

MARIONVILLE BOARD OF ALDERMEN REGULAR SESSION MINUTES

Marionville Conference Room, 101 S Central

Thursday, February 25, 2021

This meeting was scheduled for February 11, 2021; however it was postponed due to bad weather. Mayor Blankenship called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. On roll call the following Aldermen were present: Joanne Lawrence, Murlin Bettinger, Doris Rapp, Gina Herndon and Melissa Freeman. Kay Leffingwell was absent.

Following roll call, Mayor Blankenship led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and Doris Rapp opened the meeting with prayer.

Approve Order of Agenda: Alderman Rapp made the motion to approve the order of the agenda as presented. Alderman Lawrence seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:

AYES: 5- Herndon, Rapp, Freeman, Bettinger, Lawrence

Approve minutes of January 14, 2021 Regular Session: Alderman Freeman made the motion to approve the minutes of the January 14, 2021 Regular Session as presented. Alderman Herndon seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:

AYES: 5- Bettinger, Freeman, Lawrence, Herndon, Rapp

Approve payment of Bills, Adjustments, Bank Recs and Cash Reports: Alderman Freeman made the motion to approve payment of Bills, Adjustments, Bank Recs and Cash Reports as presented. Alderman Lawrence seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:

AYES: 5- Rapp, Lawrence, Bettinger, Herndon, Freeman

Citizens Comments/Official Guests & Visitors

(none)

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

ACO, Karen Wilks: Alderman Freeman asked about regulating the spay/neuter donations. Karen stated she uses that money when people need help. We will work on how to track it. Karen mentioned she will not be able to use Orscheln's as an adoption event location this year, so she is looking for another location.

Street Supervisor, Tyrrel Snider: Tyrrel thanked the board for the purchase of the new tractor.

Sewer: Mayor Blankenship stated the grates are to be installed Monday and the auger for the bar screen will be in also. A water line broke at the plant and a contractor is looking at tearing down the rest of the sheet rock. It flooded the sludge return pit. The motors on those pumps will more than likely need replaced. There will be extra sludge hauling as a result.

OLD BUSINESS

Bill No. 2021-01/Ordinance 01-2021: "AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING NEW REGULATION FOR SPECIAL EVENTS CONDUCTED WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF MARIONVILLE": Bill No. 2021-01 was read twice by title only. This is with changes from last month's meeting. On page 3, under section 605.460 A, the word "as" needs to be added. Alderman Rapp made the motion to approve Bill No. 2021-01/Ordinance 01-2021 as presented with the mentioned change. Alderman Freeman seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:

AYES: 5- Herndon, Freeman, Bettinger, Lawrence, Rapp

Bill No. 2021-02/Ordinance 02-2021: "AN ORDINANCE ADDING CHAPTER 535 VACANT STRUCTURE REGISTRATION AND PROVIDING FOR REGISTRATION, MAINTENANCE, FEES AND PENALTIES RELATED TO VACANT BUILDINGS": Bill No. 2021-02 was read twice by title only. It was noted that on page five (5), under number seven (7), section vii needs to be removed. After talking with the police chief that item wasn't necessary on the application. Alderman Freeman made the motion to approve Bill No. 2021-02/Ordinance 02-2021 as presented with the above changes. Alderman Herndon seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:

AYES: 5- Rapp, Lawrence, Freeman, Bettinger, Herndon

Bill 2021-03/Ordinance 03-2021: "AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A FEE FOR THE DISPOSAL OF BRUSH AND YARD WASTE AT THE MARIONVILLE DISPOSAL WASTE SITE": Bill 2021-03 was read twice by title only. This is a fee only for commercial use. Alderman Freeman asked if we wanted an option to pay twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) for just one (1) quarter or keep with the yearly fees and prorate per fiscal quarter. The aldermen agreed to keep as is. Alderman Freeman made the motion to approve Bill No. 2021-03/Ordinance 03-2021 as presented. Alderman Lawrence seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:

AYES: 5- Freeman, Bettinger, Herndon, Lawrence, Rapp

NEW BUSINESS

Park Board Appointments: Mayor Blankenship appointed Crystal Snider to the Marionville Park Board. Alderman Rapp made the motion to approve the appointment of Crystal Snider to the Marionville Park Board. Alderman Bettinger seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:

AYES: Bettinger, Lawrence, Rapp, Herndon, Freeman

Sewer Fee Increase: Mayor Blankenship stated we didn't increase fees last year due to the pandemic which put us behind according the recommendation made when TREKK conducted the smoke testing. In order to be eligible for grants and to maintain our sewer plant, we need to increase rates. The Aldermen discussed their options and how much to increase. It was noted there will be a Public Hearing on this issue on March 11, 2021 from 6:15 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. right before the regular meeting. Alderman Rapp made the motion to proceed with making increases, per 1,000 gallons, over the next three years at fifty cents (.50), sixty cents (.60) and seventy cents (.70). Alderman Bettinger seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:

