

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, George Hausdorf, Rich Enochs, Becky Chinn, Amy Moss, Stacy Dorsett, Brad Pfanner, Melissa Hays, Debbie Kendrick, Terry Gibbs, Brian Walters, Dawn Walters, Tyler Wheeler, Devyn Timbrook, Mandi Kindhart, Olivia Earlywine, Zach James, Kari James

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:

- Alderman Painter made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 7, 2021 meeting; Alderman Rothweiler seconded with all in favor.
- Alderman Rothweiler made a motion to approve the bills payable for October 21, 2021; Alderman Botkins seconded. Aldermen Painter, Vilorio, Botkins, Rothweiler, Moss in favor; Alderman Osbourne opposed. Motion passes.

Open Forum

- Melissa Hays approached the board and discussed the need for a stop sign on Lawn Street. She stated she lives three blocks from County Line Road and there is no stop sign from East Border to County Line Road. There are children that ride their bikes, people that take walks, etc. but cars fly down that road. Chief Wheeler and Alderman Rothweiler will look into this request.
- Amy Moss addressed the Council and asked questions regarding voting by Council members and asked that they be transparent. She reminded the Council they work for and represent the citizens; behavior should be kept professional and without bias; harassment of voters should not be tolerated.

Mayor's Report

- The mayor discussed the budget and where money from the General Fund is being spent.
- Cannon Water was also brought up. Alderman Rothweiler stated the City currently does not have the money to pursue this. Alderman Painter suggested doing more research, talk to citizens and discuss again later.
- Brush pick-up was brought up again. It had originally been discussed to do this on different days/fewer times a month, but no decision was made. This will also be reviewed again later.
- A notice was received from the gas commission regarding gas prices this winter. The letter stated that customers gas bills could double this winter, but this is all dependent on market prices.
- Alderman Painter read a letter to the Council stating she is resigning due to negativity and lack of respect effective October 21, 2021 at 6:33 p.m.

- Alderman Osbourne informed the Council that he received an email from Tammi Latifoski at Monroe Family Restaurant discussing her bill. She has filled out a utility dispute form. Chris Ellison will discuss this with John Russell.

Planning and Zoning

- None

Public Works

- Updates from the departments were in the packet for review.
- Elite Lawncare has asked to extend their contract for mowing through November as the grass is still growing. Alderman Botkins made a motion to allow Elite to mow the cemetery two times in November; Alderman Osbourne seconded with all in favor.
- Wastewater Plant construction has begun. Chris Ellison presented two forms for the council to approve in order to start receiving funds back that have already been paid out. Alderman Rothweiler made a motion to allow the mayor to sign the Estimate of Funds needed; Alderman Osbourne seconded with all in favor. Alderman Rothweiler made a motion to allow Chris Ellison to sign the Request for Payment No. 1; Alderman Moss seconded with all in favor.
- George Hausdorf stated construction has begun on the influent lift station, currently twenty feet deep but will be going down to thirty.

Public Safety/Nuisance

- Currently updating policies and procedures and inputting MIRMA procedures.
- New reserves are in training.
- Captain James will be talking to Kevin O'Bryan about the signs on Oak Street.
- Daycare on Dover Street has requested children playing signs, they will also have a fire department walk through before opening.
- Unsure about Make a Difference Day, whether it is still going to happen or not.
- Park at the end of Lawn Street (Gordon Hill) – most of that equipment needs to be taken out as it is unsafe.
- Chief Rich Enochs stated the Rural Fire Board met and approved selling the 1985 Pumper truck that is at the substation and one gator. These will be sold via sealed bids. Alderman Rothweiler made a motion to allow Chief Enochs to sell the pumper truck; Alderman Osbourne seconded with all in favor.
- Chief Enochs stated the Fire Department has also applied for a grant from Norfolk Southern railroad for \$3,000.

Administration committee

- A Non-Federal Reimbursable Agreement for an inspection at the airport needs a signature from the mayor. The cost of this inspection is \$13,619.34 and must be paid before the inspection can be scheduled. Alderman Rothweiler made a motion to allow the mayor to sign the agreement and to approve payment of the fee; Alderman Botkins seconded with all in favor.
- A Liquor License application for Campbell's Convenience LLC was reviewed. Alderman Botkins made a motion to approve the liquor license request; Alderman Rothweiler seconded with all in favor.
- Thanksgiving Dinner for City employees is planned for November 12, 2021 at 12:00 p.m. at the Street Barn. Alderman Rothweiler made a motion to allow City Hall to close from 12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. on the day of the dinner; Alderman Moss seconded with all in favor.

Park Board

- No report

Economic Development

- A meeting was held prior to the council meeting to discuss city owned properties. Debbie Kendrick and John Russell will work together to draw up an outline and procedures for selling city owned properties.

City Attorney Report

- No report

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 7:02 p.m.

JERRY POTTERFIELD, Mayor

CHRISTINE ELLISON, City Clerk