

**City of Elsberry  
Regular Session  
May 9, 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 Hale, Alderman Meyer, Alderman Davis, City Attorney Rob Guinness, City Clerk Rachel Reed, City Collector Tashua Chiodini and Police Chief Randy Davis. Also present were Kenny Claus and Brian Pieper of Alliance Water Resources. Alderman Rockwell was absent.

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 Hale, Alderman Meyer, Alderman Davis, Alderman Harper  
NAYES-0

Absent-Alderman Rockwell

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 Hale, Alderman Meyer, Alderman Davis, Alderman Harper  
NAYES-0

Absent-Alderman Rockwell

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**

Joe Wayman- Mr. Wayman would like to plant a tree in Page Branch Park in Dagny Chaney's memory. He would also like to help set up a plan for anyone else who would like to plant a tree in someone's memory. Mayor Short asked if he had somewhere in mind. Mr. Wayman said no. He would also like a placard with the tree.

Alderman Wilch made a motion to approve planting the tree.

Alderman Harper seconded the motion.

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

Alderman Harper is going to set up meeting with the tree board to figure out where to plant it and planning for future trees.

**PUBLIC HEARING A REQUIRED BY LAW OR ORDINANCE**

No Public Hearings

**ACTING ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Striping of parking spots on Broadway

Alderman Hale wanted to ask Alliance if they have gotten any more information in the striping of the parking spots on Broadway. Kenny said that they have purchased a striper and some paint. He has reached out to a few contractors to get bids.

Alderman Wilch made a motion to table.

Alderman Meyer seconded the motion.

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

Appointment of Police Chief

Mayor Short appointed Edward Smith as Police Chief for a one-year term.

Appointment not made due to lack of motion to approve.

### Headstone Repair

Alderman Harper called several cemeteries and they do not do headstone repair in their cemeteries.

Alderman Meyer made a motion to table headstone repair.

Alderman Hale seconded the motion.

AYES- Alderman Hale

NAYES- Alderman Meyer, Alderman Davis

Abstain- Alderman Wilch, Alderman Harper

Motion failed.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### Resignations from Page Branch park committee

Alderman Wilch made a motion to accept the resignation of Amy Lowe

Alderman Harper seconded the motion.

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

NAYES-0

Absent-Alderman Rockwell

Motion Carried.

Alderman Meyer made a motion to accept the resignation of Jo Ann Cordsiemon

Alderman Davis seconded the motion.

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

NAYES-0

Absent-Alderman Rockwell

Motion Carried.

Alderman Davis made a motion to accept the resignation of Sarah Hunt

Alderman Meyer seconded the motion.

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

NAYES-0

Absent-Alderman Rockwell

Motion Carried.

### Dissolving of Page Branch Park Committee

Mayor Short asked if the board would like to dissolve the Page Branch Park committee since there are only 2 members left. Alderman Wilch asked if the board would like to ask the public if anyone else wanted to join the committee before dissolving. Alderman Meyer said she would be happy to ask around.

Alderman Wilch made a motion to table  
Alderman Meyer seconded the motion.

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

### Getting bids for repairs needed at the water plant

Alderman Hale said that the infrastructure committee would like to get bids on repairs that need to be made to the water plant. Kenny said they are getting some bids together and plans for needs to be repaired.

Alderman Meyer made a motion to table  
Alderman Harper seconded the motion.

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

### Hiring Cochran to engineer plans for upgrades to the water plant

Alderman Meyer made a motion to request a proposal from Cochran Engineering for upgrades to that water plant.

Alderman Harper seconded the motion.

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

### Spending ARPA money on street repair

Mayor Short said that the infrastructure committee voted to recommend spending the ARPA money on street repair and fixing the storm sewer grates along with the storm sewer on 3<sup>rd</sup> St.

Alderman Meyer made a motion to spend the ARPA money on street repair.  
Alderman Harper seconded the motion.

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

#### Culvert Repair

Mayor Short said that there is a culvert that needs to be repaired before the chip and seal can be done on Old Tollgate Rd. Kenny has 3 bids one from Schulte for \$1594.40, Lo-Mar Supplies for \$1731.04, and Core and Main for \$1842.40.

Alderman Meyer made a motion to purchase the culvert from Schulte Supply for \$1594.40.  
Alderman Davis seconded the motion.