AYES: 5- Lawrence, Freeman, Rapp, Bettinger, Herndon

Fire Department-Purchase of SCBA Air Compressor/Cascade Trailer: Fire Chief, Kris Bowling, stated Southern Webster County Fire received a grant for a new SCBA Air Compressor and we have the opportunity to purchase their old one for seventy-five hundred dollars (\$7500.00). A new one costs thirty-two thousand dollars (\$32,000.00). They have offered a ninety (90) day warranty and the yearly service charge is seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00). If purchased, the department would need to buy a regulator and hose system which is about five hundred fifty dollars (\$550.00) plus the cost of wiring in a breaker. Our department has never had one of these. We have always relied on Aurora and Aurora Rural to fill our air tanks. Alderman Lawrence made the motion to approve the purchase of the SCBA Air Compressor and Cascade trailer for seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00). Alderman Herndon seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:

AYES: 5- Rapp, Herndon, Bettinger, Freeman, Lawrence

Street Department-Tires for the Back hoe: The Board reviewed three (3) quotes. T&W Tire, Springfield, estimated total was fifteen hundred ninety-nine dollars and fifty cents (\$1599.50). Economy Tire, Ozark, was fifteen hundred sixty-six dollars (\$1566.00) Tyrell noted on Economy Tire, they would have to take the tires to Ozark and then remount them on the back hoe. Grande Tire, Aurora, was eleven hundred seventy dollars (\$1170.00). Alderman Rapp made the motion to get tires for the back hoe at Grande Tire. Alderman Lawrence seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:

AYES: 5- Bettinger, Lawrence, Freeman, Rapp, Herndon

Street Paving: Mayor Blankenship asked Tyrell for a list of streets that were not holding together. The aldermen reviewed the list. It was mentioned to add Euclid from ZZ to Lyon where the buses drive and to also look at Coleman from Hwy 14 to Casey's. It was noted that part of the issue on Coleman was the water runoff from Casey's. Since these are partial streets, the cost will more than likely be higher. It was suggested to ask for quotes on all of these and see what we can afford.

Vote to go into closed session pursuant to RSMo 610.021(3) Hiring, Firing, Disciplining or Promoting; and RSMo 610.021(13) Individually identifiable personnel records, performance ratings or records pertaining to employees or applicants for employment: Alderman Rapp made the motion to go into closed session pursuant to RSMo 610.021(3) Hiring, Firing, Disciplining or Promoting; and RSMo 610.021(13) Individually identifiable personnel records, performance ratings or records pertaining to employees or applicants for employment. Alderman Freeman seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:

AYES: 5- Lawrence, Bettinger, Herndon, Rapp, Freeman

Aldermen went into closed session at 7:37 p.m. and returned at 8:00 p.m.

Votes in Closed Session: The only motion in closed session was made by Alderman Lawrence to go back into open session; seconded by Alderman Freeman and passed on roll call vote as follows:

AYES: 5- Bettinger, Rapp, Freeman, Herndon, Lawrence

Pay scale: Mayor Blankenship stated the position of police captain needs to be added to our pay scale. Alderman Freeman made the motion to add Police Captain to the pay scale with the minimum being twenty-six dollars (\$26.00) per hour and the maximum being thirty-one dollars (\$31.00) per hour. Alderman Lawrence seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:

AYES: 5- Rapp, Freeman, Herndon, Bettinger, Lawrence

ALDERMEN COMMENTS

Doris Rapp: Asked if we have done any I & I. This has been discussed but we have not moved forward. Mayor Blankenship has a meeting with Toth in the near future. Alderman Rapp asked if we could do something to mark the cemetery boundaries where we had it surveyed.

Gina Herndon: Asked about recycling. Weather permitting; the recycling carts will be delivered next Tuesday.

Melissa Freeman: She is planning on going to other cities to see how they abate their nuisances. We need to find out what we can do after we have given due diligence. Our code currently says the city can abate. Alderman Freeman stated she was approached to a citizen wanting to sell their house to the city. Mayor Blankenship will discuss this with the attorney.

MAYOR COMMENTS

Mayor Blankenship stated Tyrrel Snider, Street Supervisor, has asked about taking the truck home to respond to calls from the police, like to replace stop signs, etc. The consensus was yes. Mayor Blankenship informed the board that the Municipal building had a water line break during the cold temperatures last week. There was about two (2) inches of water throughout the building. We finally found a contractor to come the next day. They are in the process of drying it out. The interior will need to be redone. We are looking into redirecting the plumbing at the sewer plant in order to help prevent the pipes from breaking again there. Mayor Blankenship reminded everyone about the Public Hearing on March 11 at 6:15 to hear public comments on increasing sewer rates.

As a result of our Fire Department's hard work, our ISO rating has gone from a six (6) to a five (5). This will be effective June 1, 2021.

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Rapp made the motion to adjourn; seconded by Alderman Freeman. All voted aye. The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Dale Blankenship, Mayor

ATTEST:

Debbie Bateman, City Clerk

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