

MARIONVILLE BOARD OF ALDERMEN REGULAR SESSION MINUTES

Marionville Conference Room, 101 S Central

Thursday, July 8, 2021

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.

Following roll call, Mayor Blankenship led the Pledge of Allegiance and Doris Rapp opened the meeting with prayer.

Approve Order of Agenda: Mayor Blankenship stated number 19 and 20 (closed session and votes in closed session) could be removed because he is not finished with performance reviews at this time. Alderman Rapp made the motion to approve the order of the agenda as presented with the removal of number 19 and 20. Alderman Bettinger seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:

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

Approve minutes of Regular Session on June 10, 2021 and Special Sessions on June 15, 2021 and June 17, 2021. Alderman Freeman made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Alderman Lawrence seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:

AYES: Rapp, Freeman, Bettinger, Lawrence, Herndon

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

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

Citizens Comments/Official Guests & Visitors

Larry Ludwig: Mr. Ludwig felt it was time to do something with Logan Park and informed the board they had until the end of the year to come up with a plan for the next three (3) years. The current park is not for everybody, but the master plan for Logan Park made it available for everyone. It was noted there is a plan, but not exactly like the original one; however, it is taking time to implement. Water has to be put in before putting in the flowers; plus there is not a lot of extra funding in our budget at this time. Mr. Ludwig asked about grants. It was mentioned the grants we have attempted have been denied.

Johnathan Lindblom: Mr. Lindblom expressed his concern for nuisance codes not being addressed in a timely manner. The culvert on East O'Dell gets a lot of debris which causes the water to back up and his house has flooded too many times. The sidewalk at that culvert has safety issues. Mr. Lindblom felt this particular area needed safety signs such as "Water Way", "No Guardrail" and "Watch for Children".

Jack Brueggeman: Mr. Brueggeman asked how much the fireworks show cost. It was explained the money comes from the park board and the Fire Department gets donations from businesses and individuals and the cost was approximately eight thousand dollars (\$8,000).

Andy Barnett: Mr. Barnett wanted to ask questions about his termination. Mayor Blankenship stated the board was not having a closed session tonight; however Mr. Barnett said he didn't have a problem asking them now. Mr. Barnett proceeded to ask about paperwork on a second issue and Mayor Blankenship indicated he would get him the paperwork.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

No reports were given to review. Mayor Blankenship stated we were still looking for a Public Works Laborer.

OLD BUSINESS

RESOLUTION 04-2021R "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MARIONVILLE, MISSOURI APPROVING CHANGES TO THE SHIFT DIFFERENTIAL FOR CERTIFIED LAW ENFORCEMENT STAFF": Alderman Freeman made the motion to approve Resolution 04-2021R as presented. Alderman Lawrence seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:

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

NEW BUSINESS:

Cemetery Perpetual Care-Investment Fund: Our auditor as indicated we need to have a larger return on our investment for perpetual care. Mayor Blankenship has been in contact with two different entities, Edward Jones and Charles Schwab, regarding this. We will follow up more in August.

Bill No. 2021-12/Ordinance 12-2021: "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 710.090 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF MARIONVILLE, MISSOURI, REGARDING DEPOSITS FOR NEW SEWER ACCOUNTS": Bill No. 2021-12 was read twice by title only. A few properties are not hooked up to sewer and only need trash service. This will change the deposit amount to fifty dollars (\$50.00) for those customers. Alderman Rapp made the motion to adopt Bill No. 2021-12/Ordinance 12-2021 as presented. Alderman Bettinger seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:

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

Bill No. 2021-13/Ordinance 13-2021: "AN ORDINANCE TO RE-ADOPT CHAPTER 117: CONFLICTS OF INTEREST, OF THE CITY CODES FOR THE CITY OF MARIONVILLE, MISSOURI": Bill No. 2021-13 was read twice by title only. Alderman Freeman made the motion to adopt Bill No. 2021-13/Ordinance 13-2021 as presented. Alderman Lawrence seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:

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

Bill No. 2021-14/Ordinance 14-2021: "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CITY CODES FOR THE CITY OF MARIONVILLE, MISSOURI, CHAPTER 125-MUNICIPAL COURT": Bill No. 2021-14 was read twice by title only.

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Alderman Lawrence made the motion to approve Bill No. 2021-14/Ordinance 14-2021 as presented. Alderman Bettinger seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:

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

Sewer Plant Repairs: Evans Enterprises gave quote no. 60596 for forty-five thousand, one hundred forty dollars (\$45,140.00) to remove pumps, motors, etc. and install new motors, control panels, etc. Quote no. 60599 from Evans Enterprises was four thousand, three hundred sixty dollars (\$4,360.00) to repair bar screen, replace motor and gearbox. Alderman Freeman made the motion to accept Quote No. 60596 and 60599 from Evans Enterprises to make the necessary repairs. Alderman Herndon seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:

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

Resolution 05-2021R "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MARIONVILLE, MISSOURI APPROVING REVISIONS OF PERSONNEL POLICIES FOR THE CITY OF MARIONVILLE": This resolution establishes a boot reimbursement policy for the Police Department up to one hundred fifty dollars (\$150) every two years. Currently, Public Works has a boot reimbursement up to sixty dollars (\$60) per year. The board thought both departments should have the same policy. Alderman Rapp made the motion to approve Resolution 05-2021R with the amendment to the Public Works boot reimbursement to be the same as the Police Department's. Alderman Lawrence seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:

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

Resolution 06-2021R "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MARIONVILLE, MISSOURI APPROVING REVISIONS OF PERSONNEL POLICIES FOR THE CITY OF MARIONVILLE": Alderman Freeman made the motion to approve Resolution 06-2021R as presented to establish a phone allowance. Alderman Lawrence seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:

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

Pay Rate Increase for Officer Craig: Mayor Blankenship stated Aurora and Marionville are trying to find ways to hire and keep officers. Alderman Lawrence made the motion to give Officer Craig a 6% increase. Alderman Bettinger seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:

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

Discuss possible "Signing Bonus" for New Hire Police Officers: The Board reviewed the Signing Bonus Aurora is implementing. A resolution will be voted on at the next meeting.

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Aldermen comments:

Doris Rapp: Continues to work on outlining the boundaries at the cemetery. Alderman Rapp is going to have to rethink where to put signs to recognize the 2021 Marionville Baseball team that the Board previously approved.

Melissa Freeman: Received a request that the roads in the cemetery need gravel. Alderman Freeman restated we do have a plan for Logan Park but manpower is limited. She also liked the idea of the code enforcer dividing the town into quadrants. Suggested the Applefest committee needs to be made aware of the new Special Event Permit.

Mayor comments:

The regular board meeting in November falls on Veteran’s Day which is a holiday for city employees. The aldermen agreed to move that meeting to November 18, 2021.

Adjournment:

Alderman Lawrence made the motion to adjourn; seconded by Alderman Herndon. All voted aye. The meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Dale Blankenship, Mayor

ATTEST:

Debbie Bateman, City Clerk