

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

Aldermen Present: Jason Osbourne, Juben Moss, Kent Shoemaker, Mark Greening and Jeff Botkins

Aldermen Absent: Adrian Saunders

Others Present: Mayor Melissa Hays, City Administrator Tamitha Ague, Gary McElroy, Tony Zeiger, Matthew Greening, Mark David, Brad Gilmer, Dave Wich, Kerry Lee, Aaron McVicker, Barbara Smith, Debbie Kendrick, Beth Dowell, Brittnee Cannady, Loree Quinn, Jackie Pangborn, Ralph Lemongelli, Brad Pfanner, Rick Maziarka Jr., Zach James, Rhonda Peer, Robby Ellison, Rhona Peer, and Freeman Rader.

Mayor Melissa Hays called the meeting to order.

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

Mayor Melissa Hays gave the invocation.

Aaron McVickers, project manager with McClure and Associates is presented the council with a presentation for the Mill Street project. The project is to widen and straighten Mill Street. The project started in 2020 and the City has already paid \$34,240.00. There will be an additional \$9,500 in additional permits. Alderman Botkins made a motion to approve to move ahead with the McClure and Associates with the Mill Street Project with an additional cost of \$9500. Alderman Greening seconded with all in favor.

James Lester with daZZee It Services gave the City a quote for cybersecurity for the city IT services. Yearly contract price \$44,880. Discussion tabled to another time.

GWorks gave a presentation on new billing and licensing software. \$6000 upfront and \$1200 yearly contract. Council tabled to look at new fiscal year budget.

Brad Gilmer with Eaton Corporation gave the design study for new electrical substation. Alderman Moss made a motion to move forward with Eaton Corporation as EPC firm on condition that utility bond can be used for electrical substation upgrade. Alderman Shoemaker seconded with all in favor.

Mr. Kent Cheek is looking forward to his board of appeals for his nuisance being rescheduled.

Rural Fire District is ready for their money that the City controls to be turned over to them. They are requesting \$704,680. Motion made by Alderman Greening to transfer money on July 21, 2023 to rural fire district. Alderman Botkins seconded with all in favor.

Brittnee Cannady with Monroe City Chamber of Commerce made a request for \$2,500 for sponsorship for Monroe City Fall Festival. Alderman Greening made a motion to approve \$2,500 sponsorship to Monroe City Chamber of Commerce for fall festival. Alderman Moss seconded with all in favor.

Beth Dowell with Monroe City Chamber of Commerce asked the council if they would supply labor for a new 12 by 24 billboard on Highway 36 if the chamber bought the materials. Alderman Botkins made a motion for the electric department to supply labor for the billboard project. Alderman Moss seconded with all in favor.

The Board of Alderman reviewed the consent agenda: Alderman Botkins made a motion to approve the minutes from June 7, 2023; Alderman Moss seconded with all in favor. Alderman Moss motioned to approve the bills payable from July 6, 2023; Alderman Greening seconded with all in favor.

City Administrator Report

- City Administrator wants to go MML conference in Kansas City in September. Alderman Greening made a motion for Tamitha Ague to attend conference. Alderman Moss seconded with all in favor.
- There are still businesses in town that have not paid for their 2023 business license. Alderman Greening made a motion to charge businesses \$25.00 per day after August 1, 2023 if business licenses are not paid. Alderman Botkins seconded with all in favor.
- Del Buckman and Capt. Ben Smith Airfield was in a national magazine.
- Update on city administration.

Mayor Report

- City currently does not have a building inspector. Motion by Alderman Moss to post advertisement for a Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer. Seconded by Alderman Shoemaker with all in favor.

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Public Safety

- Police Department is short officers at this time and has several qualified candidates to interview at this time.

Alderman Botkins made a motion to adjourn at 9:20 p.m. Alderman Greening seconded the motion with all in favor.

Melissa Hays, Mayor

Jennifer Walkup, Administrative Assistant

Submitted 7/6/23.