

The Board of Alderman met in regular session at 6:00 P.M.

Aldermen Present: Marvin Viloría, Jason Osbourne, Jeff Botkins, and Juben Moss.

Aldermen Absent: Rusty Rothweiler

Others Present: Mayor Jerry Potterfield, Blake Rodgers, George Hausdorf, Rich Enochs, Brad Pfanner, Heath Hall – CCWWC, Shelby Neill, Zach James, 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:

- Alderman Botkins made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 21, 2021 meeting; Alderman Moss seconded. Mayor Potterfield mentioned that there have been some comments made about the vote at the last meeting regarding CCWWC but reminded everyone that nothing is final until a contract is signed. The decision to move forward was to get the engineering survey started and go from there. All voted in favor. Motion passes.
- Alderman Viloría made a motion to approve the bills payable for December 21, 2021; Alderman Osbourne seconded with all in favor. Motion passes.

Mayor Potterfield stated he would like to appoint Shelby Neill to the open position of Alderman Ward III; Alderman Osbourne made a motion to approve this appointment; Alderman Moss seconded with all in favor. Motion passes.

Open Forum

- None

Presentations

- Heath Hall from CCWWC presented the Board of Alderman with paperwork that will need to be sent to DNR State Revolving Fund (SRF) in order to start the grant process for potential funding. This paperwork is due by March 1, 2022. This will get the project in the funding pool for 2023. He mentioned that CCWWC can do the bonding issue and well as the bonding authority for the \$7,000,000 bond. He stated the only cost the city will be responsible if the decision is made to not go with CCWWC is the engineering study. No other costs will be passed on to the City until a Master Water Supply Contract is signed. This is what ties the city back to CCWWC. Mr. Hall stated by taking care of this DNR paperwork now, there will be a draft of funds sent from DNR by August 2022, and they will know for sure the amount of funding that will be received by December 2022.

Mr. Hall also mentioned that once Monroe City is a member of the CCWWC, the sale of water to the other districts that we currently sell to will not count against our water usage. He also mentioned that this would be a 2-5 year project, and the earliest the project could start would be spring of 2023.

Alderman Botkins made a motion to allow CCWWC to move forward with engineering study through Bartlett & West with a cost not to exceed \$25,000. Alderman Moss seconded with roll call vote as follows:

Shelby Neill	Yes	Jeff Botkins	Yes
Marvin Vilorio.....	Yes	Rusty Rothweiler	Absent
Jason Osbourne	Yes	Juben Moss	Yes

Motion passes.

Mr. Hall also suggested setting aside some of the ARPA funds for this project as well.

Planning and Zoning

- Nothing to report.

Public Works

- Blake Rodgers stated that Chris Whelan passed his 3rd year lineman training. Alderman Osbourne made a motion to give Mr. Whelan a \$1.00 per hour increase retroactive to December 6, 2021; Alderman Botkins seconded with all in favor.
- Primary cable wire needs to be restocked for normal use and upcoming projects. Bids were received from three companies. Alderman Vilorio made a motion to accept the bid from Graybar for \$2,99 per foot, total of 2500 foot for \$7,475; Alderman Neill seconded with all in favor. Motion passes.
- Alderman Botkins made a motion to allow the Mayor to sign the Estimate of Funds needed for 01-13-2022 for \$1,035,218.67 for payment to the contractor and engineer for the WWTP project; Alderman Osbourne seconded with all in favor. Motion passes.
- Alderman Botkins asked to discuss Brush Pickup. Mr. Rodgers pulled what was posted in a link on our website that doesn't match what is currently happening. Alderman Botkins and Blake will get with Kevin O'Bryan and Harlan Greeves about this policy. Alderman Vilorio asked if the Police Department could ask tree services where they are dumping and if they are licensed. The policy will be re-worked and discussed again at the next meeting.
- George Hausdorf stated the WWTP project is going very well, they have had good weather and a lot has been done. The 1,000-yard pour is complete, there is a floor and you can see where the walls are going to be.

- Water Plant – the vacuum pump quit. There was a spare on the shelf but will need to get the broke pump repaired so that there is a backup. Alderman Vilorio made a motion to repair the pump, with a cost up to \$3,500; Alderman Botkins seconded with all in favor. Motion passes.
- The backwash pump went out about a month ago. Richards is working on a quote for repair or replacement.
- The bidding process has begun for equipment for WWTP. These will be in the paper next week.
- During the process of getting the solar bees installed, the disinfection by-product levels barely exceeded the allowed levels from DNR prompting a public notice. Since that test, there have been no issues, but a notice will be going out to all residents regarding this non-compliance.
- AMI bid specs have been sent out.

Public Safety

- Chief James stated current mobile radios are at least 10 years old and are obsolete. He stated he is working on getting quotes for next radios from Motorola, Kenwood, etc. Looking at dual band as well as single band.
- Updates for the Police Department are in the works, working on getting bids for floors, doors, etc.
- Update will be in the paper next week regarding nuisances.
- Mayor Potterfield asked about filing complaints and who needs to do them. Chief James explained that if a resident has a complaint, they need to come in to sign the form.

Administration

- Paid time off for employees was discussed but will be revisited at the next meeting.
- An explanation for the price increase for the maintenance contract was received from TMI. Other companies will be contacted to get bids from local companies as well.

Park Board

- Nothing to report.

Economic Development

- Nothing to report.

City Attorney Report

- No report

Fire Chief Rich Enochs stated that Wireless USA came in and checked the radios at the Fire Station/Trucks. He said the radios are good but the repeater is from 1980/1990. It is only pulling 20 watts but should be closed to 100. This will be discussed with the rural board first.

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The Fire Department also applied for and were approved for a Dewalt tool grant. They will be receiving \$5,000-6,000 worth of tools from Dewalt.

Lastly, Wireless USA has donated 9 emergency light bars from the St. Louis Police Department to our Fire Department.

There being no more business to discuss, Alderman Moss made a motion to adjourn the meeting: Alderman Neill seconded with all in favor. Meeting ended at 7:39 p.m.

Jerry Potterfield, Mayor

Christine Ellison, City Clerk