

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

Aldermen Present: Connie Painter, Marvin Vioria, Jason Osbourne, Jeff Botkins, Rusty Rothweiler, Ralph Lemongelli

Alderman Absent:

Others Present: Mayor Jerry Potterfield, John Russell, Rich Enochs, Jim Dowell, Bill Janes, Robby Ellison, Rhonda Peer, George Hausdorf, Damon Vuch, Donna Long, Mandi White, Hazel Smith, Erin Brown

Mayor Potterfield called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and asked that all stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Board of Aldermen reviewed the consent agenda which included minutes from the September 17th, 2020 meeting and bills payable. Alderman Painter made a motion to approve the minutes from September 17, 2020 and the bills payable; Alderman Rothweiler seconded with all in favor.

Mayor Potterfield opened the floor to open forum:

Open Forum

- Donna Long was present to discuss Make A Difference Day. This will be October 24, 2020 from 8am to 12pm. This is where student and adult volunteers come together to help those in need of assistance with items such as yardwork and general cleanup. Anyone in need of help or that would like to volunteer are encouraged to call Donna at the Holy Rosary Church rectory (573-735-4718) or City Hall to be added to the list.
- Alderman Painter read a letter from David & Toni Addison thanking the Police Department, Fire Department and EMTs for all of their hard work on and off the clock.

Presentations

- None

Planning and Zoning

- None

Public works

- Alderman Vioria stated that it is in the book as to what the different departments have been doing.
- George Hausdorf from PeopleServices gave an update:
 - There was an extreme blockage in a sewer line on North Elm earlier this week. It was full of hair, grease and flushable wipes (that aren't really flushable) that caused the blockage. They have jetted the lines and cleared the blockage.
 - The Waste Water Treatment Plant plans and specs have been sent to DNR.

- Black & Veatch are still working on numbers before their final report is submitted.
- Chlorine Dioxide trial is still producing good results and lowering TTHMs. The Council originally approved the trial through October. Mr. Hausdorf stated he will need to send a letter to DNR advising them of the status of the trial if the City decides to continue. Alderman Painter made a motion to continue the Chlorine Dioxide trial and to send a letter to DNR about this; Alderman Lemongelli seconded with all in favor.
- The Sludge Truck has an enormous engine leak, spending about \$100 per day on oil. Mr. Hausdorf has had problems finding someone to work on the truck but has finally found a place in Palmyra.
- Raw water pump #1 has quit. A new contactor has been ordered and should be here soon.
- Hach Service Agreement – a quote for this agreement has been received.
- Route J Remote Pump – this is a budgeted item that only one company can provide for us, and the cost came in lower than was budgeted. Alderman Vioria made a motion to purchase the remote pump for Route J from Hydro-Kinetics for \$1,340.00; Alderman Botkins seconded with all in favor.
- Mr. Hausdorf was asked about the water quality. He stated the turbidities are running better than he has ever seen them. If anyone has any concerns with their water, have them contact the water plant and samples can be taken.
- One of the Street Department trucks was involved in an accident. Currently working with the insurance and will be discussed again at a later meeting.
- Bids for a new pool roof were received:

Bids for Pool – Roof Repair and Shingle Replacement

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Comments</u>
DJV Construction	\$ 8,250.00	
Construction Solutions	\$ 8,748.50	

Alderman Vioria suggests that when we go out for bids for projects like this, once the project is done, the building inspector needs to inspect before payment is made. Alderman Painter made a motion to accept the bid from Construction Solutions for \$8,748.50; Alderman Rothweiler seconded with all in favor.

- The Electric Department has two transformers for sale. As these are more of a specific item, listing them for sale or for bid in a regular newspaper would not be sufficient. These will be listed for sale for a minimum bid in the MPUA Newsletter.

Public Safety/Nuisance

- Fire Chief Rich Enochs gave a Fire Department update:
 - Grain Bin Rescue class will be held on October 10 – currently 35 signed up to attend this class including 2 officers and 7 firefighters from Monroe City. This class is being paid for by Farmer’s Elevator.
 - Hose Testing will also be held on October 10th.

- Fire Prevention – due to COVID-19, the Fire Department isn't allowed to go into the school for Fire Prevention Week but packets were delivered to the school for all students Pre-K through 3rd and are being handed out by the teachers.
- Trunk or Treat is October 24th.
- This year instead of doing the Open House, the plan is to just have the bon fire and hayride at South Lake if approved by the Council. They will also serve hot dogs/hot chocolate and have two hay wagons. Alderman Rothweiler made a motion to approve the Fire Department using South Lake on October 17th from 5pm-9pm for a bon fire and hayride; Alderman Painter seconded with all in favor.
- SCBA essentials training will be in December.
- Trench operations training will be in the Spring.
- Fire Department still works the food bank every Tuesday.
- Alderman Painter stated the Make A Difference Day this year can help with some of the nuisance issues. She wants to schedule a meeting sometime to discuss. She also said we all need to work together to get things done.

Administration committee

- A request was made by the Monroe City Chamber of Commerce to use St. Jude's Park for the Fall Festival on October 17th. This request included closing Catherine & Court Streets from Main to Vine, trash cans, picnic tables, portable toilets and handwashing stations. The Council approved earlier in the year that the City would no longer be paying for portable toilets and handwashing stations. Alderman Rothweiler made a motion to approve the request except the portable toilets and handwashing stations; Alderman Painter seconded with all in favor.
- Due to the passing of Gary Luck, the City will have to find a new financial auditor. Alderman Botkins made a motion to solicit bids for a new financial auditor; Alderman Osbourne seconded with all in favor.

Park Board

- No report

Economic Development

- The Economic Development committee met with Lakeside Casting to discuss a possible expansion. This will have ongoing updates.

City Attorney Report

- Attorney Russell stated the ordinances really need to be updated. Chris Ellison will find the bids that have previously been received regarding the ordinance updates.

Mayor's Report

- About a year ago, the Council made a decision to switch to Chariton Valley to increase speed and cheapen our service, however this is now costing the City an extra \$1,000 per month. This is being worked on.

- The Wedge has a tenant with an electric car and they want to designate a spot for this particular car in order for it to be plugged in. It was determined that the Wedge owns the two spots to the south of their building, they have the right to reserve those spots.
- Mayor Potterfield and Alderman Rothweiler will be talking to some people about logging Route J.

Alderman Painter made a motion for executive session authorized by RSMO 610.021 (3) hiring, firing, discipling or promoting of particular employees; Alderman Viloría seconded with roll call as follows:

Connie Painter.....	Yes	Jeff Botkins.....	Yes
Marvin Viloría.....	Yes	Rusty Rothweiler	Yes
Jason Osbourne	Yes	Ralph Lemongelli	Yes

There being no more business to discuss; Alderman Lemongelli made a motion to adjourn; Alderman Rothweiler seconded with all in favor. The meeting ended at 7:45 p.m.

MAYOR JERRY POTTERFIELD

CHRISTINE ELLISON, City Clerk