

MARIONVILLE BOARD OF ALDERMEN REGULAR SESSION MINUTES  
Marionville Fire Station Conference Room, 101 S Central  
Thursday, July 13, 2017

Mayor Rapp called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. On roll call the following Aldermen were present: Chris Murphy, Jessica Wilson, Nanette Bowling, George Jennings, Kay Leffingwell, and Donna White. Several citizens were also present along with City Collector, Kathy Urschel; Police Chief Witthuhn; Lieutenant Smith, and Building Inspector, Rick Woods.

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

**Approve minutes of June 8<sup>th</sup> Regular meeting:** Alderman Leffingwell made the motion to approve the minutes of the June 8, 2017 meeting as presented. Alderman White seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:

AYES: 6- Leffingwell, Jennings, White, Bowling, Wilson, Murphy

**Approve minutes of June 13<sup>th</sup> Special meeting:** Alderman White made the motion to approve the minutes of the June 13, 2017 meeting as presented. Alderman Murphy seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:

AYES: 5- White, Murphy, Jennings, Wilson, Bowling  
ABSTAIN: 1- Leffingwell (absent)

**Approve minutes of June 19<sup>th</sup> Special meeting:** Alderman Leffingwell made the motion to approve the minutes of the June 19, 2017 meeting as presented. Alderman Murphy seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:

AYES: 5- Jennings, Wilson, Leffingwell, Murphy, Bowling  
ABSTAIN: 1-White

**Approve payment of Bills, Adjustments, Bank Recs and Cash Reports:** Alderman Murphy made the motion to approve the bills, adjustments bank recs and cash reports as presented. Alderman Bowling seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:

AYES: 6- Bowling, Murphy, Jennings, Leffingwell, White, Wilson

**Citizens Comments/Official Guests and Visitors:**

**Gina Stringer:** Stated the 2017 Applefest plans were underway. This may be the last Applefest if they can't get more people to help. Next year would be the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Applefest and they would like to keep it going. Their next meeting will be Thursday, July 20 at 6:00 at the Fire Station.

***Dawnata Hopkins with The CPA Group:*** Dawnata Hopkins reviewed the 2016 annual audit report with the aldermen. She reported the financial statements were reasonably stated. The general fund was doing well. The property taxes received in 2016 were lower than normal which was a result of the county beginning to collect for the city. What the city would have collected in December, they received from the county in January of this year. It will straighten itself out. The sewer fund is still struggling. She noted the city did raise sewer rates and hopefully that will help. We will be able to tell more at the end of 2017; however the city should look at the sewer rates and expenses every year.

The City's purchasing and bidding requirements need to be followed in all departments. There was some discussion regarding the city being over the park and approving park expenditures. Mrs. Hopkins clarified later in the meeting that even though the park board does their own budget and has spending authority without the approval of the board of aldermen, they need to follow the purchasing policy according to city's ordinances and Missouri State law. She also recommended the city review Publication 1779 to ensure the rules are being followed when hiring on a contract basis verses an employee. One of the main questions is, who bears risk of loss? The city should have documentation to support that decision.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

***Handicap ramp at City Hall:*** Alderman White had requested checking into putting the ramp in front of the door. This was postponed in order to have the building inspector look at it. Rick Woods, Building Inspector, stated currently there is one handicap parking spot and ramp on the north side of the front parking lot. It can be moved to the middle. It was asked if the current ramp was compliant. He would need to measure the ramp and sidewalk and height of the ramp to get more specifics. Alderman White stated she would like it measured to see. Alderman Murphy made the motion to postpone this until next month to get Rick's measurements. Alderman Wilson seconded and the motion passed on roll call vote as follows:

AYES: 6- Leffingwell, Jennings, Murphy, White, Wilson, Bowling

### **NEW BUSINESS**

***Per Alderman Wilson—Discuss spraying for mosquitos and look into purchasing equipment for the summer of 2018:*** Alderman Wilson provided literature on three foggers ranging from \$1995.00 to \$8203.00. She stated the spray only takes care of the flying mosquitos and she didn't check on the cost of the chemicals. Danny Clevenger commented this not only kills mosquitos but also kills the beneficial insects too. He felt it would be better to ask everyone to dump standing water and spray with Off. Several indicated they were concerned about the bees. Alderman Wilson made the motion to disregard this request. Alderman Murphy seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:

AYES: 6- Jennings, White, Bowling, Wilson, Leffingwell, Murphy

***Bill 2017-12/Ordinance 12-2017 "AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 205.190 (A) OF THE CITY CODES FOR THE CITY OF MARIONVILLE, MISSOURI, REGARDING ANIMAL REGULATIONS":***

Bill 2017-12 was read twice by title only. This bill would change the wording in paragraph A regarding the age and number of pets allowed. If passed it would read as follows:

