

MARIONVILLE BOARD OF ALDERMEN REGULAR SESSION MINUTES

Marionville Conference Room, 101 S Central

Thursday, June 10, 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. Absent was Mathew Goodman.

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

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

**Approve minutes of the regular session on May 13, 2021:** Alderman Freeman made the motion to approve the minutes of May 13, 2021 as presented. Alderman Herndon seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:

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

**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, Bettinger, Freeman, Herndon, Lawrence

***Citizens Comments/Official Guests & Visitors***

*Jack Brueggeman:* Mr. Brueggeman asked who determines what the city purchases and who we purchase from. Mayor Blankenship stated the department heads usually determine the need, then three bids are acquired or we use a state bid. Mr. Brueggeman asked if anyone had spoken with the School Superintendent about helping with sidewalks. Mayor Blankenship indicated we are looking into a few grants and one is a sidewalk grant.

Mayor Blankenship and the Board of Aldermen recognized the 2021 Marionville Baseball team on their accomplishment of winning the Class 2 State Championship. Mayor Blankenship read a Proclamation and presented it to Coach Alex Weathermon recognizing this achievement.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

Department Heads reviewed monthly reports.

**OLD BUSINESS**

*Open Lawn Mower Bids:* The city received no bids on the sale of the public works lawn mowers.

*Resolution 03-2021R "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MARIONVILLE, MISSOURI APPROVING REVISIONS OF PERSONNEL POLICIES AND ESTABLISHING AN APPROVED SHIFT DIFFERENTIAL FOR*

*CERTIFIED LAW ENFORCEMENT STAFF*": Resolution 03-2021R was read one time by title only. This would provide a fifty cent per hour shift differential for certified law enforcement staff working between 6:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. Alderman Freeman made the motion to approve Resolution 03-2021R as presented. Alderman Lawrence seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:

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

*Bill No. 2021-08/Ordinance 08-2021 "AN ORDINANCE OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF MARIONVILLE, MISSOURI REGARDING SEWER REFUND"*: Bill No. 2021-08 was read twice by title only. This ordinance establishes sewer refunds to meet a minimum of \$5.00. Alderman Rapp made the motion to adopt Bill No. 2021-08/Ordinance 08-2021 as presented. Alderman Herndon seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:

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

*Bill No. 2021-10/Ordinance 10-2021 "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 510 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF MARIONVILLE, MISSOURI REGARDING FENCES"*: Bill NO. 2021-10 was read twice by title only. This ordinance allows an exception for welded wire fence with certain specifications to be allowed. Alderman Herndon made the motion to adopt Bill No. 2021-10/Ordinance 10-2021 as presented. Alderman Bettinger seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:

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

*Fire Station Proposal*: The engineers provided the board with a preliminary layout and cost estimate for a potential expansion onto the Fire Station. This was based on the fire departments wish list plus what it would take to better our ISO rating. The estimate was approximately \$1,300,000.00- \$1,500,000.00. The engineers recommended a contingency in our budget to account for potential building material increases they were unable to forecast. Mayor Blankenship suggested waiting on this until he met with the Fire Chief to discuss further. No motions on this matter.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

*Liability Insurance Proposals*: EMC informed us they will not be renewing our policy this year. Our agent sent several requests; however only received one proposal. MoPerm gave a quote of \$70,773.00. Alderman Freeman made the motion to accept the proposal from MoPerm. Alderman Lawrence seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:

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

*Flood Insurance Policy at the Sewer Plant*: When the adjuster came out to the treatment plant after the flood in May, it was discovered that the foundation at the lift station should be corrected from a slab foundation to an unfinished basement foundation. This resulted in a policy change that lowered the covered amount on the building and the contents. The building coverage was changed from \$500,000.00 to \$200,000.00 and the content coverage was changed from \$200,000.00 to

\$50,000. If we want to increase the coverage to what we thought we had, we need to pay \$1931.00 more. Alderman Freeman made the motion to pay the extra \$1931.00 to increase the coverage. Alderman Herndon seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:

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

*Bill No. 2021-09/09-2021 "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF MARIONVILLE, MISSOURI TO EXECUTE ALL NECESSARY DOCUMENTS ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF MARIONVILLE REGARDING THE FLOODING ON MAY 17, 2021".* Bill No. 2021-09 was read twice by title only. Alderman Herndon made the motion to adopt Bill No. 2021-09/09-2021 as presented. Alderman Lawrence seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:

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

*Court Clerk Hours:* Currently the court clerk works approximately 21-28 hours per week. The Missouri Courts Association has notified her court needs to be open 30 hours per week. Alderman Freeman made the motion to increase the court clerk's hours to 30 hours per week. Alderman Lawrence seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:

