amount that was previously budgeted for Franchise Tax and Reimbursement from Utilities was figured incorrectly. These numbers also included a yearly payment for the City Hall complex that was paid off in 2017-18.

Description	Budgeted	Revised Budget
<u>General Fund</u>		
Municipal Utilities Franchise Tax	\$ 195,000.00	\$ 202,344.00
Reimbursement from Utilities	\$ 750,000.00	\$ 539,592.00
<u>Electric</u>		
Franchise Tax	\$ 110,000.00	\$ 135,600.00
Reimbursement	\$ 440,000.00	\$ 361,608.00
<u>Gas</u>		
Franchise Tax	\$ 38,300.00	\$ 31,440.00
Reimbursement	\$ 90,000.00	\$ 83,820.00
<u>Water</u>		
Franchise Tax	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 18,852.00
Reimbursement	\$ 120,000.00	\$ 50,280.00
<u>Sewer</u>		
Franchise Tax	\$ 8,850.00	\$ 16,452.00
Reimbursement	\$ 30,249.00	\$ 43,884.00

Alderman Moss made a motion to approve the budget adjustments as stated; Alderman Hays seconded with all in favor.

- Ms. Pangborn stated that she has made some changes to the current City Utility Policy. She asked that all Alderman review it and it can be discussed later.
- Commstock Investments – a new business that is opening in Monroe City has asked if the City provides any programs designed to welcome or incentivize new

businesses, such as reimbursement for signage, etc. The Council did not take an action on this request.

- Proposals were received from interested Collection agencies. Attorney Williams will look these over and they will be brought to the Council at the next meeting.
- An “Ordinance amending Chapter 2, Section 142 of the Monroe City Code, allowing for additional compensation per” was introduced. The proposed ordinance was assigned bill # 22.
  - The first reading of bill # 22 was read and approved on a motion by Alderman Moss; a second by Alderman Hays, with all in favor.
  - The second reading of bill #22 was read and approved on a motion by Alderman Osbourne, a second by Alderman Moss, with all in favor.
  - The third reading and final passage of bill # 15 was read by Alderman Hays, a second by Alderman Painter with all in favor. A roll call vote as follows:

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

Bill # 22 became ordinance # 22-2019.

- Ms. Pangborn reminded the Council that the City Christmas Dinner will be held on December 13, 2019 at 12pm – 1:30 pm at the Street Barn.

**Nuisance Committee Report**

- Alderman Hays stated a Nuisance meeting was held prior to the Council meeting. Items discussed were the Zekind house on East Cleveland as well as the construction site on Benton Drive. Chief Wheeler stated he had discussed the Benton Drive issue with Attorney Williams between meetings and the Police Department will be starting the nuisance process due to stagnant water in the holes that were dug for the foundation.

**Park Report** – Alderman Painter stated there was nothing to report.

**Economic Development Report**

- Alderman Moss stated that we need to reschedule a meeting to review the information that was provided by the economic development consultants. A meeting was set for Wednesday, December 11, 2019 at 5:30 pm to review the Economic Development Consultant qualifications, the covenants for the Industrial park, as well as the proposal from DTMC.

**City Attorney’s Report**

- An “Ordinance amending Chapter 78, Section 167 of the Monroe City Code,” was introduced. The proposed ordinance was assigned bill # 16. This is to amend the snow route from Dover Street from Main Street east to the end of East Dover Street.
  - The first reading of bill # 16 was read and approved on a motion by Alderman Moss; a second by Alderman Painter, with all in favor.
  - The second reading of bill #16 was read and approved on a motion by

Alderman Hays, a second by Alderman Osbourne, with all in favor.

- The third reading and final passage of bill # 16 was read by Alderman Painter, a second by Alderman Moss with all in favor. A roll call vote as follows:

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

Bill # 16 became ordinance # 16-2019.

- An “Ordinance amending Chapter 78, Section 142 of the Monroe City Code,” was introduced. The proposed ordinance was assigned bill # 17. This ordinance will prevent vehicles from parking at the end of cul-de-sacs.
  - The first reading of bill # 17 was read and approved on a motion by Alderman Moss; a second by Alderman Viloría, with all in favor.
  - The second reading of bill #17 was read and approved on a motion by Alderman Hays, a second by Alderman Osbourne, with all in favor.
  - The third reading and final passage of bill # 17 was read by Alderman Painter, a second by Alderman Moss with all in favor. A roll call vote as follows:

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

Bill # 17 became ordinance # 17-2019.

- An Ordinance regarding Medical Marijuana facilities was also reviewed. There was discussion regarding the proximity of facilities to schools, churches, day cares, etc. Attorney Williams will send out some ordinances that were passed in other cities as well as the state statute regarding these facilities to the Alderman for review and this ordinance will be discussed again at the next meeting.

**Mayor’s report**

- Mayor Long stated he has had a conversation with Graham Furse, Vice President of Arcadia regarding their utilities. Mayor Long stated he would like the Council to not shut the utilities off for several different reasons. If they are shut off, the business will shut down and the City will not receive any money for the current utilities owed. He is also concerned about how the closure of that business would affect the future economic development of the City, as well as the loss of taxes. This closure would cause many families to lose jobs, resulting in loss of more taxes if these families move to a different city for new jobs which in turn will result in less taxes for the school, etc. Mayor Long stated he had contacted Stuart Haynes with the Missouri Municipal League and was sent a copy of a settlement agreement that could be put together to get them to pay sooner than the original payment plan Arcadia had suggested.

Alderman Painter asked if the Council agreed at the last meeting to shut their utilities off and was a disconnect date given? The answer was no. Arcadia has made two \$20,000 payments and while Mayor Long doesn't agree with an 8-month payment plan, he would like to shorten their payment plan to 8 weeks. He also stated that Arcadia has started several new jobs that will increase their revenue. Alderman Hays asked if Arcadia is confident that they are going to pull through this, then why can't they get a loan from their bank to get this debt paid, then they can make payments to the bank for this loan.

Much discussion was had regarding current policy, the possibility of a creating new policy, payment plans, etc. Alderman Moss stated he wasn't opposed to having a special meeting to discuss policy and asked that Mr. Furse be present to discuss his company's financial situation. Alderman Painter was adamant that we follow our current policy regarding utilities. Ms. Pangborn asked if it needed to be documented that the Council stated to shut Arcadia's utilities off if the weather is going to be above 32 degrees for a 24-hour period and Attorney Williams stated it does not have to be noted, we are just following policy.

There being no additional information to discuss, Alderman Moss motioned to adjourn the meeting, Alderman Hays seconded it with all in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:33 pm.

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John Long, Mayor

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Christine Ellison, City Clerk