

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

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

Alderman Absent:

Others Present: Mayor Jerry Potterfield, John Russell, Julie Powell, Dawn Walters, Terry Shively, Jim Dowell, Shawn Terrill, Amy Moss, Juben Moss, Rich Enochs, Brad Pfanner, Brian Walter, Terry Gibbs, Zach James, Kari Botkins, Tyler Wheeler, Heather Wheeler, George Hausdorf, Devyn Timbrook, Becky Chinn, Brooke Kendrick, and others not named.

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 February 18, 2021 meeting, first quarter financials and bills payable. Alderman Painter motioned to approve the minutes from February 18, 2021; Alderman Rothweiler seconded with all in favor. Alderman Botkins motioned to approve the first quarter financials; Alderman Rothweiler seconded with all in favor. Alderman Painter made a motion to approve the bills payable; Alderman Lemongelli seconded with all in favor.

Mayor Potterfield opened the floor to open forum:

Open Forum

- Alderman Painter stated she had received a call from Michelle from Head Start. Michelle stated the school owns the lot and they have to have their trailer moved by June 2021. Alderman Painter ask that we put the word out to see if someone would donate a lot for them.
- Alderman Lemongelli stated that Carolyn Holland from the Baptist Church told him that they have issues with their drainage. He is going to meet with her tomorrow to see what is going on.
- Alderman Lemongelli brought up that he is not happy about the vote for the mowing bids. He was not there for the original vote. After a heated discussion, Alderman Lemongelli made a motion to rescind the original vote on the mowing bids. This motion died for a lack of a second.
- Devyn Timbrook said they will not have to close Washington Street for the pantry because they are going to route them down East Summer.
- Alderman Rothweiler has a request from Debbie Kendrick asking for an Executive Session about the selling of Mosswood real estate and wants to keep it private. Attorney John Russell said it should be public. Alderman Rothweiler made a motion to have an executive session on March 18th; Alderman Painter seconded. Aldermen Painter, Vioria, Osbourne, Botkins and Rothweiler in favor; Alderman Lemongelli opposed. Motion passes. Mayor Potterfield stated to make sure it is known that this is against the advice of the City Attorney.

Presentations

- None

Mayor’s Report

- Demo project should be done tomorrow, March 5th in the afternoon.
- The auditor that was hired to do the financial audit has resigned.
- Jeremy Wilson has marked the logs that will be cut. The Fire Department will be burning off the brush this coming weekend.
- Lakeside Casting Development paid off their lease and purchased the building, closing the deal on Monday, March 1, 2021. The City received a check for \$654,447.23. These funds will be used to pay back the departments that gave loans to the Industrial Development when this project began, and the remainder will go into the Industrial Development fund.
- The water cost analysis from Liz Grove was given to the Council for review. This will be discussed again at a later meeting.

Planning and Zoning

- No report

Public Works

- Alderman Viloría stated he got a call when the power went out. He was told it was due to the demo crew hitting something. He asked that the demo crew not work on weekends so that there are not any issues. Mayor Potterfield reminded the Council that the crew will be done the next day so this won’t be an issue.
- Aspeq transformer bids were reviewed.

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Details</u>
Solomon Corporation	\$20,735.00	Rebuilt – 5 - 7 week lead time
T & R Electric	\$15,976.00	Rebuilt – 6 - 8 week lead time
B&B Transformer	\$19,995.00	Rebuilt – 8-10 week lead time
UTB Transformers	\$24,955.00	New – 18-20 week lead time

Alderman Viloría motioned to accept the bid from T&R Electric; Alderman Lemongelli seconded with all in favor.

- The Police Cars that are for sale have some issues. One of the cars does not run, the other two have other mechanical issues. Mayor Potterfield got a quote from JC’s to sell directly to them. Alderman Botkins made a motion to sell these vehicles to the public via sealed bids; Alderman Rothweiler seconded with all in favor. Minimum bid will be the price offered by JC’s. Chief Wheeler will get the bids ready and sent to the paper.
- The construction permit from DNR has been received for the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Mark Bross is waiting to hear back from USDA before bidding

out the project. However, the project is still on schedule to have bids ready to present by the end of April.

- Black & Veatch is still working on their information.

Public Safety/Nuisance

- Fire Chief Rich Enochs showed the Council where they would be burning this weekend at Route J Lake. It will be the East side of the lake. He stated Jeremy Wilson is going to try and be there as well to help out.
- Chief Wheeler gave a nuisance update.

Administration committee

- The Municipal Court was discussed. City Attorney John Russell also stated that Judge Michael Wilson, Judge Rachel Bringer, Chris Ellison and himself have a meeting on March 12th with OSCA.
- Alderman Botkins stated that interviews were held for the Administrative Assistant position. He made a motion to recommend hiring Jennifer Walkup starting at \$15,00 per hour; Alderman Osbourne seconded with all in favor.

Park Board

- No report

Economic Development

- An Economic Development meeting was held recently in New London. Mayor Potterfield stated this was a very informative meeting.
- The Economic Development committee also recently met with Linda Martin from the State Economic Development office, Cindy Hultz from the Mark Twain Regional Council of Governments, as well as other business representatives that own businesses along County Line Road. The discussion involved possible grants, and other funds for widening County Line Road. Alderman Botkins made a motion to request qualifications in order to procure an engineer for the project; Alderman Rothweiler seconded. Aldermen Painter, Vioria, Osbourne, Botkins and Rothweiler in favor; Alderman Lemongelli opposed. Motion passes.

City Attorney Report

- No report

There being no more business to discuss; Alderman Rothweiler made a motion to adjourn; Alderman Osbourne seconded with all in favor. The meeting ended at 7:10 p.m.

MAYOR JERRY POTTERFIELD

CHRISTINE ELLISON, City Clerk