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

*Bill No. 2021-11/Ordinance 11-2021 "AN ORDINANCE OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF MARIONVILLE, MISSOURI REGARDING ADMINISTRATIVE SEARCH WARRANTS":* Bill No. 2021-11 was read twice by title only. This ordinance gives the city the ability to abate nuisances. Alderman Rapp made the motion to adopt Bill No. 2021-11/Ordinance 11-2021 as presented. Alderman Freeman seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:

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

*Planning and Zoning Appointments/Re-appointment:* Mayor Blankenship re-appointed Rex Tinsley to the Planning and Zoning Board. Mayor Blankenship stated Mr. Tinsley is married to his grandmother; however, he is not a blood relative. Alderman Rapp made the motion to accept the re-appointment of Rex Tinsley. Alderman Herndon seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:

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

*How to Recognize the 2021 Class 2 State Baseball Champions:* Alderman Rapp stated in the past the school and the city shared the cost of adding signs recognizing the state championship onto the WELCOME signs at the edge of town. The total cost is about \$500.00. Alderman Rapp made the motion for the city to partner with the school and add this recognition to the WELCOME sign. (design to be determined) Alderman Bettinger seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:

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

*Dermatologist for a dog:* The ACO is requesting funds for ongoing care for a dog in the custody of the city. Alderman Bettinger made the motion to hold off on visiting the dermatologist but allow spending up to \$400.00 for ongoing care. Alderman Herndon seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:

AYES: 4- Freeman, Rapp, Bettinger, Herndon

NAYES: 1- Lawrence

*Repairs to the pound due to the flood in May:* The ACO asked how the board wanted her to proceed. The furniture and feeders were destroyed and the pound itself is a mess from the flood. Alderman Freeman made the motion to give the ACO permission to seek three bids for flood remediation and take the lowest bid to start cleanup and to replace the supplies lost. Alderman Lawrence seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:

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

*Vote to go into closed session per RSMo 610.021(3)Hiring, Firing, Disciplining or Promoting; and RSMo 6021(13) Individually identifiable personnel records, performance ratings or records pertaining to employees or applicants for employment.* Alderman Herndon made the motion to go into closed session per RSMo 610.021(3)Hiring, Firing, Disciplining or Promoting; and RSMo 6021(13) Individually identifiable personnel records, performance ratings or records pertaining to employees or applicants for employment. Alderman Bettinger seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:

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

Aldermen went into closed session at 7:50 p.m. and returned at 8:20 p.m.

Mayor Blankenship announced that votes taken in closed session would be disclosed within seventy-two hours. After seventy-two hours it was disclosed that in closed session Alderman Lawrence made the motion to dismiss Andy Barnett from employment with the city. Motion was seconded by Alderman Rapp. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:

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

*Bank Signers:* Mayor Blankenship stated we need to reappoint bank signers. Alderman Bettinger made the motion to appoint Mayor Dale Blankenship, Mayor Pro-tem Melissa Freeman and Alderman Gina Herndon as bank signers on the city bank accounts. Alderman Lawrence seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:

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

*Remove Alderman From Office:* Mayor Blankenship stated aldermen may be removed from the board for moral failing and asked for a motion to impeach Alderman Goodman. Alderman Freeman made the motion to impeach Alderman Goodman and to hold a hearing on June 17, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. Alderman Lawrence seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:

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

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*Job Descriptions:* We are in the process of updating all job descriptions; however, since the position of City Collector/Deputy Clerk is open, it would be nice to approve this one. Aldermen reviewed changes made to the job description for City Collector/Deputy Clerk. Alderman Lawrence made the motion to approve the updated job description with the changes mentioned. Alderman Freeman seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:

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

**ALDERMEN COMMENTS**

*Melissa Freeman:* - If anyone needs help with flood cleanup, let her know.

*Gina Herndon:* -Asked if the Park was having fireworks. It was noted fireworks will be June 26, 2021.

*Doris Rapp:* -Volunteers will be picking up flags and flowers and the cemetery next week.  
-She would like to mark our boundaries around the cemetery, maybe with concrete posts.  
-The collected \$687.00 in donations at the cemetery over the Memorial Day Weekend.  
-The Fire Chief previously asked about using the little building at the cemetery; but after looking at it they have quite a bit of stuff in it.

**MAYOR COMMENTS**

Mayor Blankenship stated he received a letter from Larry Ludwig regarding our intentions with Logan Park. Mayor Blankenship felt the city can't do a lot until we have the funds. We are still waiting on capping the sewer lines and getting a water hydrant put in to water trees and plants. June 15<sup>th</sup> is a joint session with the Aurora City Council at 6:00 p.m. On June 24 there will be a retirement reception for Chief Witthuhn at the park from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Mayor Blankenship would welcome any suggestions for appointments to the Park Board, Planning and Zoning and Board of Adjustments.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Alderman Rapp made the motion to adjourn; seconded by Alderman Freeman. All voted aye. The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

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Dale Blankenship, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Debbie Bateman, City Clerk

