

**City of Elsberry
Regular Session
April 12, 2023
Elsberry City Hall**

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Elsberry met on the evening of the above date at Elsberry City Hall, 6:30pm. Mayor Short presided over the meeting. Present were Alderman Wilch, Alderman Harper, Alderman Taylor, Alderman Meyer, Alderman Davis, Alderman Rockwell, City Attorney Rob Guinness, City Clerk Rachel Reed, City Collector Tashua Chiodini, City Treasurer Lisa Grumich and Police Chief Randy Davis. Also present were Kenny Claus and Brian Pieper of Alliance Water Resources.

Mayor Short called the meeting to order. The pledge of Allegiance was said and roll call deemed a quorum present.

Reading and acting are unapproved minutes from previous meetings

Alderman Wilch made motion to approve the unapproved minutes.

Alderman Meyer seconded the motion.

AYES- Alderman Wilch, Alderman Taylor, Alderman Meyer, Alderman Davis, Alderman Rockwell, Alderman Harper

NAYES-0

Motion Carried.

Reading of unpaid bills approval to pay report

Alderman Meyer made a motion to pay unpaid bills.

Alderman Davis seconded the motion.

AYES- Alderman Wilch, Alderman Taylor, Alderman Meyer, Alderman Davis, Alderman Rockwell, Alderman Harper

NAYES-0

Motion Carried.

Presentation of Certified Election Results

City Clerk Rachel Reed read the election results.

Alderman Ward One

Steve Wilch- 19 votes

Robert Harrison-11 votes

Alderman Ward Two

Glenn Matter-26 votes
James (Skip) Hale- 97 votes

Alderman Ward Three
Danielle Rockwell- 56 votes
Gary Anderson-23 votes

Swearing in of new officials/oath of office

City Clerk Rachel Reed swore in Alderman Wilch, Alderman Hale, and Alderman Rockwell

Mayor Short thanked Sonny Taylor for his service as Alderman.

Appointment of City Clerk

Alderman Wilch made a motion to appoint Rachel Reed as city clerk for one year.
Alderman Rockwell seconded the motion.

AYES- Alderman Wilch, Alderman Hale, Alderman Meyer, Alderman Davis, Alderman
Rockwell, Alderman Harper

NAYES-0

Motion Carried.

Appointment of City Attorney

Mayor Short would like to appoint Robert Guinness as city attorney for one year.

Alderman Wilch made a motion to approve this appointment.

Alderman Rockwell seconded the motion.

AYES- Alderman Wilch, Alderman Hale , Alderman Meyer, Alderman Davis, Alderman
Rockwell, Alderman Harper

NAYES-0

Motion Carried.

Appointment of City Collector, City Treasurer, and Court Clerk

Mayor Short would like to appoint Tashua Chiodini as city collector for one year.

Alderman Rockwell made a motion to approve this appointment.

Alderman Meyer seconded the motion.

AYES- Alderman Wilch, Alderman Hale, Alderman Meyer, Alderman Davis, Alderman
Rockwell, Alderman Harper

NAYES-0

Motion Carried.

Mayor Short would like to appoint Lisa Grumich as City Treasurer for one year.

Alderman Harper made a motion to approve this appointment.

Alderman Davis seconded the motion.

AYES- Alderman Wilch, Alderman Hale, Alderman Meyer, Alderman Davis, Alderman Rockwell, Alderman Harper

NAYES-0

Motion Carried.

Mayor Short would like to appoint Joan Cherry as Court Clerk for one year.

Alderman Meyer made a motion to approve this appointment.

Alderman Davis seconded the motion.

AYES- Alderman Wilch, Alderman Hale, Alderman Meyer, Alderman Davis, Alderman Rockwell, Alderman Harper

NAYES-0

Motion Carried.

Appointment of Judge

Mayor Short would like to appoint Steve Hilleman as the Municipal Court Judge for one year.

Alderman Rockwell made a motion to approve this appointment.

Alderman Davis seconded the motion.

AYES- Alderman Wilch, Alderman Hale, Alderman Meyer, Alderman Davis, Alderman Rockwell, Alderman Harper

NAYES-0

Motion Carried.

Appointment of Police Chief

Mayor Short is not going to appoint a police chief at this time.

Appointment of Mayor Pro Tem

Alderman Rockwell made a motion to appoint Alderman Wilch as Mayor Pro Tem.

Alderman Meyer seconded the motion.

AYES- Alderman Wilch, Alderman Hale, Alderman Meyer, Alderman Davis, Alderman Rockwell, Alderman Harper

NAYES-0

Motion Carried.

Committee Appointments

Emergency Services

Mayor Short would like Alderman Rockwell, Alderman Wilch and Alderman Harper to be on the emergency services committee.

Infrastructure

Mayor Short would like Alderman Wilch, Alderman Hale, Alderman Meyer to be on the infrastructure committee.

