

**City of Elsberry
Regular Session
July 11, 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 Harper, Alderman Hale, Alderman Rockwell, Alderman Wilch, Alderman Meyer, Alderman Davis, City Clerk Rachel Reed, 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 Rockwell made motion to approve the unapproved minutes.
Alderman Meyer seconded the motion.

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

Project updates

Boonslick Regional Planning- nothing new to report

USDA- nothing new to report

Cochran- Cochran is moving forward with the design of the treatment plant. They are working with staff to review documents on the water plant and are working on a proposal for the board.

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

Thomas Murphy 805 Lincoln property condition.

Mr. Murphy addressed the board about the property at 805 Lincon. He has a petition with 35 signatures. The grass is very tall and there are snakes and rodents everywhere. He wants something done now. This is a health hazard. Alderman Wilch apologized for how bad it has gotten. City Attorney asked Mr. Murphy if he had pictures. He said yes and he will bring them to City Hall. Rob Guinness said that anyone can fill out an affidavit to start the administrative warrant process.

PUBLIC HEARING A REQUIRED BY LAW OR ORDINANCE

No public hearings

ACTING ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

Going out to bid to tuck point and seal the cemetery wall

The cemetery/parks committee would like to go out for bid to tuckpoint and seal the brick wall at the cemetery.

Alderman Wilch made a motion to go out for bid to tuck point the brick wall at the cemetery. Alderman Harper seconded the motion.

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

NAYES-0

Motion Carried.

Cleaning of Page Branch Park

The cemetery/parks committee would like to advertise hiring someone to clean Page Branch Park. Alderman Wilch asked if this would be covered under the Alliance Contract. Rob Guinness said that the contract stated that Alliance will maintain all city owned buildings.

Budget amendment for auditing services

Rachel Reed proposed to change the income from the sales tax to \$201,000 which will cover the \$11,000 needed for the budget.

Alderman Rockwell made a motion to accept the proposed budget amendment.

Alderman Meyer seconded the motion.

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

Bids for VFD for lime pump

Kenny has 2 bids one from ESA for \$2038.76 and the other from Municipal Equipment for \$2400.00.

Alderman Wilch made a motion to accept the bid from ESA for \$2038.76.

Alderman Harper seconded the motion.

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

Rehiring of Michael Chadaranek as full-time police officer

Alderman Rockwell made a motion to rehire Michael Chadaranek at the same pay rate from when he left.

Alderman Harper seconded the motion.

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

Raising part time pay for police officers to \$16

Alderman Rockwell said that the emergency services voted to recommend raising the pay for part time officers to \$16/hr.

Alderman Rockwell made motion to raise the pay for part time officers to \$16/hr.

Alderman Harper seconded the motion.

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

Approval of Chief Davis's vacation

Chief Davis would like to take vacation from August 7th – August 18th. He will be here for court and city council.

Alderman Harper made a motion to approve the vacation request.

Alderman Rockwell seconded the motion.

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

NAYES-0

Motion Carried.

Video of Mayor's wife and stepdaughter speaking to the chief

Alderman Harper would like to ask the board if they would like to do this in open session or closed session. Alderman Wilch asked what it was about. Alderman Harper said it was a video of them talking to the chief and being disrespectful. Alderman Rockwell would like to do this in closed session. Alderman Harper asked Chief Davis to play the video. The video would not play due to technical issues.

Alderman Harper made a motion to table this until later in the meeting.

Alderman Rockwell seconded the motion.

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

NAYES- Alderman Wilch, Alderman Meyer

Motion Carried.

Liquor License Renewals

Dollar General- Original package liquor

Alderman Davis made a motion to approve liquor license for Dollar General

Alderman Harper seconded the motion.

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

NAYES-0

Motion Carried.

Family Dollar- Original Package liquor and original package liquor on Sunday

Alderman Harper made a motion to approve the liquor license for Family Dollar

Alderman Meyer seconded the motion.

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

NAYES-0

Motion Carried.

READING OF BILLS REQUIRING ONLY A FINAL READING FOR PASSAGE

None

INTRODUCTION AND READING OF BILLS FOR PASSAGE

Bill 2023-07-001

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ELSBERRY, MISSOURI, TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY TO ENTER INTO, AND THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE ON BEHALF OF THE CITY, A LEASE WITH THE DEERE CREDIT, INC. D/B/A JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL FOR A NEW JOHN DEERE 5090 E UTILITY TRACTOR WITH A NEW SIX FOOT 520 N LOADER FOR 2023-24.

