

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

Aldermen Present Via Phone: Rusty Rothweiler

Aldermen Present Via Video Conference: Connie Painter, Jason Osbourne

Alderman Absent: Marvin Vilorio, Jeremy Moss, Melissa Hays

Others Present: Mayor John Long

Others Present Via Video or Phone: Michael Williams, Jackie Pangborn, Tyler Wheeler,
Forrest Gossett

Mayor John Long called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

The reason for the meeting was to discuss Missouri Metalcraft and their potential lease of the Continental Casting/Arcadia building.

Ken Freeman spoke with Jackie Pangborn and stated they would be signing papers today or tomorrow. He asked what he needed to do to get utilities in his company's name, so he was sent the paperwork regarding that via email but she has yet to hear back from him about that. Michael Williams was made aware of this. Mr. Williams stated we need to make sure that we have a deposit. They had previously made a deposit of \$45,000 which should theoretically take them until April 1, 2020 – that was the agreement. The bill from March 2-March 25 was approximately \$41,000 when the meters were read. On April 1st, the meters will be read again to see where they are. At that point we will apply the \$45,000 and he will have to pay the difference.

Alderman Rothweiler asked if we have a standard rate that we charge industrial companies. At this time, we do not have a deposit schedule at all for industrial businesses, but an updated policy is being drafted.

Alderman Painter has a concern that we have asked Mr. Freeman to come meet with the Council, but no contact was made. The communication is something that we really need to keep in mind and to keep on top of things as we've been burned before.

Attorney Williams received a call from them today at 4:00 pm and they expect to close on the deal and sign the lease tomorrow morning. If we are going to require a deposit, they want to know exactly what will need to be paid. Attorney Williams stated he understands the concerns regarding this transaction, but just because this company is taking over for a company that didn't pay, you have to treat them separately and like any other new company with a faith agreement, doing what we can to get a deposit of the minimum that is required.

The situation will be assessed again on April 1st. Any overage of \$45,000 will need to be paid. Attorney Williams will discuss with their attorney a deposit that we are

requiring. It was discussed requiring 20% of an average bill of \$50,000 using the same rules for returning deposits as other utility customers.

Also to be discussed are COVID-19 issues. Chief Tyler Wheeler stated so far today confirmed in MO is 1,031 and 13 deaths and is rising daily. The Governor is looking to extend the social distancing rules for 30-60 days, but no Shelter in Place has been set just yet. Chief Wheeler thinks as a City we are doing fine, however, still having issues getting PPE's for first responders. Governor says that State has been spending millions on getting protective masks, but law enforcement first responders are not at the top of the list, hospitals and nursing homes are getting those first. Ms. Pangborn has ordered some and they have been shipped but have not arrived just yet.

Alderman Painter wants to thank everyone that has stepped up and have done more than their share including Police Officers and Fire Department and local business. Chief Wheeler will also continue giving updates as needed.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

MAYOR JOHN LONG

CHRISTINE ELLISON, City Clerk