Cemetery/Parks

Mayor Short would like Alderman Harper, Alderman Davis, and Alderman Meyer to be on the Cemetery/Parks committee.

Economic Development

Mayor Short would like Alderman Davis, Alderman Hale, and Alderman Rockwell on the Economic Development committee.

Planning and Zoning

Mayor Short would like to have Conrad Cheatham, Adam Dreisward, Michael Short, Alderman Wilch, Alderman Davis, Kenny Claus, and Glenn Matter on the Planning and Zoning committee.

Library Representative

Mayor Short would like Alderman Rockwell to be the library representative.

Page Branch Park Committee

Mayor Short would like Sarah Hunt, Amy Lowe, Jo Ann Cordsiemon, Curtissa Kerr-Hunter, and Crystal Meyer to the Page Branch Park committee.

Board of Adjustments

Mayor Short would like to have Kathy Crank, Dawn Mooney, Susan Miller, Brian Gnade, and Brant Heitgard on the Board of Adjustments.

Tree Board

Mayor Short would like Mike Talbot, Carolyn Lovelace, and Terri Harper to be on the Tree Board committee.

Alderman Meyer made a motion to amend the agenda to include the bathrooms at Page Branch Park.

Alderman Rockwell seconded the motion.

AYES- Alderman Wilch, Alderman Hale, Alderman Meyer, Alderman Davis, Alderman Rockwell, Alderman Harper

NAYES-0

Motion Carried.

Alderman Wilch made a motion to amend the agenda to discuss Tollgate Rd

Alderman Rockwell seconded the motion.

AYES- Alderman Wilch, Alderman Hale, Alderman Meyer, Alderman Davis, Alderman Rockwell, Alderman Harper

NAYES-0

Motion Carried.

Project updates

Boonslick Regional Planning- The demo project is almost finished and the houses will be coming done soon.

USDA- nothing new to report

Cochran- nothing new to report

PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES, COMPLAINTS AND REQUESTS AND THE HEARING OF ANY PERSON OR GROUP DESIRING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD, EACH OF WHOM HAVE FILED PRIOR REQUESTS TO BE PLACED ON THE AGENDA IN COMPLIANCE WITH CITY CODE 24.105

PUBLIC HEARING A REQUIRED BY LAW OR ORDINANCE

No Public Hearings

ACTING ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Alliance Repair Cap

Mayor Short said that there are some questions regarding the invoice that received from Alliance for the expenses from 2022. Brian Pieper from Alliance said that Alliance has sent over the requested documents. Mayor Short said that there are a lot of invoices that the city should not be responsible for. He would like to have more time to go through it. Alliance is agreeable to setting up a meeting to go over it.

NEW BUSINESS

Approval for American Legion to shoot fireworks on the 4th of July

Alderman Wilch made a motion to approve.

Alderman Davis seconded the motion.

AYES- Alderman Wilch, Alderman Hale, Alderman Meyer, Alderman Davis, Alderman Rockwell, Alderman Harper

NAYES-0

Motion Carried.

Removal of dead tree on the lots leased to the ECGA

Rob Guinness said that the lease requires the ECGA to maintain the property and this includes removing the tree.

Going to for bids on painting parking lines on Broadway

Alderman Harper made a motion to go out for bid.

Alderman Meyer seconded the motion.

AYES- Alderman Wilch, Alderman Hale, Alderman Meyer, Alderman Davis, Alderman Rockwell, Alderman Harper

NAYES-0

Motion Carried.

Purchasing cold patch

Mayor Short said that he doesn't understand the quote for the cold patch. Kenny explained the invoice. The total is \$2980. This item was not budgeted.

Alderman Wilch made a motion to purchase the cold patch and have Alliance come back to the board next month with a recommendation to where to take it from in the budget.

Alderman Harper seconded the motion.

AYES- Alderman Wilch, Alderman Hale, Alderman Meyer, Alderman Davis, Alderman Rockwell, Alderman Harper

NAYES-0

Motion Carried.

Letter from DNR

The City received a letter from DNR in regards to a violation with the lime lagoon. Alliance was not aware of the letter and asked to have it sent to them. Mayor asked for a report back after they receive the letter. He would also like to add this to the agenda for the next meeting.

Safety concerns at the City park.

Alderman Meyer said that a citizen had contacted her about some concerns at the city park. She spoke with Kenny this morning and some of the concerns have been taken care of. Alderman Harper asked why it wasn't taken care of back in December when it was reported. Kenny said that he was not notified of a problem in December. Alderman Meyer also said that the basketball hoop didn't have a net.

Headstone Repair

Alderman Harper said that at the cemetery committee meeting they couldn't come up with a solution to repair headstones. She would like to ask the full board for suggestions. Rob said the VA has programs for the headstones of people who have served in military. Rob also suggested maybe doing some fundraising.

