

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

Aldermen Present: Connie Painter, Marvin Vilorio, Jeff Botkins, Rusty Rothweiler,
Ralph Lemongelli

Alderman Absent: Jason Osbourne

Others Present: Mayor Jerry Potterfield, John Russell, Russell Inlow, Rich Enochs,
Zach James, Robby Ellison, Rhonda Peer, George Hausdorf, Hazel
Smith, Mandi Kindhart White

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

The Public Hearing was called to order. The purpose was to discuss a proposed increase to water and sewer rates. Alderman Rusty Rothweiler stated that unless we do this, it is not going to be pretty. We need to be taking some progressive measures because we are offering the same services as years ago, but with a smaller number of residents, and lower sales tax. Mayor Jerry Potterfield also spoke and said the City is looking at stuff a lot closer, getting rid of assets that aren't being used and looking to avoid mistakes in the future.

The proposed increase is a \$20.00 base fee to each account for water and \$10.00 for sewer.

There being no comments from anyone else in attendance, the public hearing was closed.

Mayor Potterfield then called the meeting to order.

The Board of Aldermen reviewed the consent agenda which included minutes from the October 8, 2020 meeting, September financials and bills payable. Alderman Painter made a motion to approve the consent agenda; Alderman Botkins seconded with all in favor.

Mayor Potterfield opened the floor to open forum:

Open Forum

- Alderman Painter reminded everyone that the Trunk or Treat event is this Saturday, October 24th from 4pm – 7pm

Presentations

- None

Planning and Zoning

- None

Public works

- Alderman Vilorio stated that it is in the book as to what the different departments have been doing.
- The lot at the Street Barn has been cleared off and looks much better.
- The clean up process throughout the departments has created some surplus property including vehicles, backhoe, pipe and other miscellaneous items. Dale DeLaPorte has an online auction service that will sell these items for the City. He will charge \$200 to come take pictures and put the items online. He charges the buyers a 10% buyers fee so the only charge to the City would be \$200. Alderman Rothweiler made a motion to approve this auction; Alderman Lemongelli seconded with all in favor.
- The Sludge Truck is in need of repairs. The closest shop that will work on a Detroit Diesel is Midway in Palmyra. They have given two quotes for repair but are unsure on the amount of work until they see the truck. George Hausdorf will get it hauled over to them to get a more accurate quote.
- Generator Project bids have been received:

Bids for Generator Removal – Electric Departments

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Details</u>
D&M Electrical	\$150,000.00	Removal/disposal of generators and demo of 126 E Summer, removal/disposal of generators 200 E Summer, removal/disposal of diesel fuel and tank, purchase of 5 CAT engines.
Mervis Recycling	\$120,000.00	Removal/disposal of generators and demo of 126 E Summer, removal/disposal of generators 200 E Summer, removal/disposal of diesel fuel and tank, purchase of 5 CAT engines.
Altorfer Inc.	\$101,357.00	Purchase CAT 5 engines and removal of engines from 200 & 218 E Summer

Alderman Rothweiler made a motion to accept the bid from D&M Electrical for \$150,000 as well as the contract that was drawn up; Alderman Lemongelli seconded with all in favor.

- The maintenance agreement with HACH is up for renewal. This maintenance agreement was included in the budget. Alderman Lemongelli made a motion to purchase the maintenance agreement from HACH for the year 2021; Alderman Rothweiler seconded with all in favor.
- The clean basins at the water treatment plant need to be vac'd out. This type of service was hired out last year but the truck that they used was too small and the job took too long. Mr. Hausdorf found three companies that will rent these trucks with a 6" vac hose:

Key Equipment	\$4,895
Vac2Go	\$5,395
Daylighting Badger	\$7,320

This truck will be faster for removing sludge giving them time to work on other areas as well such as pumping the grit from the grit chambers, clarifier and the digester. Alderman Rothweiler made a motion to approve the rental of a vac truck from Key Equipment for up to \$4,895; Alderman Painter seconded with all in favor.

- George Hausdorf from PeopleServices gave an update:
 - Per their contract, PeopleServices is to operate all valves within 5 years, but as of right now they are already ¾ of the way done which is ahead of schedule.
 - Route J Pump – at the last meeting, Mr. Hausdorf stated they would be ordering a new contactor. That came in but it didn't solve the problem. It was determined the VFD was bad. He is currently waiting on pricing, but this is a necessity to have this pump running. He estimates the cost to be \$3,500-4,500.

Public Safety/Nuisance

- A public safety/nuisance committee meeting was held on October 12th. A list of nuisance issues is being generated and citizen complaints are coming in. They are also following up on abatements next week. Alderman Painter asked for a list and updates to keep the Council informed.
- Alderman Painter stated there are also complaints coming in regarding the stuff on Main Street in front of stores and blocking the sidewalks. The ordinance states that the Director of Public Works takes care of these issues but since the City does not have a Director of Public Works, this will fall to the Police Department. Alderman Painter said there are 4-5 businesses on Main Street that make it difficult to get through and make them not handicapped accessible. She also questioned how much space does each business get?
- Alderman Rothweiler made a motion to approve the Public Safety/Nuisance committee meeting minutes from October 12, 2020; Alderman Lemongelli seconded with all in favor.
- Make a Difference Day is October 24th from 8am to 12pm.
- Captain Zach James stated the new radios are in and working tremendously. He also hopes all three new cars will be ready with in the next two weeks.
- Thank you to the Fire Department for hosting the Bon Fire/Hay Ride.

Administration committee

- Bid specs were prepared for soliciting for a new auditor, these were also approved by John Russell. Alderman Rothweiler made a motion to approve the bid specs and solicit for a new auditor; Alderman Painter 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 2020

Downing, Eli	13 Sycamore Lane	\$750.50
Fishbeck, Ashley	536 S Summer #D	\$143.66

Garner, Natosha	12 Gtwy Sq #2	\$238.05
	Total October 2020	\$1,132.21

Alderman Lemongelli motioned to write off these accounts in the amount of \$1,132.21 for October as uncollectible for accounting purposes only and to refer them to the City’s Collection Agency; Alderman Rothweiler seconded the motion. Aldermen Lemongelli, Rothweiler, Vilorio and Botkins in favor, Alderman Painter opposed, motion passes.

Park Board

- Alderman Painter discussed concrete flowerpots that could generate income by selling ads for the side of them. They are 3x3x3 and are \$75 each. Robby Ellison stated Bowling Green is doing this, selling ad spots on them for \$400 per year. Alderman Painter will talk to DTMC about this.
- Mayor Potterfield has been in discussion with a professional forester regarding the logging of Route J Lake. There is \$200,000-300,000 worth of harvestable timber. A very comprehensive report was written and will be discussed again at the next meeting.

Economic Development

- None

City Attorney Report

- None

Mayor’s Report

- Mayor Potterfield has been contacted by Debbie Kendrick of See Real Estate regarding a piece of property off of County Line Road. She stated that there are two street cuts that would need to be made to get water and sewer to the property and is asking for the reduction in cost for these cuts. It was the Council’s thought that this could be recouped by the buyer in the sale price of the property.

There being no more business to discuss; Alderman Rothweiler made a motion to adjourn; Alderman Painter seconded with all in favor. The meeting ended at 7:05 p.m.

MAYOR JERRY POTTERFIELD

CHRISTINE ELLISON, City Clerk