

September 7, 2023

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

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

Aldermen Absent: None

Others Present: Mayor Melissa Hays, City Attorney John Russell, City Administrator Tamitha Ague, Police Chief Zach James, Brad Pfanner, Kerry Lee, Rick Maziarka, Phoebe Ransom, Terry Osborn, Paul Washington, Steve Tonsor, Gina Carroll, Stacey Dorsett, Marcia Watson, Gary McElroy, Jackie Pangborn, Vickie Holland, David Hickman, Anthony Yates, Mark Dowill, Wes Metz, Woodrow Polston, and Kevin O'Bryan.

Mayor Melissa Hays called the meeting to order.

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

Paul Washington gave the invocation.

David Hickman with HIC Group Benefits gave the council a presentation regarding changing the plan year for city benefits to an October 1 start date with Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield. This would have no premium increase to employees. Alderman Greening made a motion to change from United Healthcare to Anthem Blue Cross Blue Shield with a new plan year beginning October 1, 2023. Alderman Moss seconded with all in favor. Motion passes.

Regina Carroll, President of the Library Board, let the Council know that Little Dixie Reginal Library has withdrawn their offer for the Monroe City Public Library.

Gary McElroy, President of Rural Fire Board, came to the Council to ask the Rural Fire Boards funds in the amount of \$714,000. Alderman Botkins made a motion to disburse \$714,000 to Rural Fire Board. Alderman Moss seconded the motion. Roll call vote as follows:

Alderman Shoemaker.....yes

Alderman Saunders.....yes
Alderman Osbourne.....yes
Alderman Botkins.....yes
Alderman Greening.....yes
Alderman Moss.....yes
All in favor. Motion passes.

Brad Gilmer with Eaton Sales Distribution was on the phone and Mark Dowill was in Council Chambers regarding the Eaton's standard terms and conditions for sale, distribution, control products, and services. Alderman Botkins made motion to approve general terms and conditions of sale for distribution and control products and services. Alderwoman Saunders seconded with all in favor. Motion passes.

Kerry Lee, Electric Department Manager, would like to have the Council have a payment to Eaton in the amount of \$25,000 in the case a transformer becomes available that will work in industrial park. Alderwoman Saunders made a motion to approve \$25,000 to secure a transformer for industrial park. Alderman Osbourne seconded the motion with all in favor. Motion passes.

The Board of Alderman reviewed the consent agenda: Alderwoman Saunders made a motion to approve the minutes from August 24, 2023; Alderman Osbourne seconded with all in favor.

Building Inspector Report

Kerry Lee presented the council with the plans for JC Automotive's new dismantling building. Alderman Osbourne made a motion to approve site plan for JC Automotive Dismantling Building. Alderman Moss seconded with all in favor. Motion passes.

Electric Department Report

Routine maintenance for electric department.

Water Department Report

Department of Natural Resources requires turbidity monitoring. The city's turbidity monitoring system is currently not working. George Hausdorf has received a quote from Hydro-Kenetics for \$4310 plus \$1000 trip fee for turbidity monitoring with mission cellular monitoring. Alderman Botkins made a motion to purchase cellular monitoring from Hydro-Kenetics for \$4310 with \$1000 trip fee. Seconded by Alderwoman Saunders seconded with all in favor.

George Hausdorf requested the Council notify landlords of the new meter ordinance that will charge minimums for all meters in multifamily dwellings.

Wastewater plant is nearing completion. There is \$33,000 left in contingent fees including \$9,000 in legal fees. Alderwoman Saunders made a motion to move \$24,000 back to waster water plant project. Alderman Moss seconded with all in favor. Motion passes.

City Accountant Report

Wesley Metz, contract accountant, provided the City Council with a review of the financials to the best of his ability with all the mispostings, He identified areas of the finances that have not been reconciled to the statements of the bank.

City Attorney’s Report

First reading of Bill Number 10-an ordinance prohibiting parking on Washington Street and making a portion of Washington Street one-way. First reading, roll call vote as follows:

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

Second reading of Bill 10, roll call vote as follows:

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

First reading of Bill Number 11-an ordinance to vacate all that portion of Chestnut Street included in the following legal description: All portions of Chestnut Street between Winter Street and West Summer Street, described as follows: commencing at the Southeast corner of the intersection of Winter Street and Chestnut Street; thence South along the East border of Chestnut to the Northeast corner of the intersection of West Summer Street and Chestnut; thence West to the Northwest corner of said intersection; thence North along the West border of Chestnut Street to the Northwest corner of the intersection of Chestnut and Winter; thence East along the South border of Winter Street to the point of beginning. Subject to any and all easements of record. First reading, roll call vote as follows:

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

Alderman Greening.....yes
Alderman Moss.....yes

Second reading of Bill 11, roll call vote as follows:

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

Mayor's Report

- Nothing to report.

City Administrator Report

- Nothing to report.

Public Safety

- Nothing to report.

Planning and Zoning

- City needs to readjust the rates for building permits.

Park Board

- Nothing to report.

Economic Development

- Nothing to report.

Administrative Committee

- Nothing to report.

Nuisance Committee

- Meeting scheduled for 9/13/23 at 5 pm.

City Department Reports

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Alderman Osbourne made a motion to adjourn into executive session at 7:35 p.m. Alderman Shoemaker seconded the motion with all in favor.

Reconvened into open session at 7:59 p.m.

Alderman Greening made a motion to adjourn at 8:00 pm. Alderman Moss seconded with all in favor.

Melissa Hays, Mayor

Jennifer Walkup, Administrative Assistant

Submitted 9/28/23.