Cremation burials without approval

Alderman Harper said that there are a few suspected burials that have happened without approval. They are all cremains. Rob Guinness said that there are ways to find out if someone is buried and then there are steps that we could take to correct our records.

Page Branch park bathrooms

Alderman Meyer said that the board received a letter from the PBP committee about the bathrooms and putting a new timed lock back on them. Mayor Short asked what is going to stop people from vandalizing like they are now when they are open during the day? Mayor Short said that when the timed locks worked before they had the same problem of people going in and trashing the bathrooms while they were open. The locks are \$604.87 per lock.

Alderman Rockwell made a motion to buy the locks from the Page Branch park account.
Alderman Wilch seconded the motion.

AYES- Alderman Wilch, Alderman Hale, Alderman Meyer, Alderman Davis, Alderman Rockwell, Alderman Harper

NAYES-0

Motion Carried.

Alderman made a motion to repair the toilet after the locks are purchased and installed.
Alderman Meyer seconded the motion.

AYES- Alderman Wilch, Alderman Hale, Alderman Meyer, Alderman Davis, Alderman Rockwell, Alderman Harper

NAYES-0

Motion Carried.

Alderman Harper made a motion to only have the bathrooms open when the park is rented.
Alderman Rockwell seconded the motion.

AYES- Alderman Wilch, Alderman Hale, Alderman Meyer, Alderman Davis, Alderman Rockwell, Alderman Harper
NAYES-0
Motion Carried.

Tollgate Rd

Alderman Wilch said that the special road district is willing to chip and seal tollgate road and supply the cold patch to fix the road if the city will provide some labor and equipment to help put the cold patch down. They would like to do this in June. Alliance was hesitant to help. \

Alderman Harper made a motion to approve letting the Special Road District chip and seal along with cold patch tollgate road with the help of Alliance.

Alderman Meyer seconded the motion.

AYES- Alderman Wilch, Alderman Hale, Alderman Meyer, Alderman Davis, Alderman Rockwell, Alderman Harper
NAYES-0
Motion Carried.

READING OF BILLS REQUIRING ONLY A FINAL READING FOR PASSAGE **INTRODUCTION AND READING OF BILLS FOR PASSAGE**

RESOLUTIONS WHICH REQUIRE ACTION OF THE BOARD

REPORTS OF SPECIAL BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Library- nothing to report

Cemetery/Parks- nothing to report

Infrastructure- nothing to report

Emergency Services- nothing to report

Page Branch Park- nothing to report

Tree Board- nothing to report

REPORTS OF ALDERMAN AND MAYOR

Mayor Short- nothing

Alderman Harper- Alderman Harper asked about the cameras at Page Branch Park. Where did they go? Mayor Short said that we still have them. Alderman Harper asked Alderman Meyer to ask the Page Branch Park committee about the cameras.

Alderman Hale- asked about the intersection of Baskett and Lincoln. Rachel Reed said she is waiting on the insurance.

Alderman Rockwell- nothing to report

Alderman Wilch- Thanked Alliance for getting the streets cleaned up with the new brush.

Alderman Meyer-nothing to report

Alderman Davis- Asked Chief Davis about 713 Lincoln and if tickets have been written. She also asked about the situation at the pin oak park trailer park. It is in really bad shape.

REPORTS OF CITY DEPARTMENTS AND OFFICERS

City Attorney Robert Guinness- nothing to report

Alliance Manager Kenny Claus- The coin machine at the water plant has been repaired. Alderman Harper asked about a water main break on Brownsmill Rd. Kenny said he would look at it.

Police Chief Randy Davis- Chief Davis went over his report. He said that a new reserve is working on a new code enforcement system.

City Clerk Rachel Reed- nothing to report.

City Collector Tashua Chiodini- nothing to report

City Treasurer Lisa Grumich-nothing to report

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT BY ANY PERSON OR GROUP DESIRING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD WHO HAS NOT FILED A PRIOR REQUEST TO BE PLACED ON THE AGENDA IN COMPLIANCE WITH CITY CODE 24.105

No public comments.

Alderman Wilch made a motion the close the meeting pursuant to RSMo Section 610.021 (1) Legal actions, causes of action, litigation, or confidential or privileged communications with its attorneys (14) Records which are protected from disclosure by law.

Alderman Meyer seconded the motion.

Alderman Harper-yes, Alderman Hale-yes, Alderman Rockwell-yes, Alderman Wilch-yes, Alderman Meyer-yes, Alderman Davis-yes

Motion carried.

Closed session began at 7:45 pm

Open session resumed at 8:09 pm

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Rockwell made a motion to adjourn.

Alderman Wilch seconded that motion.

AYES- Alderman Wilch, Alderman Hale, Alderman Meyer, Alderman Davis, Alderman Rockwell, Alderman Harper

NAYES-0

Motion Carried.

Open session meeting was adjourned at 8:09 P.M.