

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

Aldermen Present: Marvin Vilorio, Jason Osbourne, Jeff Botkins, Adrian Saunders, Juben Moss

Aldermen Absent: Kent Shoemaker

Others Present: Mayor Melissa Hays, Chad Meyer, George Hulet, Russell Flick, Case Wolfe, Jeff Gares, Joey McLiney, Kerry Lee, George Hausdorf, Brad Pfanner, Kevin O'Bryan, Zach James, Debbie Kendrick, Brian Walters, Dawn Walters, Sarah Flick, Rachel Barnes, JoAnn Woodall, Terry Osborn

Mayor Melissa Hays called the meeting to order.

Mayor Melissa Hays 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 8, 2022; Alderman Moss seconded with all in favor. Alderman Osbourne motioned to approve the bills payable from December 27, 2022; Alderman Botkins seconded with all in favor.

A plaque was presented to members of the Ambulance District as a thank you from Terry Tesson for an event that occurred on November 1st. This was presented by Mayor Hays to Russell Flick, Case Wolfe and Jeff Gares.

Open Forum:

- Joey McLiney from McLiney & Company addressed the Board of Aldermen regarding the bond issue that has been discussed recently regarding the Electric Substation that needs to be repaired/replaced. Mr. McLiney stated there are a couple of options that include a Lease Purchase program as well as a Revenue Bond on the April ballot. Alderman Botkins made a motion to hire Joey McLiney as our fiduciary advisor regarding this event; Alderman Moss seconded with all in favor. Mr. McLiney will be back with more information for the Board at the January 5th meeting.

Mayor's Report

- Mayor Hays stated there is currently a contractor working on the Monroe Heights apartments.
- The shed on North Locust will be getting a condemned notice, placing the responsibility of cleaning up this property on the homeowner.
- Alderman Botkins asked about the Fire District Memberships – they were mailed out today.

- Alderman Saunders thanked the Electric Department for their very speedy work on repairing the tap changer.
- The People Services contract was reviewed. This renewal will take care of the renewal now rather than waiting until later in the year. Alderman Moss made a motion to approve the contract renewal with PeopleServices Inc; Alderman Saunders seconded with all in favor.
- The proposed building at the WWTP was discussed. Martin General Contractors were able to reduce the price by \$3,000 with possibly more depending on material cost, etc. This will be turned in as a change order to be approved at a later meeting.

Planning and Zoning

- No report.

Public Works

- General updates from each department were given to the Board.
- The Gas Department is losing an employee.
- There were 10 frozen water meter calls over the weekend.
- WWTP is coming along well – February 1 as an expected go live date.
- Water Meter fees were discussed – currently there are several apartment complexes and buildings that only have one water meter but feed several different locations. George Hausdorf explained that the City should have an ordinance that requires each location to have a meter or at the very least, a shut off. John Russell will be working on an ordinance regarding this issue.
- A resolution stating the City of Monroe City will reimburse Clarence Cannon Wholesale Water Commission for all costs associated with the connection to Monroe City if the City were to back out of the project. Alderman Osbourne made a motion to approve this resolution; Alderman Moss seconded with all in favor.

Public Safety

- Chief Zach James gave some stats regarding the Police Department for the year of 2022. A detailed report will be given to the Board at a later date.
- There are seven additional properties that have been added to the nuisance listings, four are in the process of being abated.
- Several buildings need to be condemned, these need to go through the Building Inspector.
- The No Parking ordinance is ready to be reviewed. This will be sent out for the Board to review before the next meeting.

Administration Report

- Liquor License renewals were presented to the Board of Aldermen. Alderman Botkins made a motion to approve these renewals; Alderman Moss seconded with all in favor.
- Bids for baling hay at Mosswood and the Airport were discussed as the current contract is up as of December 31, 2022. It was decided to solicit bids again for baling but to only make it a one-year contract.

Park Board

- Logging at Route J was discussed. Mr. Russell will be working on a new bid/contract for the next section.

Economic Development

- No report.

City Attorney Report

- City Court is now at the County and going smoother each time.
- Ward boundaries were reviewed. Attorney Russell will review how it works for Alderman At Large rather than by Ward.

At 7:30 p.m. Alderman Saunders motioned to move into Executive session authorized by RSMO 61.021 (3) hiring, firing, disciplining, or promoting of particular employees; Alderman Moss seconded with roll call vote:

Kent Shoemaker.....	Absent	Jeff Botkins.....	Yes
Marvin Vilorio.....	Yes	Adrian Saunders.....	Yes
Jason Osbourne	Yes	Juben Moss	Yes

Regular session reconvened at 8:37 p.m.

Alderman Osbourne made a motion to approve hiring Justin Price for the Electric Department at a rate of \$24.99 per hour with a contract to work an additional year for each year of schooling paid for by the City; Alderman Saunders seconded with all in favor.

There being no more business to discuss, Alderman Osbourne made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Alderman Moss seconded with all in favor. Meeting ended at 8:40 p.m.

Melissa Hays, Mayor

Christine Ellison, City Clerk