

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

Aldermen Present: Jason Osbourne, Jeff Botkins, Adrian Saunders, Juben Moss, Kent Shoemaker

Aldermen Absent: Marvin Vilorio

Others Present: Mayor Melissa Hays, City Attorney John Russell, Terry Osborn, Dawn Walters, Brian Walters, Zach James, George Hausdorf, Kerry Lee, Mike Shuck, Michael Mudd, Robby Ellison, Tamitha Ague, Debbie Kendrick, Brad Pfanner, Kevin O'Bryan, Joseph McLiney, Patricia Hathaway

Mayor Melissa Hays called the meeting to order.

Mayor Melissa Hays asked everyone to stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

Joseph McLiney gave a special presentation regarding the bond issue that the City has on the ballot for the April election.

The Board of Alderman reviewed the consent agenda:

- Alderman Botkins made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 23, 2023; Alderwoman Saunders seconded with all in favor. Alderwoman Saunders motioned to approve the bills payable from March 9, 2023; Alderman Moss seconded with all in favor.

#### **Open Forum:**

- Debbie Kendrick with DTMC presented a presentation for the May Market. She asked the City on behalf of DTMC for \$2,000 for marketing for the May Market. Alderman Botkins made a motion to donate \$2,000 to DTMC. Included in the motion would be street closings as needed, electric to St Jukes Park for vendors as well as Port-a-Potties. Alderman Moss seconded the motion with all in favor.
- Mike Shuck gave a presentation on what he would like for the City. He would like to build a drag strip somewhere in the Monroe City area to bring in revenue to the City. He would like to see the empty factory be utilized. Mr. Shuck would also potentially like to purchase a property in the Industrial Park to donate to the Monroe City FFA.
- Patricia Hathaway came before the Council to express that her utility bill is extremely high. Mayor Hays will look into her utility bill and get an answer to her.

#### **Mayor's Report**

- Servant's Week is April 3-11. Mayor Hays would like to designate this time for city wide clean up.

Alderman Saunders made a motion to have two roll off dumpsters placed at the City Barn for citizens of the city to use from April 3-11. Alderman Botkins seconded the motion with all in favor.

- Mayor Hays read a proclamation regarding Americorps Week that is March 12-18 about seniors who volunteer.
- Alderman Moss made a motion to approve Stanley Thompson's firework permit. Alderman Shoemaker seconded the motion with all in favor.

### **Planning and Zoning**

- No report.

### **Public Works**

- George Hausdorf with People Services stated that the new wastewater plant is now online and operating normally.
- Mayor Hays asked George Hausdorf to keep her up to date regarding the Copper and Lead Rule.
- George Hausdorf asked for the City to pass an ordinance that would make every residence in the City to have separate electric and water meters. Some apartment complexes only have one meter for the whole complex at this time.
- Kerry Lee is going to out for rebids for underground wire for circuits one and three, because the existing bid was never finalized.
- Kerry lee is still working on getting hot spot information from US Cellular for the AMI meters.
- Logging at Route J lake is now complete.
- Route J Lake received grant money form Land and Water Conservation Fund in 1967. A stipulation in this grant is that Route J Lake has to remain open to the public for its lifetime.

### **Public Safety**

- Brian Walters reported that of the 55 nuisances that were last reported, 31 have been completed.

### **Administration Report**

- Need to advertise for pool personnel and manager.

### **Park Board**

- Nothing to report.

### **Economic Development**

- Nothing to report.

**City Attorney Report**

- City Attorney, John Russell, presented the Council with the City Employee contract for the new electric department personnel. Alderman Botkins made a motion to approve Employment Contract for the new electric department personnel. Alderman Moss seconded the motion, with all in favor.
- Alderman Botkins made a motion to approve changes in ordinance to sell property on Lawn Street to Equity Trust Company. Roll call vote as follows:  
Alderman Shoemaker.....yes  
Alderman Osbourne.....yes  
Alderman Botkins.....yes  
Alderwoman Saunders....yes  
Alderman Moss.....yes

At 7:52 p.m. Alderman Osbourne motioned to move into Executive session authorized by RSMO 61.021 (3) hiring, firing, disciplining, or promoting of particular employees. A roll call vote as follows:

Alderman Shoemaker.....yes  
Alderman Osbourne.....yes  
Alderman Botkins.....yes  
Alderwoman Saunders....yes  
Alderman Moss.....yes

Alderman Botkins made a motion to come out of executive session at 8:21 p.m. The motion was seconded by Alderman Moss with all in favor.

Alderman Botkins made a motion to raise Shirley Arch's pay to \$20.00 per hour while she is interim City Clerk retroactive to February 10, 2022, and then return to original pay once a new City Clerk has been hired. Roll call vote as follows:

Alderman Shoemaker.....yes  
Alderman Osbourne.....yes  
Alderman Botkins.....no  
Alderwoman Saunders....yes  
Alderman Moss.....yes

Alderman Botkins made am motion to raise all City employees pay by \$1.00 an hour with the exception of Chris Whelan and Cory Losey to go into effect won the payroll starting March 13, 2023. Roll call vote as:

Alderman Shoemaker.....yes

Alderman Botkins.....no  
Alderwoman Saunders....yes  
Alderman Moss.....yes  
Alderman Osbourne abstained from the vote.

Alderman Botkins made a motion to raise the pay of Chris Whelan to \$27.00 per hour.

Roll call vote as follow:

Alderman Shoemaker.....yes  
Alderman Osbourne.....yes  
Alderman Botkins.....yes  
Alderwoman Saunders....yes  
Alderman Moss.....yes

Alderman Botkins made a motion to raise the pay of Cory Losey to \$24.00 per hour.

Roll call vote as follows:

Alderman Shoemaker.....yes  
Alderman Osbourne.....no  
Alderman Botkins.....yes  
Alderwoman Saunders....yes  
Alderman Moss.....no

With nothing more to discuss, Alderman Moss made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Saunders, with all in favor. The meeting ended at 8:35 pm.

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Melissa Hays, Mayor

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Jennifer Walkup, Administrative Assistant