# City of Elsberry Regular Session August 8th, 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 Wilch presided over the meeting. Present were Alderman Harper, Alderman Hale, Alderman Rockwell, Alderman Meyer, 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 Wilch 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 Meyer made motion to approve the unapproved minutes. Alderman Harper seconded the motion.

AYES- Alderman Rockwell, Alderman Hale, Alderman Meyer, Alderman Harper NAYES-0

Motion Carried.

# Reading of unpaid bills approval to pay report

Alderman Harper made a motion to pay unpaid bills. Alderman Meyer seconded the motion.

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

## **Committee Appointments**

Mayor Wilch would like to appoint Luke Drullinger and Alderman Hale to planning and zoning.

Mayor Wilch would like to appoint Alderman Rockwell to the infrastructure committee.

Mayor Wilch would like to appoint Alderman Hale to the emergency services committee.

Alderman Rockwell made a motion to approve these appointments. Alderman Meyer seconded the motion.

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

NAYES-0

Motion Carried.

## **Project updates**

Boonslick Regional Planning- nothing new to report

USDA- nothing new to report

Cochran-Cochran doesn't think we need engineering services at this time and his recommendation would be to monitor the plant and continue to make operational improvements.

Cochran is currently working on the plans for the treatment plant and will be getting preliminary plans together soon.

# 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

Chad Perkins- Mr. Perkins would like to work with the City on getting funding to take care of the water issues. He is working with the State Senators on getting funding. He is also working with the Mayor to have him come to Jefferson City and advocate for the City.

# PUBLIC HEARING A REQUIRED BY LAW OR ORDINANCE

No public hearings

## ACTING ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS

#### **Invoices from Meco Engineering**

Mayor Wilch said that the city received an invoice from Meco Engineering and they received their termination letter. Mayor Wilch asked Rob Guinness if he had time to look over the invoices and his opinion is to not pay it. Rob's question is do we want to ask them for money.

Alderman Harper made a motion to move this matter to closed session.

Alderman Meyer seconded the motion.

Roll call vote

Alderman Harper-yes, Alderman Hale-yes, Alderman Rockwell-yes, Alderman Meyer-yes Motion Carried.

#### Repair cap for Alliance

Alliance has sent on a letter asking for the \$22154.51. They are asking for the repair cap to be paid.

Alderman Rockwell made a motion to pay the repair cap in the amount of \$22154.51 but to

reserve our rights.

Alderman Meyer seconded the motion.

Ayes-Alderman Hale, Alderman Rockwell, Alderman Meyer

Nayes- Alderman Harper

Motion Carried.

# **NEW BUSINESS**

Accepting resignation of Kenny Claus from planning and zoning committee

Alderman Rockwell made a motion to accept the resignation.

Alderman Harper seconded the motion.

AYES- Alderman Rockwell, Alderman Hale, Alderman Meyer, Alderman Harper NAYES-0

Motion Carried.

#### **Animal Control**

Mayor Wilch said that he reached to S & R animal control, and they would be willing to come back. Mayor Wilch asked if the board would like him to proceed in contract negotiations.

Alderman Rockwell made a motion to have Mayor Wilch move forward with S & R Animal Control.

Alderman Harper seconded the motion.

AYES- Alderman Rockwell, Alderman Hale, Alderman Meyer, Alderman Harper NAYES-0

Motion Carried.

#### Switching to Peoples Banks & Trust

City Clerk Rachel Reed said that she reached out to both Peoples Bank and First Mid and Peoples was the only one that got back to her. They are willing to waive all the fees and give the city a safety deposit box for free. First Mid did not respond to the request before the meeting.

Alderman Rockwell made a motion to switch all accounts to Peoples Bank and Trust. Alderman Meyer seconded the motion.

AYES- Alderman Rockwell, Alderman Hale, Alderman Meyer, Alderman Harper NAYES-0

Motion Carried.

# Repairing Grate at intersection of Baskett and Lincoln

This item was taken care of before the meeting

# Damage to headstone from tree falling

There was a tree that fell and knocked a headstone over in the last big storm that we had. The tree that fell was the city's tree.

Alderman Harper made a motion to get bids to fix the headstone.

Alderman Rockwell seconded the motion.

