

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

Aldermen Present: Jason Osbourne—Mayor ProTem, Juben Moss, Kent Shoemaker, Mark Greening, Adrian Saunders and Jeff Botkins

Aldermen Absent:

Others Present: City Administrator Tamitha Ague, Police Chief Zach James, Brad Pfanner, Joe McLiney, Kerry Lee, Rick Maziarka, Shirley Arch, Phoebe Ransom, Terry Osborn and Kevin O'Bryan.

Mayor Pro Tem Jason Osbourne called the meeting to order.

Mayor Pro Tem Jason Osbourne asked everyone to stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

Joey McCliney with McLiney and Company gave an update on our utility bond. He recommended the possibility of financing with a short term note and refinancing the loans when our audits are done. He also recommended that the City possibly doing our construction loans with a new bank.

The Board of Alderman reviewed the consent agenda: Alderman Moss made a motion to approve the minutes from July 20, 2023; Alderman Greening seconded with all in favor. Alderman Botkins motioned to approve the bills payable from July 20, 2023; Alderwoman Saunders seconded with all in favor.

Alderman Botkins made a motion to freeze spending in all departments for all unnecessary expenditures until the City has a better understanding of the financials. Alderwoman Saunders seconded with all in favor.

The City has received a bid from Fletcher-Reinhardt Company for a new transformer for Monroe City Manor in the amount of \$3,350.00. Alderman Botkins made a motion to accept the bid from Fletcher-Reinhardt for the new transformer. Alderman Greening seconded the motion with all in favor.

A change order request from Marting General Contractors in the amount of \$34,302.76 was presented to the council. Alderman Greening made a motion pay the change order request for the wastewater plant. Alderwoman Saunders seconded with all in favor.

City Administrator Report

- The utility bills are still not working out at this time. The interface between the meter readers and the billing system are not communicating correctly. GWorks and Badger are working with the clerks to get the problem resolved. Alderwoman Saunders made a motion to release a PSA to the citizens and businesses regarding billing delay to social media, newspaper and flyers. Alderman Botkins seconded the motion with all in favor.
- Alderman Botkins made a motion to close the pool on August 12, 2023 due to lack of lifeguards. Alderman Shoemaker seconded with all in favor.
- Accupay will begin City payroll on October 1, 2023.
- City Administrator is looking into the possibility of changing to an October 1st plan year for the City's health plan.
- The Council voted last year to offer pay raises to employees based on performance evaluations.
- Reading of New Proposed Ordinance Bill Number Eight titled An Ordinance Regulating Conflicts of Interest in the City of Monroe City , Missouri. Roll call vote for first reading
 - Alderman Shoemaker....Yes
 - Alderwoman Saunders...Yes
 - Alderman Botkins.....Yes
 - Alderman Osbourne.....Yes
 - Alderman Greening.....Yes
 - Alderman Moss.....Yes
- Second reading of New Proposed Ordinance Bill Number Eight titled An Ordinance Regulating Conflicts of Interest in the City of Monroe City , Missouri. Roll call vote for first reading
 - Alderman Shoemaker....Yes
 - Alderwoman Saunders...Yes
 - Alderman Botkins.....Yes
 - Alderman Osbourne.....Yes
 - Alderman Greening.....Yes
 - Alderman Moss.....Yes

Mayor Report

- Nothing to report.

Public Safety

- The PA portel software has been updated.

- Programming of new repeater will be done shortly.
- Many nuisances are coming into compliance.
- Alderman Greening made a motion to approve the purchase of 16 new radios for the fire department from Wireless USA in the amount of \$6,900. Alderwoman Saunders seconded with all in favor.
- Alderman Greening made a motion to approve the purchase of a drone a drone from Nuggets Night Vision in the amount of \$6,157.00 Alderman Botkins seconded the motion with all in favor.

Planning and Zoning

- City needs to readjust the rates for building permits.

Park Board

- Park Board meeting scheduled for August 15, 2023 at 5pm.

Economic Development

- Nothing to report.

City Department Reports

- Wastewater plant is 97% complete at this time.
- Canon Water connection is on track for 2025.
- Steet Department asked if there could be pedestrian crossing on Main Street. That is up to the discretion of Modot.
- Electric Department has been taking care of the power outages to the best of their ability.

At 8:09 p.m. Alderwoman Saunders 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
Alderwoman Saunders....yes
Alderman Greening.....yes
Alderman Moss.....yes
Alderman Botkins.....yes

Alderman Moss made a motion to come out of executive session at 9:34 p.m. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Sauders with all in favor.

Alderman Greening made a motion to hire Ms. Kim Beers for the police department administrative assistant at the rate of \$18.00 per hour. Alderman Saunders seconded with all in favor.

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Alderman Botkins made a motion to hire Mr. Robert Majors for the gas department at the rate of \$22.50 per hour. Alderman Moss seconded with all in favor.

Alderman Moss made a motion to hire Mr. Dustin Hoffman for the Building Inspector at the rate of \$40,000 per year. Alderman Botkins seconded with all in favor.

Alderman Botkins made a motion to adjourn at 9:38 p.m. Alderman Greening seconded the motion with all in favor.

Jason Osbourne, Mayor Pro Tem

Jennifer Walkup, Administrative Assistant

Submitted 8/10/23.