March 24, 2022

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

Aldermen Present: Shelby Neill, Marvin Viloria, Jason Osbourne, Jeff Botkins, Rusty Rothweiler and Juben Moss

Aldermen Absent:

Others Present: Mayor Jerry Potterfield, Blake Rodgers, George Hausdorf, Rich Enochs, Tammy Potterfield, Bill Crager, Michael Shoemaker, Connie Painter, Terry Gibbs, Melissa Hays, Jackie Pangborn, Kaylee Buckman, Cole Buckman, Brad Pfanner, Brian Walters, Seth Rupp, Zach James, Ben Hodges, Sarah Geist, Kari James, Dawn Walters, Lynn Ogle, Olivia Earlywine, Adam Grove, Chip Stone, Danny Clemente, Cloey Latifoski

Mayor Potterfield called the meeting to order.

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

The Board of Alderman reviewed the consent agenda:

- Alderman Botkins made a motion to approve the minutes from the March 10, 2022 meeting; Alderman Rothweiler seconded with all in favor.
- The financial statements from the 1st quarter were reviewed.
- Alderman Rothweiler made a motion to approve the bills payable for March 24, 2022; Alderman Neill seconded with all in favor.

Open Forum

- Kaylee Buckman addressed the Board of Aldermen regarding Fishing For Freedom. This will take place the weekend of June 3-5, 2022 but is asking for the City to pay for putting out the flags on Main Street on June 5th as has been done in the past. Alderman Rothweiler made a motion to approve this request, Alderman Neill seconded with all in favor.
- Michael Shoemaker asked about the signs that had been requested on North Oak Street several months back. He stated he lives on the end of Oak and has asked that no trucks be on that road; they speed, they pass two daycares, and they are tearing up the road. Alderman Botkins motioned that this be moved from this meeting and be taken up in a Public Safety meeting; Alderman Neill seconded with all in favor. The meeting was scheduled for March 31, 2022 at 5pm.
- Todd Young again addressed the Board of Aldermen about his plans for opening a pizza parlor in the old UMB Bank building. It has been clarified by the Division of Alcohol and Tobacco office that the measurements between buildings is from door to door so there should be no issues with the church. Alderman Botkins made a motion to approve their liquor license request, he then rescinded his motion as

they are not ready for that approval quite yet. Mr. Young will be applying for his license through the State office first and then will apply with the City when that is approved.

- Tammy Potterfield approached the board, stating they are very aware of why she is there. She said when it rains, it rains corn and she doesn't feel that it is coming from the sky. She has been dealing with this since 2016, with the last time being at a Board meeting in July 2021. She said she is in a no flood zone but every time it rains, her back yard floods. She is sick and tired of dealing with it. The flooding is the City's issue, the corn is the elevator's issue and has pictures to prove it. She asked if she needed to go to DNR.

  The City has this project budgeted for this year, and all easements have finally been taken care of, however the hold-up has been the weather. Chip Stone stated he feels the issue is the West Cleveland Street culvert, but George Hausdorf said that portion is not the issue. Melissa Hays asked if Mr. Stone had any ideas for solving the corn problem. Adam Grove said he has talked to DNR and corn is not a pollutant. He said the corn comes from over-filled trucks and the tarps. This is an ongoing issue and Mr. Hausdorf said he can help write up bid specs for this project. Mrs. Potterfield asked when she will see progress? The City would like progress as well.

Presentations

Mayor's Report

- Funds needs to be transferred to the construction account to pay for the phishing issue. The only department that has extra funds is the Electric Department. Blake Rodgers asked if there is a plan to pay back the Electric Department, Mayor Potterfield said the Sewer Department will not have any funds to repay it.
- Mayor Potterfield mentioned the need for a Code Enforcement office. Bill Crager asked to address the Board regarding nuisances. He stated that in the 35 years that he has been familiar with this town, it has gone downhill. He stated we need a neutral compliance officer with specific criteria that comes in, writes their report and then comes back to check. He stated that we have a good community and would like to keep it clean and need to invest in community betterment. Alderman Botkins said nuisance ordinances have been discussed for years, we have a new Police Chief working on a plan to fix these issues. Chief Zach James stated they have been working on nuisances as well as other cases but he fully supports looking into a Code Enforcer. Alderman Rothweiler made a motion to move forward with applications for this type of job; Alderman Neill seconded with all in favor. Chris Ellison asked if the Public Safety/Nuisance committee could work on a job description. Captain Brian Walters also asked why we can't work together as a community to help our neighbors out; we can use our city organizations to help.

