

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

Aldermen Present via Video: Connie Painter, Jason Osbourne, Ralph Lemongelli

Aldermen Present via Audio: Marvin Vioria, Jeff Botkins

Alderman Absent: Rusty Rothweiler

Others Present: Mayor Jerry Potterfield, John Russell, Tyler Wheeler, Rich Enochs, Mandi Kindhart White, Stacy Dorsett, Lance Dorsett, Jesse Shinn, Sandy Shinn, Becky Chinn, Devyn Timbrook, George Hausdorf, Linda Geist, Matt Brodersen, Forrest Gossett, Blair Joiner, Jackie Pangborn, Brandon Adams, Cloey Latifoski, Carrie Cooper, Terry Gibbs, and others not listed by name.

Mayor Potterfield asked that all stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was then called to order.

The Board of Aldermen reviewed the consent agenda which included minutes from the November 19, 2020 meeting. Alderman Painter motioned to approve the consent agenda; Alderman Botkins seconded with all in favor.

Mayor Potterfield opened the floor to open forum:

Open Forum

- Carrie Cooper thanked the Council for all the years of purchasing insurance through MOPERM and discussed the renewal that is due January 1, 2021. There were a few concerns because the bill is higher this year even after several vehicles were removed, the generators and a building. Mrs. Cooper explained this is due to property values increasing.
- Alderman Painter asked about the grant for the playground. Chris Ellison stated she would check on this.
- Alderman Painter also asked about the portable toilets that are used during the spring/summer. She noticed they were still in town. Ms. Ellison stated these were scheduled to be picked up any day now.
- Employee Christmas Dinner is scheduled for December 11 at the Street Barn.
- The City Administrator position was discussed. It was discussed that this position is not going to be filled at this time. Alderman Botkins made a motion to solicit applications for administrative help in City Hall with a pay scale to be discussed later; Alderman Lemongelli seconded with Aldermen Painter, Vioria, Botkins and Lemongelli in favor; Alderman Osbourne opposed. Motion passes.
- Alderman Vioria stated he was recently down by the demo project and noticed a lot of trash had been blown from East Summer to East Dover. He asked that the demo crew keep the debris picked up.
- A concern was brought up regarding a City employee working on equipment owned by the demolition crew. Alderman Painter stated she felt this was a liability for the City.

Presentations

- None

Planning and Zoning

- A public hearing and Planning & Zoning meeting is scheduled for December 15, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom.

Public works

- Alderman Vioria stated that it is in the book as to what the different departments have been doing.
- The issue with Electric at Dennis Evans' house was brought up again. After much discussion, it was decided that neither party could determine who was at fault. Alderman Lemongelli made a motion to pay Dennis Evans for half of the cost of the electrician in the amount of \$1,212.35 and to have a paper signed by Mr. Evans stating the City is no longer responsible for any damages; Alderman Vioria seconded with all in favor. John Russell will work up an agreement for Mr. Evans to sign.
- DNR has issued an abatement order for Outfall #2 at the Wastewater plant. Ten years ago, the City signed an agreement to have this disconnected in five years. This was extended another five years. As of August 2022, this must be disconnected. If still in use at that time, there will be fines but the new wastewater plant should be close to being finished by that time. Alderman Botkins made a motion to authorizing the Mayor to sign the Abatement Order; Alderman Lemongelli seconded with all in favor.
- George Hausdorf gave a report from People Services:
 - Lift station at the Industrial Park is out for bid and will be ready for review at the next council meeting.
 - Alarm on the generator is fixed.
 - B&V meeting on meeting on Monday to move forward with making the chlorine dioxide trial permanent as well as valves, tower and aeration specs for Route J Lake.

Public Safety/Nuisance

- Chief Tyler Wheeler stated our ordinance states that selling vehicles must be by sealed bids. Attorney Russell stated these can be sold however the council approves them to be sold. Alderman Painter made a motion to sell the vehicles via sealed bid; Alderman Vioria seconded. Aldermen Vioria and Painter in favor; Aldermen Osbourne, Lemongelli and Botkins oppose. Motion does not pass. Alderman Lemongelli made a motion to sell the cars via auction; Alderman Botkins seconds. Aldermen Osbourne, Lemongelli and Botkins in favor; Aldermen Painter and Vioria oppose. Motion passes. Chief Wheeler stated he will get the cars decommissioned.
- Mayor Potterfield stated the old jail doors are on City property. He suggests putting these in St. Jude's Park, in front of City Hall building, in the museum or by the City Hall steps. He asked the Council to think about this and it can be

determined later where to put them as well as what to put on the plaque placed by or on them.

- Chief Wheeler also gave a COVID update. He stated he feels businesses should start preparing for shut down when the new federal administration takes office. He also stated he thinks there needs to be a COVID only policy to deal with personnel. Attorney Russell states these issues need to defer to the county health department.
- Nuisance update – cars have been tagged that were complained about.

Administration committee

- The agreement with Learning Opportunities is up for renewal. Alderman Vioria made a motion to continue with the agreement with LOI for janitorial services for City Hall and the Police Department; Alderman Lemongelli seconded with all in favor.
- School land – this was discussed and tabled again until the next meeting for Attorney Russell to look into this further.
- The proposal to join MIRMA was discussed. If the City joins, this will take effect January 1, 2021. This will be tabled until the next meeting.

Park Board

- No report.

Economic Development

- Lakeside lease was discussed. Attorney Russell has sent them a letter asking their intentions. Alderman Painter stated she would like to discuss this face to face with Chuck Mudd. Alderman Vioria made a motion to not extend the lease with Lakeside. The motion died for a lack of a second. Alderman Painter made a motion to invite Mr. Mudd to the next council meeting to discuss the lease; Alderman Botkins seconded with all in favor.
- Alderman Lemongelli asked that Attorney Russell attend the next council meeting.

City Attorney Report

- Attorney Russell is working on the contract for logging at Route J. This will be discussed at the next meeting.
- He also asked for an update on the ordinance updating. Ms. Ellison stated she is still waiting on a quote from another company for this. This will be discussed again at the first meeting in January.
- The vehicle involved in the accident is still sitting at JC's as the other insurance company will not cover the storage fees past October 29th. Alderman Botkins made a motion to accept option 1 from the other insurance company and to pay our portion of the storage fees; Alderman Lemongelli seconded with all in favor.

Mayor's Report

- Mayor Potterfield stated the asbestos inspection at the demolition site has been completed and they indicated verbally that there were no signs of asbestos.

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Samples have been sent to the lab awaiting results. Alderman Osbourne asked about an email from Brian Miller, this was regarding the structure of the building. Mr. Miller will be asked to join the next council meeting.

There being no more business to discuss; Alderman Lemongelli made a motion to adjourn; Alderman Botkins seconded with all in favor. The meeting ended at 8:30 p.m.

MAYOR JERRY POTTERFIELD

CHRISTINE ELLISON, City Clerk