

**City of Elsberry
Regular Session
December 12th, 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, Alderman Davis, City Clerk Rachel Reed, City Collector Tashua Chiodini, City Treasurer Lisa Grumich and Police Chief Randy Davis. Also present were Luke Drullinger 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 Davis seconded the motion.

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

Reading of unpaid bills approval to pay report

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

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

Project updates

Boonslick Regional Planning- nothing new to report
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 ACTING ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Sue Beck-Printer for the police department

Mrs. Beck said that Chief Davis has brought this to the board a couple times and she wanted to give the board some information. She said that the printer that we have now is costing the tax about \$1100 a year. There are printers out there that can scan, print and fax for under \$500. If we purchase the current printer and it breaks down, we will have to pay someone to come fix it.

Sue Beck- Go over timeline of Alliance employee statements to the infrastructure committee and the Board about the aerator and its condition.

Mrs. Beck said that in October of 2020 Justin said that the aerator at the water plant needs to be cleaned out. Also, in October of 2020 Justin brought some pictures of the aerator and said that he found a company that can clean and replace anything that needs to be replaced in the aerator.

January 10, 2023 Kenny Claus said that water plant was in compliance for the month of December.

May of 2023 Kenny said that the aerator needs to be cleaned and fixed.

May 9, 2023 Kenny stated he is getting bids for the repair of the plant.

June of 2023 Mayor Short asked about the repairs and Kenny said they were working on it.

October of 2023 at an infrastructure committee meeting Brian Pieper said that the baffles in the aerator have rotted away and the water in aerator is not being used.

In September Mrs. Beck sent an email to the board telling them about Scott Allen with Clarence Cannon water. He said he thinks he knows what is wrong with the water. He told her that the iron and manganese are most likely passing through the treatment plant in a soluble form that will not filter. It was not oxides completely with mechanical aeration and chemical oxidation. Soluble iron will then deposit in the dead in and low use areas.

November 15, 2023 at in infrastructure the fixing of the baffles was added to the budget for 2024. Luke stated that the aerator baffles will not cost that much he had looked at them and they were not in bad shape.

Mrs. Beck feels that Alliance has dropped the ball and are using more chemicals than needed.

Sue Beck- Request the board to have Alliance refund the people of Lakeview all the water bills that have been paid from June 2021-2023 because of unusable water.

Mrs. Beck asks to Board to have Alliance pay back all the bills from 2021-2023 for the Lakeview residents. Alderman Hale asked if the aerator. Luke said that the aerator is not operational.

Geraldine Simmons- Payment agreement and sewer abatement

Mrs. Simmons was not able to make the meeting due to illness but would like to ask for a 12-month payment agreement and sewer abatement.

Alderman Rockwell made a motion to give Mrs. Simmons the 12-month payment agreement.

Alderman Meyer seconded the motion.

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

NAYES-0

Motion Carried.

Alderman Davis made a motion to deny the abatement request.

Alderman Rockwell seconded the motion.

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

NAYES-0

Motion Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Modot Sidewalk request

Jeff Niemeyer with Modot said they have a sidewalk project along Hwy 79 in front of Family Dollar. They would like to ask permission to come on the City right of way to curve the sidewalk back into town. He would need an ordinance from the City of allow this. Rob Guinness will be in contact to get the ordinance drafted for the board.

Alderman Rockwell made a motion for Rob Guinness to move forward with this ordinance for the Modot sidewalk request.

Alderman Meyer seconded the motion.

Alderman Rockwell seconded the motion.

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

NAYES-0

Motion Carried.

Purchasing ammunition for training from Gulf States Distributors

Chief Davis would like to purchase ammunition for training.

Alderman Rockwell made a motion purchase ammo from Gulf Stores Distributors.

Alderman Davis seconded the motion.

Alderman Rockwell seconded the motion.

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

NAYES-0

Motion Carried.

Craig Cox mowing and getting hay off Page Branch Park

Alderman Harper spoke with Craig Cox and he would like to know if he can get hay off Page Branch Park.

Alderman Harper made a motion to deny the offer from Mr. Cox.

Alderman Rockwell seconded the motion.

Alderman Rockwell seconded the motion.

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

NAYES-0

Motion Carried.

Bids for repairing 5th st.

City Clerk Rachel Reed said that there were 2 bids received. The first bid is from Mick Mehler for \$4075.50. The second bid is from Hartley Homes for \$2760.00

Alderman Harper made a motion to award the job to Hartley Homes

Alderman Rockwell seconded the motion.

