

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

Aldermen Present via Video: Connie Painter, Jason Osbourne, Rusty Rothweiler, Marvin Vilorio, Ralph Lemongelli

Aldermen Present via Audio: Jeff Botkins

Alderman Absent:

Others Present: Mayor Jerry Potterfield, John Russell, David Hickman – HIC, Matt Hickman – HIC, Sara Isenhour -HIC, Tyler Wheeler, Katy Hays, Debbie Kendrick, Sandy Shinn, Forrest Gossett, Mandi Kindhart-White Rich Enochs, Lance Dorsett, Stacy Dorsett, Becky Chinn, Cloey Latifoski, 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 December 17, 2020 meeting and bills payable. Alderman Painter motioned to approve the consent agenda; Alderman Rothweiler seconded with all in favor.

Mayor Potterfield opened the floor to open forum:

Open Forum

- Alderman Painter asked for a follow-up on a few things:
 - Ordinances & Website – Chris Ellison stated she is still waiting on quotes back from the company that can do both at the same time.
 - The generators were also brought up but no discussion was held regarding these.
- Alderman Osbourne asked about the training reimbursement with Case Wolfe. Chief Rich Enochs stated that he and Case have talked, have worked up a plan that will need to be presented to the Rural Board first and will be brought to the Council after that.
- Debbie Kendrick addressed the Council:
 - Ms. Kendrick asked for an update on the request concerning Mosswood Estates, adding the lot, and moving a gas line. John Russell stated that since the gas line was there before the subdivision was put in, it would be Mosswood's responsibility to move the line. At the last Planning & Zoning committee meeting, it was approved to recommend to the Board of Alderman allow Mosswood to add an additional lot. Alderman Botkins made a motion to move ahead with that project. This motion died due to a lack of a second. Alderman Rothweiler made a motion to allow Mosswood to add one additional lot to their subdivision, Alderman Botkins seconded. Aldermen Painter, Osbourne, Botkins, Rothweiler in favor; Alderman Lemongelli abstained.
 - The next request was to move forward with the Public Hearing. This will get scheduled.

- Ms. Kendrick also thanked the City work crews for all the work over this past weekend. They have done a great job.
- Alderman Painter also thanked the City crews.
- Alderman Lemongelli asked if the Council could meet in person rather than Zoom. The public can still attend via zoom, but the Council will meet in person.

Presentations

- David Hickman, Matt Hickman and Sara Isenhour addressed the Council regarding the upcoming renewal of the City's health insurance. This year's renewal is around 12.4% higher than last year. They are also looking into a different HRA vendor as the current vendor is very difficult to work with. As the renewal is not due until February 1, 2021, the Council will review the information received and will decide on this at the next Council meeting.

Mayor's Report

- Mayor Potterfield discussed several items:
 - Demo project – 100% green light has been given from DNR. D&M Electrical will be back next week to finish up the project.
 - Weekend Storm – he felt the City work crews did an exceptionally good job this weekend. The only concern was the location that was blocked off due to the downed power line. There were no lights on the barricades and no one around to warn traffic. This is a safety concern. This pole breakage has also brought up some concerns. There are issues with other poles around town. Kerry Lee stated there are 500-600 poles on the feeder lines that have not been replaced that could be in the same shape. A plan needs to be put in place to get these taken care of.
 - Lakeside Casting will not be renewing their lease and will buy out the loan with a closing date of March 1, 2021.
 - The water plant needs some soffit work done. Bid specs needs to be prepared to get this fixed.
 - MIRMA sent protocols for what is required for street blockages, this will be forwarded to Kevin O'Bryan and Chief Tyler Wheeler for review.
 - Auction – currently have 3 properties in Monroe County (512 W Cleveland, 209 First Street and the lot by the school) and three police cars to be sold. Auctioneer Dale DeLaPorte will charge a 4-5% commission. Alderman Lemongelli made a motion to sell the three residential lots and three police cars via auction; Alderman Botkins seconded with Aldermen Lemongelli, Botkins, Painter, Rothweiler; Alderman Osbourne abstained. Motion passes.

Planning and Zoning

- No report.

Public works

- Sheltered Workshop Lift Station bids were discussed. Since there is a question as to whether the City should be maintaining that lift station, the bids were tabled until the next meeting.
- Bids for a Hypochlorite Container Scale were received.

Bids for Hypochlorite Container Scale

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Details</u>
HD Supply/USA Blue Book	\$4,725.00	
Sidener Environmental Services	\$5,047.90	
Hydro-Kinetics	\$5,340.00	

George Hausdorf recommends purchasing the scale from HD Supply/USA Blue Book for \$4,4725. Alderman Rothweiler made a motion to accept Mr. Hausdorf's recommendation and purchase the scale from HD Supply/USA Blue Book for \$4,725.00; Alderman Botkins seconded with all in favor.

- Chemical bids were reviewed to show what chemical costs are for 2021 calendar year. This is a savings of almost \$9,000 from previous and could possibly see bigger savings.

Public Safety/Nuisance

- Alderman Painter discussed the Police Secretary position. Alderman Painter made a motion to give a \$0.62 raise to Katy Hays, Alderman Rothweiler seconded with all in favor. As Ms. Hays' resignation was not accepted by Chief Wheeler, she will remain in that position. Those that have applied due to the ad that was in the paper will be notified that the position is no longer open.
- Stefnie Jones has been hired as a new police officer.
- A trailer parked next to Ben Franklin was discussed. If it is being used for storage, it should not be parked in a parking spot.
- Mayor Potterfield commented that he appreciated the vehicles being moved that have been parked by the Muffler Man for years.
- Officer Brad Stinson has resigned as he was elected Ralls County Sheriff.
- Officer Brian Dulany has resigned. He took a position in Neosha, MO for better pay and benefits.
- The Police Department has been working a rash of burglaries, drug arrests and traffic control from the recent storm.
- The 2nd new police car is ready for use. The 3rd car still has equipment on backorder. After a long discussion it was determined that a list of equipment needed will be given to Mayor Potterfield or Alderman Rothweiler to try to get these items ordered from somewhere else.

Administration committee

- No report.

Park Board

- Route J Logging Contract was re-discussed. There were some updates made to the language of the contract due to some miscommunication, but the price remains the same. Alderman Lemongelli made a motion to authorize the Mayor to sign the contract with Jeremy Wilson; Alderman Rothweiler seconded with all Aldermen Rothweiler, Botkins, Painter, Lemongelli in favor; Alderman Osbourne opposed.

Economic Development

- Alderman Rothweiler wanted to thank Aldermen Painter and Botkins for taking the time to go out to visit with Chuck Mudd regarding the lease. Alderman Painter stated this was a very informative meeting.
- Alderman Botkins asked for an Economic Development meeting next week. The date will be decided and scheduled sometime next week.

City Attorney Report

- Attorney Russell is working on the contract with Lakeside with a closing date of March 1, 2021.
- He is also working on a contract between the City and the Rural Fire Association.

There being no more business to discuss; Alderman Botkins made a motion to adjourn; Alderman Rothweiler seconded with all in favor. The meeting ended at 8:02 p.m.

MAYOR JERRY POTTERFIELD

CHRISTINE ELLISON, City Clerk