

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

Aldermen Present: Kent Shoemaker, Marvin Viloría, Jason Osbourne, Jeff Botkins

Aldermen Absent: Adrian Saunders, Juben Moss

Others Present: Mayor Melissa Hays, John Russell, Joey McLiney, Kerry Lee, Darin Kendrick, Dawn Walters, Brian Walters, Rich Enochs, Debbie Kendrick, Zach James, Brad Pfanner

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 Viloría made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 27, 2022; Alderman Osbourne seconded with all in favor. Alderman Viloría motioned to approve the bills payable from January 5, 2023; Alderman Botkins seconded with all in favor.

Open Forum:

- Joey McLiney from McLiney & Company addressed the Board of Aldermen regarding the upcoming bond issue that will be on the ballot in April. Mr. McLiney stated there are two ordinances that will need to be passed at the next meeting. One will be to combine the electric, gas and water systems into one to make them all financially stronger. The next will be an ordinance calling for the election. The bond issue is important to get passed as the City is not eligible for grants without a bond. If the bond issue is not approved, then the cost of these much-needed improvements will be significantly higher. As Kerry Lee mentioned, if we can improve our electric to a 12/470 system, our electric will be much more efficient as well.

Mayor's Report

- No report.

Planning and Zoning

- No report.

Public Works

- Bids for wire for the Electric department were reviewed:

Irby Utility	\$12.72 per ft	\$15,264.00	4-6 weeks lead time
Fletcher Reinhardt	\$ 9.700 per ft	\$12,066.80	1-2 weeks lead time
Graybar Electric	\$13.565 per ft	\$23,875.74	Factory Stock

Alderman Botkins made a motion to approve the bid from Fletcher-Reinhardt for \$12,066.80; Alderman Osbourne seconded with all in favor.

Public Safety

- Chief Zach James stated nuisance reviews will be starting again on Monday.
- Quotes for new radars for the police cars are coming in. The current radars are not compatible with the new cars. This will be reviewed at the next meeting.
- Alderman Botkins asked if the Police Department could check on the cars parked on sidewalks and on the wrong side of the road on First Street.
- The bid for fireworks for this year has been received by Chief Enochs. Once the quantities are confirmed, this will be presented to the Board for approval.

Administration Report

- An Estimate of Funds request was presented for approval. Alderman Botkins made a motion to allow the Mayor to sign the request; Alderman Osbourne seconded with all in favor.
- The Employee Handbook and requested changes were presented to all aldermen to review for approval at the next meeting.
- An Administration Committee meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, January 12, 2023 at 5 p.m.

Park Board

- No report.

Economic Development

- The properties that didn't sell during the last round of bidding were discussed. An Economic Development meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, January 11, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. for further discussion.

City Attorney Report

- An Ordinance Prohibiting Parking on Lawn, Park, Cleveland, Dixie, Prairie, and Rogers Streets in the City of Monroe City, Missouri was introduced as bill 1.

The first reading of bill # 1 was read and approved on a motion by Alderman Viloría; a second by Alderman Osbourne, with all in favor.

The second reading of bill #1 was read and approved on a motion by Alderman Osbourne, a second by Alderman Viloría, with all in favor.

A roll call vote as follows:

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

- An ordinance regarding a sales tax on marijuana sales was presented for review and approval at the next meeting.

- An ordinance will be prepared regarding the ward boundaries to be approved at the next meeting also.

At 7:18 p.m. Alderman Osbourne motioned to move into Executive session authorized by RSMO 61.021 (3) hiring, firing, disciplining, or promoting of particular employees; Alderman Botkins seconded with roll call vote:

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

Regular session reconvened at 7:53 p.m.

There being no more business to discuss, Alderman Botkins made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Alderman Osbourne seconded with all in favor. Meeting ended at 7:56 p.m.

Melissa Hays, Mayor

Christine Ellison, City Clerk