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

#### Replacement of 3" wastewater trash pumps and hoses

Kenny had some pricing on trash pumps and hoses.

Alderman Davis made a motion to purchase the pumps from Harbor Freight for \$870.96 and the hoses from Amazon for \$534.90.

Alderman Meyer seconded to motion.

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

#### **READING OF BILLS REQUIRING ONLY A FINAL READING FOR PASSAGE**

None

## **INTRODUCTION AND READING OF BILLS FOR PASSAGE**

Bill 2023-05-001

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ELSBERRY, MISSOURI, TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO NEGOTIATE, ENTER INTO, AND TO EXECUTE, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY, A CONTRACT WITH M ENGINEERING, LLC d/b/a COCHRAN FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE DESIGN OF AN EXTENDED AERATION WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY; ADMINISTRATION, TESTING, AND INSPECTION FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THAT FACILITY; AND RELATED SERVICES.

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 M Engineering, LLC d/b/a Cochran, for professional engineering services for the design an extended aeration wastewater treatment facility; administration, testing, and inspection for the construction of that facility; and related services. 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 and other documents required to carry out the terms of the agreement.

### **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 May \_\_\_\_, 2023.

Rob is not comfortable with the current contract and is waiting to hear back from Cochran Engineering on some revisions he made.

Alderman Wilch made a motion to table bill 2023-05-001

Alderman Meyer seconded the motion.

AYES- Alderman Wilch, Alderman Hale, Alderman Meyer, Alderman Davis, Alderman Harper  
NAYES-0

Absent-Alderman Rockwell

Motion Carried.

## **RESOLUTIONS WHICH REQUIRE ACTION OF THE BOARD**

### **REPORTS OF SPECIAL BOARDS AND COMMITTEES**

**Library-** The roof needs to be looked at.

**Cemetery/Parks-** Alderman Harper asked if the chain net for the basketball goal has been put up. Yes it has.

**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-** Mayor Short said that we could possibly be getting \$75,000 for drinking water improvements from the State of Missouri. We could also be getting \$10,000 for law enforcement from the State of Missouri. Lincoln County is receiving a 30 million grant. It has a 25% match. The city would have to apply for a portion of it.

**Alderman Harper-** Alderman Harper asked about the bridge at Page Branch Park and if the railing. Kenny said it has been fixed.

**Alderman Hale-** Alderman Hale said that Lincoln right by Catholic church the street needs to be repaired where they made the culvert repair last year.

**Alderman Rockwell-** absent

**Alderman Wilch-** nothing to report

**Alderman Meyer-**Alderman Meyer asked about the situation at school with the brown water and what can be done to prevent it. Kenny said this was a rare situation and flushing is the best option.

**Alderman Davis-** nothing to report

### **REPORTS OF CITY DEPARTMENTS AND OFFICERS**

**City Attorney Robert Guinness-** nothing for open session

**Alliance Manager Kenny Claus-** Kenny didn't have anything else to add. Alderman Davis had a question about the budget and the numbers on his report. The budget is almost spent for the entire year and it is only May. She would like to know the plan for getting it under control. Brian Pieper said that they are open to discussing the terms of the contract.

**Police Chief Randy Davis-** Chief Davis went over his report.

**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 to close the meeting pursuant to RSMo Section 610.021 (1) Legal actions, causes of action, litigation, or confidential or privileged communications with its attorneys (2) Leasing, purchase or sale of real estate by a public governmental body (3) Hiring, Firing, disciplining or promoting of particular employees (4) Records which are protected from disclosure by law.

Alderman Meyer seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried.

Closed session began at 7:42 pm

Open session resumed at 8:19 pm

Alderman Meyer made a motion to amend the agenda to include accepting resumes for Police Chief

Alderman Harper seconded the motion.

AYES- 3

NAYES-2

Absent-Alderman Rockwell

Motion Carried.

Alderman Harper made a motion to accept resumes for Police Chief and to include the resumes already received.

Alderman Davis seconded the motion.

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

NAYES- Alderman Wilch

Absent-Alderman Rockwell

Motion Carried.



**ADJOURNMENT**

Alderman Wilch made a motion to adjourn.

Alderman Meyer 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 8:21 P.M.