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

Tasers for the police department

Alderman Harper said that there is a donation for \$1100 so the police department can get tasers. That would leave remaining balance of \$590 for the tasers.

Alderman Meyer made a motion to amend the agenda to include accepting the donation for the tasers.

Alderman Rockwell seconded the motion.

AYES- Alderman Rockwell, Alderman Hale, Alderman Meyer, Alderman Harper NAYES-0

Motion Carried.

Alderman Meyer made a motion to accept the donation for the tasers.

Alderman Rockwell seconded the motion.

AYES- Alderman Rockwell, Alderman Hale, Alderman Meyer, Alderman Harper NAYES-0

Motion Carried.

Alderman Rockwell made a motion to spend the \$590 for the remaining amount needed.

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

Liquor License Renewal for Dos Primos Liquor by the drink and liquor by the drink and Sunday Alderman Rockwell made a motion to approve the liquor license for Dos Primos Alderman Meyer seconded the motion.

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

# Picnic Liquor License for Shooter's Salon

Alderman Harper made a motion to approve the liquor license for Shooter's Salon. Alderman Meyer seconded the motion.

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

## Purchasing MIU's for meters

Luke Drullinger said that there around 80 meters that are needing to be replaced. The meters are still working it is just the radio device that needs to be replaced. The total needed is \$16,000. There is enough money in the budget for this purchase.

Alderman Rockwell made a motion to purchase the MIU's Alderman Meyer seconded the motion.

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

# READING OF BILLS REQUIRING ONLY A FINAL READING FOR PASSAGE None

# INTRODUCTION AND READING OF BILLS FOR PASSAGE

# RESOLUTIONS WHICH REQUIRE ACTION OF THE BOARD

#### REPORTS OF SPECIAL BOARDS AND COMMITEES

<u>Library</u>- Alderman Rockwell has called 4 companies to get bids for the library roof and no one has called her back. Mayor Wilch said that he spoke with BLE construction, and he recommended that we contact our insurance and see if there is damage.

<u>Cemetery/Parks-</u> nothing to report

<u>Infrastructure</u>- Alderman Hale asked where we were on the demolition of the buildings on Broadway. Rob Guinness said that the window for the owner to do something is almost closed and it will be on the next agenda for the board. Mayor Wilch said that we need to have a meeting.

**Emergency Services**- nothing to report

**Tree Board**- nothing to report

# **REPORTS OF ALDERMAN AND MAYOR**

Mayor Wilch- nothing to report

<u>Alderman Harper</u>- Alderman Harper would like to thank Alliance for putting cones on 5<sup>th</sup> street where the payment is falling off. She would also like Alliance to look into the valve that is leaking at 4<sup>th</sup> and Brownsmill.

<u>Alderman Hale</u>- Alderman Hale asked when the stripping is going to finished. Alliance said that they are doing other things that need to be done first.

<u>Alderman Rockwell</u>- Alderman Rockwell asked about porta potties on David St. A resident asked her about them and how long they can be there. Rob is going to check on this.

**Alderman Meyer**-nothing to report

Alderman Davis- nothing to report

# REPORTS OF CITY DEPARTMENTS AND OFFICERS

<u>City Attorney Robert Guinness</u>- Nothing for open session

Alliance Manager Luke Drullinger- Luke went over his ops reports.

**Police Chief Randy Davis**- Chief Davis went over his reports and scheduling.

<u>City Clerk Rachel Reed</u>- Rachel said that we need to have a special meeting for setting the tax rates. The board decided on August 30<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm.

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

Alderman Meyer made a motion to close the meeting pursuant to RSMo Section 610.021 (1) Legal actions, causes of action, litigation or confidential or privileged communications with it's attorneys(3) Hiring, Firing, disciplining or promoting of particular employes(14) Records which are protected from disclosure by law.

Alderman Rockwell seconded the motion.

Roll Call vote

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

Closed session began at 7:24 pm

Open session resumed 7:37 pm

Alderman Harper made a motion to table the payment the request from Meco Engineering

Alderman Rockwell seconded the motion.

Ayes- Alderman Harper, Alderman Hale, Alderman Rockwell, Alderman Meyer

Motion carried.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Alderman Meyer made a motion to adjourn.

Alderman Rockwell seconded that motion.

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

NAYES-0

Motion Carried.

Open session adjourned at 7:39 pm