No person shall at any time keep, harbor or own as pets more than four (4) combination of cats and dogs over the age of ~~six (6) months~~, three (3) months. Alderman Bowling made the motion to approve Bill 2017-12 as presented. Alderman Jennings seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:

AYES: 5- White, Murphy, Leffingwell, Bowling, Jennings

NOES: 1- Wilson

***Bill 2017-13/Ordinance 13 “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ZONING REGULATIONS SECTION 405.280(L-3) OF THE MARIONVILLE, MISSOURI CITY CODE REGARDING ZONING REGULATIONS”:***

Bill 2017-13 was read twice by title only. Mayor Rapp explained originally this section was for people who had farm animals before the city adopted zoning regulations. Farm animals in all districts except agriculture could be replaced within one hundred twenty (120) days). This ordinance would change that to thirty (30) days. Some aldermen felt this was irrelevant at this time. Alderman Leffingwell made the motion to approve bill 2017-13 as presented. Alderman White seconded. Roll call vote was as follows:

AYES: 3- Jennings, Leffingwell, White

NOES: 3- Bowling, Wilson, Murphy

Mayor Rapp broke the tie by voting aye.

***Insurance Renewal:*** The aldermen reviewed the 2017-2018 proposals from EMC Insurance Company. The estimated premium for 2017-2018 year was \$30,462, which is an increase of \$2787. The insurance company felt the sewer station facility and police station was underinsured and increased the replacement cost limit of each. Alderman Leffingwell had questions on the replacement cost values plus some of the equipment listed was not up to date and she also questioned what the street department had that was insured for \$161,000. Alderman Bowling made the motion to approve the proposal as presented and have the insurance agent at the next meeting to look over the cost values. Alderman Murphy seconded the motion. The motion passed on roll call vote as follows:

AYES: 6- Murphy, Jennings, White, Bowling, Wilson, Leffingwell

***Sewer Extension:*** Aldermen discussed extending the city sewer line from Western to Faulkner at the possibility of two (2) new houses being built. Alderman Murphy made the motion for the owner to pay the normal hookup fees if within two hundred (200) feet of the property line and the city to pay the cost to extend the main if needed. Alderman Leffingwell seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:

AYES: 6- Wilson, Leffingwell, White, Jennings, Murphy, Bowling

**Chip and Seal E. Lincoln (coop with Buck Prairie Road District):** Buck Prairie Road District is paving the road by the Pharmacy (Lawrence 2185). They have talked with Barry Kienenberger and indicated if the city will patch the part of the road that is in the city limits they would pave it for fifteen hundred dollars (\$1500.00). Alderman White made the motion to approve the chip and seal with Buck Prairie Road District for fifteen hundred dollars (\$1500.00). Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:

AYES: 6- Leffingwell, Bowling, Wilson, Murphy, White, Jennings

### **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

Police Chief Witthuhn: Indicated they have been very busy. He had the radios checked and they are fine. He will need to check the repeaters. They have hired another officer, Mr. McCoy. Marionville has their positions filled. Alderman Wilson asked if they issue warrants if someone doesn't show up to court, and if the police encounter someone with a warrant, do they arrest them? Chief Witthuhn responded yes to both questions. Alderman Wilson also asked if they extradite and Chief Witthuhn stated that was up to the judge. It depended on what it was for.

Building Inspector Rick Woods: indicated there's a lot of building. A new house is being built on Emma Circle.

### **ALDERMEN COMMENTS**

Donna White: Stated the fireworks were very good.

Kay Leffingwell: Asked what MVA was for on the Fire Depart Report. It stands for motor vehicle accident. She also asked why the dog catcher picked up a dog from Aurora. It was noted Aurora was holding the dog until our dog catcher could get it.

George Jennings: John McCormick complained about a tree in the creek that needed to be cleaned up so it wouldn't flood. Mayor Rapp stated the street department was looking at it.

Chris Murphy: Asked if they could look at changing the speed limit on Western Street from Faulkner to Hwy 60.

### **MAYOR COMMENTS**

Mayor Rapp commented Buck Prairie Road District helped the street department put in the culvert on South Western. Next Tuesday, Gary Markenson with the Missouri Municipal League, will be speaking to city officials at the Mt. Vernon City Hall at 6:00 p.m. You can still attend. The property at 112 N. Central sold and the house will be taken down soon. We may need to have a public hearing condemning 511 S Newton. The Board indicated they would prefer to have it fifteen (15) minutes before the August meeting. New LED light bulbs will be put in City Hall and should be more efficient. The reroof at the police station has been completed. The Park Board voted to keep the schedule for the pavilion with the Park Board. She is planning on going to the next Buck Prairie Road District meeting to ask if they can help with paving Central Street next year. Our judge gets

paid two hundred dollars (\$200) for court. He has indicated court is lasting too long for that amount of money. She will visit with him to see what he is wanting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Alderman White made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Alderman Bowling. All voted aye. The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

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Doris Rapp, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Debbie Bateman, City Clerk