

MARIONVILLE BOARD OF ALDERMEN REGULAR SESSION MINUTES
Marionville Fire Station Conference Room, 101 S Central
Thursday, October 13, 2016

Mayor Rapp called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. On roll call the following Aldermen were present: Chris Murphy, Jessica Wilson, Wanda Montgomery, Donna White and Kay Leffingwell. George Jennings was absent.

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

AYES: 5- Leffingwell, White, Wilson, Montgomery, Murphy

Approve minutes of September 8, 2016 regular meeting and September 26, 2016 special meeting: Alderman Murphy made the motion to approve the minutes of the September 8, 2016 meeting as presented. Alderman Montgomery seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:

AYES: 5- Wilson, White, Murphy, Montgomery, Leffingwell

Alderman Murphy made the motion to approve the minutes of the September 26, 2016 meeting as presented. Seconded by Alderman White. Motion passed as follows:

AYES: 5- Montgomery, Murphy, White, Leffingwell, Wilson

Approve payment of Bills, Adjustments, Bank Recs and Cash Reports: Alderman Leffingwell asked why we talked to the attorney three (3) times regarding nuisance violations. It was indicated there needed to be some clarification on the letter being issued now and court dates. Alderman Leffingwell made the motion to approve the bills, adjustments bank recs and cash reports as presented. Alderman Murphy seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:

AYES: 5- Montgomery, Wilson, White, Leffingwell, Murphy

Citizens Comments/Official Guests and Visitors:
(NONE)

OLD BUSINESS

Sewer rate study: Aldermen reviewed the letter and spreadsheet from Collector, Kathy Urschel for projected sewer rate increases for the next three (3) years. Kathy took the DNR's recommendation to raise rates by three (3) percent each year to come up with these rates. The last increase for base

was in 2009 which raised it from \$12.00 to \$13.15. The last increase per 1000 gallons after base was in 2014 and it went from \$4.35 to \$4.48. Bert Bond also gave the aldermen a list of repairs and maintenance items that he is projecting to be needed at the sewer plant within the next three (3) years. He indicated that what Kathy has projected should cover these expenses. The aldermen indicated they would like to have more time to look at these proposals together. Alderman Murphy made the motion to postpone this item and discuss it on October 27, 2016 along with the 2017 preliminary budget numbers. The meeting will be at 6:00 p.m. Alderman Leffingwell seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:

AYES: 5- Murphy, Leffingwell, White, Wilson, Montgomery

Bert Bond also informed the Board there had been a power surge at the plant a few weeks ago which took out the PLC. It burned out the memory in the computer and nobody can find the original program discs to reinstall it. The verbal estimate to write a new program is \$16,000 to \$18000. They have put in relays for the time being to keep everything running. We need to either replace the PLC or put in relays for everything. Mayor Rapp asked Mr. Bond to get some options and prices together for the next meeting.

Alderman Murphy stated we need to be better managers when it comes to the city's money. We could be saving money if this computer program had been kept correctly and had we gotten extended warranties on vehicles.

Bids to demo house at 105 S Central: Mayor Rapp asked if they want to take bids to demo the house, since nobody was interested in buying and moving the house. It was mentioned that some people or the park might be interested in the rock. Alderman Wilson made the motion to solicit bids in the Aurora and Mt. Vernon papers to demo the house and put rocks in a pile for anyone who wants them. Alderman White seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:

AYES: 5- Leffingwell, White, Wilson, Montgomery, Murphy

NEW BUSINESS

Vote to go into closed session pursuant to RSMo. 610.021(13) closed records/employee evaluations: Alderman Leffingwell made the motion go into closed session pursuant to RSMo. 610.021)13 closed records/employee evaluations. Alderman Murphy seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:

AYES: 5- Montgomery, Murphy, Wilson, White, Leffingwell

Alderman went into closed session at 7:20 p.m.

Alderman returned to open session at 7:25 p.m.

Votes taken in closed session: Mayor Rapp stated the aldermen reviewed the annual evaluation for City Collector, Kathy Urschel. The only vote taken in closed session was Alderman White made

the motion to return to open session and Alderman Montgomery seconded. Motion passed with the following members voting in favor of the motion: Murphy, Montgomery, White, Leffingwell and Wilson.

Review annual anniversary/raise for Deputy Clerk/City Collector, Kathy Urschel: Alderman Murphy made the motion to give Kathy Urschel a three (3) percent raise, seconded by Alderman White. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:

AYES: 4- White, Murphy, Leffingwell, Wilson

NAYS: 1- Montgomery

Renew Health Insurance: The City has the option to keep the same insurance plan for another year. This insurance will increase 12.9 percent and is based on the current employees. Alderman Murphy made the motion to stay with the current plan. Alderman White seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:

AYES- 5- Murphy, Montgomery, Leffingwell, White, Wilson

Bids to repair gravel road at treatment plant: The gravel road was damaged in the December 2015 flood. FEMA has recommended it be repaired. Before we can receive funding to help with the cost to repair damages at the treatment plant the road needs to be fixed. Barry Kienenberger called three (3) places for bids; however he only received bids from two (2) places.

Terry Metcalf and Son Construction--\$2100.00 for 200 ton or rock to include delivery

Woody's Express Trucking--\$2400.00 for 200 ton dirty base from quarry, delivered & spread

Woody's Express Trucking--\$1800.00 for 200 ton used rock from his pile, delivered & spread

Barry went to look at the used rock and indicated it was good rock. He felt it would do the job. Alderman Wilson made a motion to accept Woody's Express Trucking's bid for \$1800.00 and go with the used rock. Alderman White seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:

AYES: 5- Murphy, Leffingwell, Wilson, Montgomery, White

Flood insurance for treatment plant: This is another requirement from FEMA in order to receive funding for the flood damage. We are eligible to receive approximately \$24,900 for damages at the treatment plant. The quote received from our insurance broker is \$3571 a year for both the treatment plant and the lift station. The quote came from the National Flood Insurance Program. Alderman Wilson made a motion to purchase flood insurance for the treatment plant and lift station as presented. Alderman Murphy seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:

AYES- 5- Murphy, Leffingwell, Wilson, Montgomery, White

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Police Chief Witthuhn stated the new police car should be here in the middle of November. The officers are working very hard and have served several search warrants in the area. Nancy Suneson

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stated children are very concerned over the “clown” issue that is out there now. Chief Witthuhn commented they are aware and have increased patrols.

ALDERMEN COMMENTS

Alderman Murphy: Reminded everyone the Chili Cook-Off is Saturday at the Park from 2:00 – 4:00p.m. He had a citizen ask when or if people could start using debit/credit cards at City Hall to pay bills. Currently people can pay utility bills online. It will charge them a small fee. We have asked the card company about it and they indicated it would not be cost efficient to put a card swipe machine at City Hall. We can use the online payment at City Hall; however, that would require them to give us their information and we enter it for them. Another option would be to buy a computer to put in the lobby where people can get to the website to enter their information.

Alderman Montgomery: Commented there are lots of yards needing to be mowed around town. She stated the chickens that were running around her house were gone.

Alderman Leffingwell: Stated this is the fourth month since she complained about the street cuts and they still aren’t fixed. Mayor Rapp stated someone was going to be in town Monday to start patching for the gas company. Alderman Leffingwell also asked if the street guys were still keeping daily logs.

MAYOR COMMENTS

Mayor Rapp wanted everyone to know she is not advocating or pursuing any railroad closures. She reminded everyone about the Budget/Sewer Rate meeting on October 27 at 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Montgomery made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Alderman White. All voted aye. The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Doris Rapp, Mayor

ATTEST:

Debbie Bateman, City Clerk

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