

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

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

Alderman Absent:

Others Present: Mayor Jerry Potterfield, John Russell, Kent Cheek, Nekoda Greenwood, Kaijah Greenwood, Jeff Arp - MIRMA, Terry Gibbs, Brad Pfanner, Mandi Kindhart, Tyler Wheeler, Kari James, Zach James, Kerry Lee, Brad Gilmer-Eaton, Dave Wich - Eaton, Brian Walters, Dawn Walters

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 that consisted of the minutes from September 9, 15, 20, 23 and 29, 2021. Mayor Potterfield made a comment that there was some confusion regarding the motion that was made regarding wages and compensation. Alderman Rothweiler stated that his intent on the motion was to include the updated wages for the police department. Alderman Rothweiler made a motion to approve the minutes from September 9, 15, 20, 23 and 29th with an amendment to the minutes that the vote made regarding wages and compensation included the police department wages as given to the Council by Chief Tyler Wheeler; Alderman Botkins seconded with Aldermen Painter, Viloría, Botkins, Rothweiler and Moss in favor. Alderman Osbourne opposed. Motion passes. Alderman Painter also stated that she wanted her comments to note that she appreciates everything the Electrical department is doing.

Open Forum

- Jeff Arp from MIRMA was present to speak to the Council. He stated that the City was awarded a Risk Management Grant for \$1,124.25 for an AED that was purchased for the Swimming Pool. He thanked the City for joining MIRMA and for applying for the grant.
- Kaijah Greenwood addressed the Council regarding the request for a Dog Park. She handed out an outline of Winter Street Park. A rough estimate was done regarding the measurements and the cost of the fence. The cleanup of feces from the dogs would be the responsibility of the owner of the dog, and signs would be posted. The Dog Park Committee is requesting that the City purchase the fence, the committee would do the fundraising for the rest of the items. Alderman Rothweiler stated the Council will discuss this with the park board.
- Michael Shoemaker contacted Alderman Painter regarding the traffic on Oak Street. Captain James checked into flashing signs and based on cost the best option would be solar powered flashing signs. Two signs will be purchased.

- Kent Cheek asked the Council about the status of the demolition grant. The list has been sent to the Mark Twain Regional Council of Governments and until we hearback from them, we are on hold.
- The cost of gas and electrical prices were discussed. Currently gas prices are rising which can also increase the price of electric. This will continue to be monitored.

Presentations

- Brad Gilmer from Eaton Electrical addressed the Council regarding the current state of the City's Electrical system. Based on the age of our system, a maintenance program needs to be developed. He listed many reasons why the City should spend the money:
 - The breakers are the real issue at the moment and need to be repaired as soon as possible.
 - The bare minimum that needs to be done is maintenance to test the breakers and that will be roughly \$28,000.
 - Next option is replacing the breaker system from vertical to horizontal.
 - Definitely suggests testing underground lines before doing any upgrades.
 - Complete replacement would be the cream of the crop solution that would be long lasting for the City (30-50 years with regular maintenance), roughly \$1-2 million but depends on some items that will need to be checked on first.
 - Mr. Gilmer suggests the maintenance program first to determine the extent of the issue. Then, in a few years, do the complete replacement. He stated grants are out there to help with the costs.

Alderman Rothweiler made a motion to go ahead with the Inspection and Maintenance agreement with Eaton Electrical; Alderman Moss seconded with all in favor. Once complete, there will be a complete report of what needs to happen from this point.

Mayor's Report

- The Mayor reminded everyone that the City won the Mayor's Cup back last Friday.
- Alderman Painter commended the Downtown Businesses for all of the improvements that are being made. Also, the Fall Festival was a great success. She is proud of the positive improvements that are being made in the City.
- Alderman Painter discussed Make A Difference Day; she will be meeting with Alderman Rothweiler and Captain James to try to do something with the City as the other groups are having a hard time trying to find volunteers.

Planning and Zoning

- None

Public Works

- Updates from the departments were in the packet for review.

- Bids for roll up doors were quoted. The lowest quote was from Roll Up Doors Direct for \$4,375.66. Alderman Vilorio made a motion to purchase this door from Roll Up Doors Direct; Alderman Rothweiler seconded with all in favor.
- Alderman Rothweiler made a motion that we approve the Hach maintenance agreement for the WTP; Alderman Painter seconded with all in favor.
- Electrical Safety equipment needed was bid out. Bids were received by four companies:
 - Salisbury Direct \$11,962.00
 - Graybar \$ 9,638.00
 - Fletcher-Reinhardt \$10,289.32
 - Irby \$14,450.00

Alderman Rothweiler made a motion to approve the quote from Graybar; Alderman Painter seconded with all in favor.

- It will be mentioned to Kerry to work on poles while the weather is still nice.
- Weekly Brush Route was discussed – discussing the possibility of moving to once or twice a month but this will be discussed again at a later meeting.
- Wastewater Treatment Plant – construction will begin in October. They have already stated that they will be having an all-day concrete pour day and will be pouring over 1,000 yards of concrete. More details about this later.

Public Safety/Nuisance

- Chief Wheeler is looking for help for Make a Difference Day. He will have Danielle make up some flyers to promote the event.
- Reminder Fire Department Bon Fire/Hay Ride is this Saturday, October 9, 2021 starting at 5:00 p.m.

Administration committee

- The Chamber of Commerce is looking to replace the Welcome signs. The first sign to be changed is the sign at St. Jude's Park. The design was given to the Council for review, and they are okay with this.
- Route J Logging Bids are being re-bid and will be sent to a whole new list of loggers as no one bid the last time.
- Discussed electrical bills from Tammi Latifoski at Monroe Family Restaurant. Back in March, two of the wires and the neutral wires were broken causing only $\frac{1}{3}$ of the electricity to be read. These wires were repaired so the meter is now registering all of the electricity being used causing the electricity bill to be higher than in previous months.

Park Board

- No report

Economic Development

- No report

City Attorney Report

- Easement has been drafted for Mike & Tammy Potterfield's back yard for creek project.

- Attorney Russell thanked Captain James for assisting with getting Show Me Court tickets linked with their software.

Alderman Moss left the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

Alderman Rothweiler motioned to adjourn the open meeting and go into executive session authorized by RSMO 610.021 (3) hiring, firing, disciplining or promoting of particular employee; Alderman Osbourne seconded with roll call vote:

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

Open session reconvened at 7:49 p.m.

There being no more business to discuss, Alderman Rothweiler made a motion to adjourn; Alderman Botkins seconded with all in favor. The meeting ended at 7:50 p.m.

JERRY POTTERFIELD, Mayor

CHRISTINE ELLISON, City Clerk