

CITY OF MONROE CITY MISSOURI

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, Stacy Dorsett, Jody Shively, Steve Shively, Gary Shoemaker, Darin Kendrick, Brad Pfanner, Pam Poelker, David Poelker, Linda Geist, Kim Beers, Pat McGee, Mark Dowil, Kerry Lee, Vicky Holland, Bobbie Minter, Mike Schneider, Paul Washington, Char Washington, Ken Pryor, Michelle Kendrick, George Hausdorf, Joann Woodall, Marcia Watson, Gary McElroy, Tammy Latifoski, Jessie Shinn, Sandy Shinn, Becky Chinn, Kevin O'Bryan, Sid Buckman, Debbie Kendrick, Loree Quinn, Brittnee Canady, Phoebe Ransom, Joey McLiney, Ralph Lemongelli, Tyler Wheeler, Heather Wheeler, Phillip Potterfield, Michael Buckman, Rachel Saunders, Bridette Potterfield, and Forest Polston.

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.

Brad Gilmer with Eaton has had a feasibility study done for stage one of the design project. There have been some changes to the design and it potentially overbudget.

Joey McLiney with McLiney and Associates spoke with the council about the status of the bonds for the City.

Mayor Hays has received an RFP for auditors from Allie Bennett. Alderman Osbourne made a motion to request for bids for auditors for 2019/2020, 2020-2021, 2021-2022, and 2022-2023. Alderman Moss seconded with all in favor.

Ms. Tammy Lotifoski read her letter addressed to the council regarding disputed utility billing.

Ms. Becky Chinn had a utility bill with a double water and sewer charge. She had been told by city hall staff that they could not correct charges to utility accounts. Mayor Hays stated that city hall staff could absolutely correct obvious mistakes with utility accounts.

Bobbie Minter stated that her utility account is incorrect. Mayor Hays asked Ms. Minter to come to City Hall on Friday, September 29 to get her bill corrected.

Gary McElroy from Rural Fire Board stated that they are willing to wait until the end of October for their money.

Becky Chinn had questions regarding budget billing.

The Board of Alderman reviewed the consent agenda: Alderman Greening made a motion to approve the minutes from September 7, 2023, September 13, 2023 Special Meeting, September 21, 2023 Special meeting. Alderman Osbourne wanted noted and amended that he was not present at the 9/13 special meeting. Alderman Botkins seconded. Alderman Botkins seconded. Alderwoman Saunders, yay. Alderman Shoemaker, yay. Alderman Moss, yay. Alderman Osbourne, nay.

Alderman Greening motioned to approve the bills payable from September 28, 2023; Alderman Shoemaker seconded. Alderman Botkins, yay. Alderman Moss, yay. Alderwoman Saunders, nay. Alderman Osbourne, nay.

George Hausdorf presented the council with change order request # 6 from Martin General Contractors for improvements to the wastewater treatment plant. This is money that has to be spent or it will be turned back over to the federal government. Alderman Greening made a motion to approve change order request in the amount of \$40,532.00. Alderman Moss seconded with all in favor.

City Administrator Report

The 2023-2024 fiscal budget is not ready to be approved at this time. Missouri statute allows 2022-2023 budget be carried over to October 31, 2023. Alderman Osbourne made a motion to carry budget project out to a special meeting that will be held October 26, 2023 at 6 p.m. Alderwoman Saunders seconded with all in favor.

The City Administration, with the help of Gary Osbourne, has been working on the figures for back sales tax and employment tax.

Mayors Report

Senator Cindy O’Laughlin met with Mayor Hays, John Russell, Phillip Potterfield, Allie Bennett and Gary Osbourne on 9/28.

Mayor Hays will have a weekly informational column in The Lake Gazette.

City Attorney Report

The City Attorney would like to have a delinquent billing list.

Planning and Zoning

There was a planning and zoning hearing for Phillip Potterfield site. Planning and zoning approved the site plan. Alderman Botkins made a motion to approve site plan for the Phillip Potterfield property. Alderman Moss seconded with all in favor.

Economic Development

Alderman Saunders made a motion to hire Gary Osbourne as a contract employee. The City will reimburse all meals, travel, and lodging with a pay of \$2000 per week. Alderman Greening second. Alderman Shoemaker, yay. Alderman Botkins, yay. Alderman Moss, yay. Alderman Osbourne abstained.

Alderman Saunders made a motion to hire Jackie Pangborn at a rate of \$30.00 per hour to consult with the city. Alderman Osbourne seconded with all in favor.

Alderman Osbourne motioned to move into Executive session authorized by RSMO 61.021 (3) hiring, firing, disciplining, or promoting of particular employees at 7:47 pm.; Alderman Saunders seconded with roll call vote:

- Alderman Shoemaker.....yay
- Alderman Saunders.....yay
- Alderman Osbourne.....yay
- Alderman Botkins.....yay
- Alderman Greening.....yay
- Alderman Moss.....yay

Open session reconvened at 8:46 p.m.

Alderman Botkins made a motion to hire Jennifer Walkup for the open Department of Motor Vehicle and Driver’s License position that is open. Alderman Moss seconded with all in favor.

Alderman Greening made a motion to remove Raul Solorio from probation status and give him a \$0.50 per hour pay increase. Alderman Saunders seconded with all in favor.

Alderman Saunders made a motion to send an offer letter to Robin Simpson for deputy city clerk. Alderman Botkins seconded with all in favor.

Alderman Botkins made a motion to adjourn at 8:51 p.m. Alderman Moss sseconded with all in favor.

Motion to reconvene at 8:52 p.m.

Mayor Hays wanted to discuss invoices for the Monroe City of Commerce for the Fall Festival. Discussion was tabled until the next council meeting.

Alderman Botkins made a motion to adjourn at 8:54 pm. Alderman Moss seconded with all in favor.

Melissa Hays, Mayor

Jennifer Walkup, Administrative Assistant

Submitted 9/28/23.