Planning and Zoning

- Nothing to report.

Public Works

- Seth Hagan's last day is Friday, April 1, 2022. Blake Rodgers asked for approval to hire a gas department laborer. Alderman Rothweiler made a motion to solicit applications for a gas department laborer; Alderman Osbourne seconded with all in favor.
- Old jetter – will try to sell on PurpleWave before we decide to trade in on the new vac/jetter truck.
- Electric department had two brief outages caused by the wind off of trucks blowing the slack on the line by airport road. The pole has been replaced and the line tightened.
- The gas department has been doing maintenance on trucks this winter.
- Sewer rates – we need to consider raising our sewer rates now before the plant is complete, as payments for the new plant will be due soon. A public hearing will be scheduled regarding this increase.
- Bids were received for Hot Mix/Cold Patch. Alderman Viloria made a motion to accept the bid from Emery Sapp & Sons; Alderman Moss seconded with all in favor.
- Bids for Concrete were received. Alderman Rothweiler made a motion to accept the bid from Monroe City Ready Mix; Alderman Neill seconded with all in favor.
- Sewer Plant construction has not seen much progress in the past week due to weather issues.
- Water tower maintenance crews were in town and replaced the mixers in the water towers.
- Mr. Hausdorf stated that with every rain, an enormous amount of storm water runoff comes through the wastewater plant. Leaks in resident yards cause a lot of this and is found through smoke testing. The last testing was done in 2017. Residents are responsible for fixing their leaks however, support is needed from the Board of Aldermen to enforce our ordinance to get it taken care of.
- Pay Request # 6 was presented. Alderman Rothweiler made a motion to approve the mayor to sign pay request #6 for $369,543.11; Alderman Neill seconded with all in favor.
- A Wire Transfer Policy was presented. It was determined that no wires will be sent without prior Board of Aldermen approval and will be done on a case-by-case basis only. Alderman Rothweiler made a motion to approve this policy; Alderman Neill seconded with all in favor.

Public Safety

- Chief Rich Enochs said their generator is going online Saturday.
- He stated he is also having a hard time getting fireworks for this year's display. There will be at least a 30% increase in price but won't know for sure until May. He is also checking with other vendors.

- Chief James said Danielle Rossier has completed her six-month probationary period. He would like to remove her from probation and increase her pay by $0.50. Alderman Botkins made a motion to approve removing Danielle Rossier from probation and increasing her pay by $0.50; Alderman Rothweiler seconded with all in favor.
- A police car was involved in an accident on March 22, currently out of service and at JC's waiting for repair.
- Stop sign complaints – talked with MoDot traffic engineers and they stated we are in compliance with uniform traffic laws.
- Currently working mini grants so there will be extra officers in town working these grants.

Administration

- City Hall has several windows that need to be repaired or replaced.
- Dayne's has requested a $0.60 increase due to fuel charges. Alderman Neill made a motion to approve this increase; Alderman Botkins seconded with all in favor.
- Route J Logging contract has been been signed; however Phil Campbell has asked to pay the full amount due when he actually starts logging. He has been delayed due to weather. Alderman Rothweiler made a motion to amend line #6 on the contract to read "remaining payment will be due when logging starts", Alderman Moss seconded with all in favor.

Park Board

- The Park Board has requested bids be solicited for metal soffits for South Park, North Park and South Lake.

Economic Development

- Nothing to report.

City Attorney Report

- Nothing to report.

There being no more business to discuss, Alderman Rothweiler made a motion to adjourn the meeting: Alderman Viloria seconded with all in favor. Meeting ended at 8:20 p.m.

_____
JERRY POTTERFIELD, MAYOR

_____
CHRISTINE ELLISON, CITY CLERK