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

SECTION 1. The City of Elsberry hereby enters into, and the Mayor of the City of Elsberry is authorized to execute on behalf of the City of Elsberry, a Lease with the Deere Credit Services, Inc. d/b/a John Deere Financial for the use of a new John Deere 5E Utility Tractor with a new six foot 520 N loader. The terms of the agreement 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 July 2023

The board considered Bill 2023-07-001

Alderman Harper made a motion to read bill 2023-07-001 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 Wilch-yes, Alderman Rockwell-yes

City Attorney Rob Guinness read bill 2023-07-001

Alderman Rockwell made a motion to adopt bill 2023-07-001

Alderman Harper seconded the motion.

Roll call vote

Alderman Hale-yes, Alderman Rockwell-yes, Alderman Harper-yes, Alderman Davis-no, Alderman Meyer-yes, Alderman Wilch-no

Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS WHICH REQUIRE ACTION OF THE BOARD

REPORTS OF SPECIAL BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Library- Alderman Rockwell spoke with Billy Collins about the roof on the library and she should have more at the August meeting.

Cemetery/Parks- nothing to report

Infrastructure- nothing to report

Emergency Services- nothing to report

Tree Board- nothing to report

REPORTS OF ALDERMAN AND MAYOR

Mayor Short- nothing to report

Alderman Harper- Alderman Harper asked about the tasers and if the money is going to be donated. Sue Beck said that she will make the donation when a Police chief is appointed. Rob said that there would have to be a policy in place and the officers would have to receive training.

Alderman Hale- Alderman Hale asked why the work that was requested did not get done. Mayor Short said that there are complaint forms that need to be filled out.

Alderman Rockwell- nothing to report

Alderman Wilch- Alderman Wilch said that the weeds in town are getting out of control. All down Main St. He would like the people to be ticketed. He asked Alliance why we haven't received the invoices from 2021 that were requested. He said that he saw a skid loader going back and forth from the shop with rock instead of loading a truck. He said that on the 4th of July the officer on duty did not know the ordinance about fireworks.

Alderman Meyer-nothing to report

Alderman Davis- nothing to report

REPORTS OF CITY DEPARTMENTS AND OFFICERS

City Attorney Robert Guinness- absent

Alliance Manager Kenny Claus- Kenny said that there were some leaks repaired last week. The flags have been fixed. The bulk water system went down and he is waiting on a response to get it fixed. Alderman Harper asked Kenny if electric is needed at the cemetery. He said yes it would be nice.

Police Chief Randy Davis- Chief Davis said that there was a one-man crime spree yesterday he was able to catch him. Chief David feels that he is working in a hostile working environment. He never knows when he is going to be escorted to his office. He needs to get his things in order

if he is going to lose his job. He would like a chance to defend himself. He has been embarrassed several times in open meetings.

City Clerk Rachel Reed- nothing to report.

City Collector Tashua Chiodini- absent

City Treasurer Lisa Grumich-absent

Mayor Short asked to have the agenda amended to include the appointment of police chief.

Alderman Rockwell made the motion to amend the agenda to include the appointment of police chief.

Alderman Harper seconded the motion.

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

Nayes-0

Abstain-Alderman Wilch

Appointment of Police Chief

Mayor Short would like to appoint Randy Davis as police chief until April of 2024.

Alderman Harper made a motion to approve the appointment.

Alderman Rockwell seconded the motion.

Ayes- Alderman Harper, Alderman Hale, Alderman Rockwell, Alderman Davis

Nayes-0

Abstain-Alderman Wilch, Alderman Meyer

Mayor Short would like to amend the agenda to include accepting the resignation of the Mayor

Alderman Harper made a motion amend the agenda to include accepting the resignation of the Mayor

Motion dies due to lack of a second.

Mayor Short said that he was done and left the meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem Steve Wilch took over the meeting.

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 said that she is has not been able to find her Mom's headstone due to the weeds. Her Dad's headstone is the same way. She asked about the alleys and whose responsibility they are. City Attorney said that alleys are the adjacent landowners responsibility. She said that there is a hole at the end of the alley where is meets the street.

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Meyer made a motion to adjourn.

Alderman Rockwell seconded that motion.

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

NAYES-0

Motion Carried.

Open session meeting was adjourned at 8:13 P.M.