

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

Alderman Present: Connie Painter, Marvin Vilorio, Jason Osbourne, Jeff Botkins, Rusty Rothweiler, Juben Moss

Alderman Absent:

Others Present: Mayor Jerry Potterfield, City Attorney John Russell, Dawn Walters, Brian Walters, Jane Anne Olson, Steve Tonsor, Brad Pfanner, George Hausdorf, Pam Potterfield, Kari Botkins, Karen Seward, Zach James, Debbie Kendrick, AJ Cooper.

Mayor Potterfield called the meeting to order.

Mayor Potterfield asked everyone to stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Board of Alderman reviewed the consent agenda which included the minutes from the July 22, 2021, meeting. Alderman Painter is concerned about the burning of the old records. She did not think the council voted to burn records. After discussion it was decided that it would be more cost effective to burn old records. Alderman Rothweiler made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 22 meeting and to include the bills payable to Emergency Reporting for Volunteer Package Subscription as well as the previous bill to Hannibal Board of Public works from last meeting. Alderman Moss seconded with all in favor.

Alderman Botkins made a motion to approve the bills payable. Alderman Osbourne questioned the bill from Phillip Cheek. Alderman Rothweiler seconded. Aldermen Painter, Vilorio, Botkins, Rothweiler and Moss in favor. Alderman Osbourne opposed. Motion passes.

Open Forum

- Monroe City Public Library - Karen Seward had a presentation for the council about the Monroe City Library joining the Little Dixie Library System.

PROS

- No name changes
- Large increase in updates
- Numerous grant opportunities
- More databases
- New influx of books every 4 months
- Better Summer Reading Program
- Curbside Pickup
- Outreach Programs
- Book Box
- Better employment opportunities
- Hot spots
- Expanded community involvement
- No administrative duties for City Hall

CONS

- We will have limited local control.

Library Board has voted to proceed with joining Little Dixie Library System. Karen needs a long-term lease from the City for the existing Library space. Mayor Potterfield asked who owns the library. Per Karen the City owns the library space. Mayor Potterfield also asked what would happen to the cash balance that the library has now. Per Karen that would be turned over to Little Dixie. Karen suggests a lease of \$10,000 per year for 50 years with a cost-of-living increase with a cap if it is needed. Alderman Botkins moves to turn everything over to Karen Seward and the Administrative Committee with a \$10,000 per year lease for 50 years with a cost-of-living increase with a cap as needed. Alderman Rothweiler seconded with all in favor.

- **Mosswood Golf Course** - Debbie Kendrick spoke on behalf of the golf course. Golf course received a PPE loan in 2020. They have had many campaigns, fundraisers, and charity tournaments. They have also hosted a Monroe City Prom in 2020, class reunions, Missouri EMS outing, CPR classes, a suicide awareness walk, and a 5K run/walk. They are also the official course for the Monroe City Panthers Golf Team and Monroe City Cross Country Team. Membership is up at this time. AJ Cooper is formally asking the City for a \$10,000 capital request to purchase a greens mower. The Council stated as this item is already budgeted, the golf course can move ahead with the purchase of a greens mower and bring the bill to the City for reimbursement of up to \$10,000.
- **Downtown Monroe City** - Debbie Kendrick asked the City to become partners with the Mark Twain Association of Realtors for the downtown mural project. She is not asking for money just a partnership that the City would continue to empty trashcans in the courtyard area. Alderman Rothweiler moved to partner with Mark Twain Association of Realtors with no money contributed. Alderman Painter seconded. All in favor.

Presentations

None

Mayor's Report

- The To Do List was reviewed. Several items have been completed but there is also quite a bit of work to do.
 - Alderman Rothweiler made a motion to get bids to fix the soffit at the City Hall Complex; Alderman Botkins seconded with all in favor.
 - Alderman Rothweiler made a motion to allow Chris Ellison to move ahead with hiring a consultant for the AMI Project; Alderman Moss seconded with all in favor.
 - Alderman Osbourne asked about hiring a public works director instead of a City Administrator.
 - Alderman Rothweiler moved to move the Building Inspector's pay from \$300 per month to \$500 per month and for him to continue towards certification; Alderman Osbourne seconded with all in favor.
 - Chris Ellison will check about potentially restocking South Lake.

- Mill Street Bridge project has increased to approximately \$200,000. This will need to be added to next year's budget.
- The creek behind Mike & Tammy Potterfield's was discussed. Attorney Russell will determine if the city has an easement along the creek.
- Mayor Potterfield stated the department heads need to get bids gathered and bring them to council meetings.
- Electric department needs to move ahead with getting bids for the overhead doors and heaters that are needed.
- Nuisance issue on First Street was discussed. Attorney Russell agrees with the letter that was put together by the Building Inspector. Brian Walters will take care of delivering this information to the property owner to see if they will cooperate.

Planning and Zoning

- No report

Public Works

- The power outage on Sunday was due to lightning hitting a transformer. Buckman's Convenience Store had problems with power due to transformer issues.
- Alderman Vilorio wanted to know about the issues at the pool the previous weekend. There were pump errors with the pool chemicals. City was advised to let out some water and then add fresh water. Pool was inadvertently drained.
- George Hausdorf gave a People Services Report:
 - Aeration is being installed today on Route J Reservoir.
 - Budget items are ready for Chris Ellison.
 - George Hausdorf has received bids to replace a pump that is no longer operational. He has received a bid for \$4,900 for the pump with an additional \$570 for a wheel hub kit for a total bid of \$5,470. Alderman Rothweiler moved to approve the bid; Alderman Botkins seconded with all in favor.
- An amendment to the contract for PeopleServices was presented. Alderman Botkins made a motion to accept People Services new monthly cost; Alderman Rothweiler seconded with all in favor.

Public Safety/Nuisance

- Chief Wheeler gave a packet to the council regarding increased pay for reserve officers as well as the case count for July 2021. Alderman Rothweiler made a motion to increase pay of reserve officers from \$15 per hour to \$20 per hour. Captain James asked that this be discussed when Chief Wheeler can be present at the meeting. Alderman Rothweiler moves to rescind above motion.
- Per Alderman Rothweiler nuisances in the city are getting better.

Administration committee

- Administration committee meeting scheduled for August 18, 2021 to go over applications for the City Administrator position. Also, job descriptions for other positions will be discussed/reviewed.

- Budget information from the department heads were due on August 6, 2021. Not all of these are back yet. Budget meetings will be scheduled when the cap ex information is received.

Park Board

- No report

Economic Development

- Economic Development Committee met with Shannon Howe of Howe Company LLC regarding widening of County Line Road on prior to the Council meeting. Mr. Howe is going to do a revised bid for the City to turn into MTRCOG.

City Attorney Report

- No report

Alderman Rothweiler motioned to go into Executive session authorized by RSMO 610.021 (3) hiring, firing, disciplining or promoting of particular employees; Alderman Painter seconded with roll call vote as follows:

Connie Painter.....	Yes	Jeff Botkins.....	Yes
Marvin Viloría.....	Yes	Rusty Rothweiler	Yes
Jason Osbourne	Yes	Juben Moss	Yes

Open session reconvened at 8:50 p.m.

There being no more business to discuss; Alderman Botkins made a motion to adjourn; Alderman Moss seconded with all in favor. The meeting ended at 8:51 p.m.

MAYOR JERRY POTTERFIELD

JENNIFER WALKUP, Administrative Assistant