

The Board of Aldermen met in special session at 3:00 p.m.

Aldermen Present Via Video Conference: Connie Painter, Marvin Vilorio (no audio), Jason Osbourne, Jeremy Moss, Rusty Rothweiler (phone), Melissa Hays

Alderman Absent:

Others Present Via Video or Phone: Mayor John Long, Michael Williams, Jackie Pangborn, Ryan Hileman, Ken Freeman, David Berry, Mandi Kindhart

Mayor John Long called the meeting to order at 3:11 p.m.

The reason for the meeting was to discuss Missouri Metalcraft and the demand charges they are being billed.

Jackie Pangborn stated she emailed a spreadsheet to the Council showing the charges each month, as well as estimated savings to Missouri Metalcraft. The demand charges that are being billed currently will cost Missouri Metalcraft approximately \$61,000. Typically, when we have a demand charge like this, it stays in effect until the next peak. When the demand was set by Continental/Arcadia last summer, it was never hit again. Ms. Pangborn feels it is in the City's best interest, as well as Missouri Metalcraft's as they are a new company, to adjust this down to actual usage until the next peak is set. She has spoken to Attorney Michael Williams about this. Mr. Williams' thought is that if MOPEP will reset this in July or August, Missouri Metalcraft should have an idea of what their usage is going to be, and the demand will be set lower. If their business picks up, they will be saving some money as well with the lower demand charge and should benefit from this.

Ken Freeman stated that he believes the \$45,000 deposit that was paid to cover their utilities in March was more than enough to cover their cost. He feels that \$45,000 is too high for a deposit but he is willing to pay a substantial deposit. They are also willing to pay utilities for March through August with actual demand charges as their business structure is about ¼ of what it was at Continental.

Attorney Williams stated that to make an adjustment, there needs to be a motion to make a special exception for these demand charges. The City will still be responsible for the overage each month.

David Berry stated when his company took over in Palmyra, they were given a fresh demand charge. As a new business, taking over a previous demand charge is not really feasible.

Alderman Moss states he realizes this will affect the City financially but helping this business out will help everyone long term. Attorney Williams states this is certainly reasonable but did not realize this was a request until March 31. Mr. Freeman states this concern has existed since they paid the \$45,000 deposit. Ms. Pangborn stated Mr.

Freeman mentioned the demand in his first visit in late February; however, she was not aware of the concern with demand charges affecting the project until late March – when she contacted Attorney Williams. Alderman Moss stated regardless of the timing, essentially a decision needs to be made to go with a 12-month demand change or just March through August until a new peak is set. Considering the environment, we are in right now, he is back dating the demand to March and using the actual demand charge each month until a new peak is set in August.

Attorney Williams asked if it is adjusted, is the plan for Missouri Metalcraft to keep the deposit and pay the bill as adjusted? Mr. Freeman stated that he would like the deposit back but feels it is reasonable to have a deposit there. He intends to pay on a monthly basis, not only the actual usage as well as the demand for the month. He feels \$25,000 is not out of reason.

Alderman Moss requests that the Council look at this considering what we know right now, not necessarily requests made in the past. This makes sense to us as a City to get a potential business coming to town. Aldermen Rothweiler and Hays agree with this sentiment. We have a business interested in purchasing a business that is important to this community and can help provide long term support. That’s what we are asking Missouri Metalcraft to do, to operate and be profitable. The lowest risk for us right now in this environment is if we can provide a nice incentive for them to come to town.

Alderman Hays feels we have tunnel vision right now just focusing on utilities. That doesn’t touch the big picture such as tax revenue, job opportunities so that others can pay bills, we need to keep this place running so everything can fall into place like it’s supposed to.

Alderman Moss made a motion to approve Missouri Metalcraft to be charged actual demand usage on a monthly basis until a new demand is set or August, whichever comes first including back dating to March; Alderman Rothweiler seconded. Roll call vote as follows:

Connie Painter.....	Nay	Jeremy Moss	Yes
Marvin Viloría.....	Absent	Rusty Rothweiler	Yes
Jason Osbourne	Yes	Melissa Hays	Yes

Motion passes.

Mr. Freeman requests \$25,000 to stay on the books for a deposit. Alderman Rothweiler made a motion to allow \$25,000 as a deposit for Missouri Metalcraft, Alderman Moss seconded. Alderman Painter asked during the vote if this was to hold the \$25,000 for a deposit. Roll call vote as follows:

Connie Painter.....	Yes	Jeremy Moss	Yes
Marvin Viloría.....	Absent	Rusty Rothweiler	Yes
Jason Osbourne	Yes	Melissa Hays	Yes

Motion passes.

Note: During the meeting on April 9, 2020 Aldermen Painter and Osbourne stated they misunderstood the vote.

With no other business to discuss, Alderman Moss made a motion to adjourn, Alderman Rothweiler seconded. Roll call vote as follows:

Connie Painter.....	Yes	Jeremy Moss	Yes
Marvin Viloría.....	Absent	Rusty Rothweiler	Yes
Jason Osbourne	Yes	Melissa Hays	Yes

Motion passes. The meeting was adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

MAYOR JOHN LONG

CHRISTINE ELLISON, City Clerk