Alderman Rockwell seconded the motion.

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

NAYES-0

Motion Carried.

READING OF BILLS REQUIRING ONLY A FINAL READING FOR PASSAGE

None

INTRODUCTION AND READING OF BILLS FOR PASSAGE

Bill 2023-12-001

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ELSBERRY, MISSOURI, TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO, AND TO EXECUTE, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY, A CONTRACT WITH BOONESLICK REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION TO PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES FOR ARPA STATE FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS PROJECTS; AND TO EXECUTE REQUIRED DOCUMENTS.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF ELSBERRY, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The Mayor of the City of Elsberry is authorized to enter into, and to execute, on behalf of the City, a contract with a contract with Booneslick Regional Planning Commission to provide professional administrative services for ARPA State fiscal recovery funds projects. The Mayor is also authorized to carry out and perform the terms of this agreement on behalf of the City, including executing all necessary authorizations to carry out the terms of the contract. The terms of the Contract are attached to this Ordinance.

SECTION 2. Effective Upon Passage

This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after the date of its passage.

Read two times and passed this _____ day of December ___, 2023.

The board considered bill 2023-12-001

Alderman Davis made a motion to read bill 2023-12-001 2 times by title only

Alderman Rockwell seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote

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

Motion carried.

City Attorney Robert Guinness read Bill 2023-12-001 2 times by title only.

Alderman Harper made a motion to adopt bill 2023-12-001

Alderman Rockwell seconded the motion.

Roll call vote

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

Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS WHICH REQUIRE ACTION OF THE BOARD

REPORTS OF SPECIAL BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Library- Getting some bids for the Library roof

Cemetery/Parks- nothing to report

Infrastructure- Alderman Hale would like to get flashing lights at Broadway and Main St.

Emergency Services- nothing to report

Tree Board- nothing to report

REPORTS OF ALDERMAN AND MAYOR

Mayor Wilch- Mayor Wilch would like to thank Billy and Carol Collins for letting the city borrow the lift to put up the Christmas lights. He would also like to thank the ladies in City Hall for decorating for Christmas. He had a meeting with Chad Perkins today to go over things that the city needs.

Alderman Harper- Alderman Harper also thanked the ladies in City Hall.

Alderman Hale- nothing to report

Alderman Rockwell- Alderman Rockwell asked about Spectrum. Rachel said that she is working on getting a contact to get the issues fixed. Spectrum said that they will make sure things are taken care of.

Alderman Meyer-Alderman Meyer said that there have been a lot of dog complaints around school and people getting attacked. She had someone tell her that they had filed and report and nothing was done. Chief Davis said that no one filed a report.

Alderman Davis- nothing to report

REPORTS OF CITY DEPARTMENTS AND OFFICERS

City Attorney Robert Guinness- Rob Guinness said that the owner of the problem property was convicted on 43 charges for the property. He also got convictions 59 convictions on the Broadway properties.

Alliance Manager Luke Drullinger- Luke went over his ops reports. He would like to explore some options at the school to be able to isolate the school if there is a main break in the area again.

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

City Clerk Rachel Reed- nothing to report

City Collector Tashua Chiodini- Tashua let the board know that the bills were mailed on December 4th but have been lost and have not been delivered. Alderman Rockwell asked to send out an alert to let everyone know. City Clerk Rachel Reed said that she can do that with the website but it won't go to everyone.

Alderman Meyer made a motion to amend the agenda to discuss late fees and disconnect fees for the month of December.

Alderman Rockwell seconded the motion.

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

NAYES-0

Motion Carried.

Alderman Rockwell made a motion to not charge late fees for the month of December

Alderman Meyer seconded the motion.

Alderman Rockwell seconded the motion.

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

NAYES-0

Motion Carried.

Alderman Rockwell made a motion to not do shut offs in the month of December.

Alderman Meyer seconded the motion.

Alderman Rockwell seconded the motion.

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

NAYES-0

Motion Carried.

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

Becky Capps would like to request making the first block of N 6th st one way due to parking issues. She would also like to discuss Sanderson and the congestion during school times.

Sue Beck asked Steve Wilch about the engineering report. She wanted to ask about PFAS and tell them that Alliance should have let us know.

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Harper made a motion to adjourn.

Alderman Hale seconded that motion.

Alderman Rockwell seconded the motion.

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

NAYES-0

Motion Carried.

Open session adjourned at 7:47 pm