

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

Mayor Potterfield called the meeting to order.

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

Alderman Rothweiler asked to discuss the Miscellaneous Items that were listed on the agenda first. He stated he was looking at the Lake Gazette and noticed the article that quoted the Mayor as stating "It's been a good ole boys club for years. As long as we keep voting council members in who don't understand finances we can't get any better." Alderman Rothweiler stated he didn't appreciate these comments and asked the Mayor what he meant by this. Mayor Potterfield stated the Council doesn't follow the city ordinances and policies. There are monumental things that need to get fixed and the Council doesn't seem to understand or have the knowledge of how to fix them. Alderman Rothweiler stated the Mayor alienates the Council and his arrogance and sarcasm are not the correct way to conduct business.

There was a concern that the Mayor went to an employee that was having an issue with his manager rather than discussing with the manager first. The Mayor stated he can talk to who he wants to, when he wants to, and has the right to investigate anything.

Alderman Rothweiler made a motion to move into Budget session, Alderman Botkins seconded with all in favor.

The Mayor stated he is in charge of the agenda. Anything that the Alderman want added to the agenda must come to him first. He will decide who can talk and when you can talk.

Alderman Rothweiler stated that growth in the community comes from people that want to come here. Stuff like that in the paper is not going to bring anyone here.

Mayor Potterfield then asked Connie to head the budget review. She stated the budget is for all Aldermen to review, not just one and asked for him to be respectful and ethical.

The budget was then discussed. Noted items:

- Fines: considerably below the cost of operating our court.
- Reimbursement for utilities: checking with other cities, MML, and auditors office regarding this.
- Donation expense: look into where these are going
- Cars at Sewer Plant – Alderman Rothweiler will check on the status of these.

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- Dump Truck for Street in Cap Ex – remove truck and consider moving brush pick up to once a month. This will be discussed at the Council meeting on 9/23/21.
- Park Sales Tax – Mayor Potterfield suggests combining the Pool expenses, Cemetery expenses, Park Maintenance to come out of this fund rather than the General Fund.
- Sales Tax – paving reduce to \$125,000. Also check with John Russell regarding easement on South Locust creek.
- Industrial Development – need to get the task force formed. This will be discussed at Council meeting on 9/23/21 also.
- Electric – infrastructure updates need to be budgeted.

A meeting was scheduled for September 23, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. for further review of the budget. Wages will be reviewed at that time.

Alderman Moss left the meeting at 7:15 p.m.

Interviews for the Director of Operations position will be next week.

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 7:38 p.m.

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JERRY POTTERFIELD, Mayor

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CHRISTINE ELLISON, City Clerk