

**City of Elsberry
Regular Session
February 11th, 2025
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 Jennifer Hunter, Alderman Nora Hunter, City Clerk Rachel Reed, and City Collector Tashua Chiodini. Also present were Lucas Drullinger, Taylor Burnett, 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.

Alderman Hale made a motion to amend the agenda to discuss the Kubota Tractor
Alderman Rockwell seconded the motion

Roll call vote

Alderman Harper-yes, Alderman Hale-yes, Alderman Rockwell-yes, Alderman J. Hunter-yes,
Alderman N. Hunter

Motion carried.

Reading and acting are unapproved minutes from previous meetings

Alderman Harper made motion to approve the unapproved minutes.
Alderman Rockwell seconded the motion.

Alderman Hale-yes, Alderman Rockwell-yes, Alderman J. Hunter-yes, Alderman N. Hunter,
Alderman Harper-yes

Motion Carried.

Reading of unpaid bills approval to pay report

Alderman Rockwell made motion to approve the unapproved minutes.
Alderman J. Hunter seconded the motion.

Alderman Rockwell-yes, Alderman J. Hunter-yes, Alderman N. Hunter-yes, Alderman Harper-
yes Alderman Hale-yes

Motion Carried.

Project updates

Boonslick Regional Planning- We are moving forward with the WWTF.

USDA- We are moving forward with the WWTF.

Cochran- Mayor Wilch said that Cochran will be presenting next month about Pfas

Change order # 1 for \$85,000 needs to be approved for KCI this is for the additional flood insurance that is needed.

Alderman Rockwell made a motion to approve

Alderman J. Hunter seconded the motion

Roll call vote

Alderman J. Hunter-yes, Alderman N. Hunter-yes, Alderman Harper-yes, Alderman Hale-yes, Alderman Rockwell-yes

Invoice #1 for the WWTF needs to be approved for \$130,645.80. This invoice has been approved by all funding sources.

Alderman Rockwell made a motion to approve the invoice.

Alderman J. Hunter seconded the motion.

Alderman N. Hunter-yes, Alderman Harper-yes, Alderman Hale-yes, Alderman Rockwell-yes, Alderman J. Hunter

Motion carried.

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

Brittany and Kari Koch-Dowell water bills are over \$900- Brittany Koch-Dowell would like her bill checked into because it is over \$900. She said that they did not have anything leaking. She is refusing to pay the bill. Alderman Harper said that she will follow up and look into this.

Alderman Harper made a motion to table this issue until next month

Alderman J. Hunter seconded the motion

Alderman Harper-yes, Alderman Hale-yes, Alderman Rockwell-yes, Alderman J. Hunter-yes, Alderman N. Hunter-yes

ACTING ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Kubota Tractor

Mayor Wilch would like to take the Kubota up to Bowling Green to Meyer Equipment to see what's wrong with it. It would cost \$140 an hour.

Alderman Harper made a motion to take to the tractor to Meyer Equipment to find what's wrong and pay \$140/hr.

Alderman Rockwell seconded the motion

Alderman Hale-yes, Alderman Rockwell-yes, Alderman J. Hunter-yes, Alderman N. Hunter-yes, Alderman Harper-yes

New Tires for F450

Taylor provided 3 bids for tires for the F450. The first one is from Jackson's Automotive for \$1292.66, The second is from Rick's Automotive for \$1517.95 and the third is from discount tire for \$1786.30.

Alderman Rockwell made a motion to go with Jackson's Automotive for \$1292.66.

Alderman J. Hunter seconded the motion

Alderman Rockwell-yes, Alderman J. Hunter-yes, Alderman N. Hunter-yes, Alderman Harper-yes, Alderman Hale-yes

Motion carried.

Purchasing of Barricades

Taylor provided 3 bids for barricades, the first is from Schulte for \$399.60 the second is from Granger for \$853.60 and the third is from Uline for \$552.00

Alderman Hale made a motion to approve purchasing barricades from Schulte for \$399.60

Alderman Rockwell seconded the motion

Alderman J. Hunter-yes, Alderman N. Hunter-yes, Alderman Harper-yes, Alderman Hale-yes, Alderman Rockwell-yes

Motion carried.

Moving Blocks around salt

Taylor provided 3 bids for moving the blocks around the salt. The first is from Jackson's for \$300/hr with a 4 hr min. The second and third is to rent a machine from Rental Supply to do it ourselves for \$1355 a week and from Sunbelt Rentals for \$2139.43.

Alderman Rockwell made a motion to use Rental Supply
Alderman Harper seconded the motion

Alderman N. Hunter-yes, Alderman Harper-yes, Alderman Hale-no, Alderman Rockwell-yes,
Alderman J. Hunter-yes
Motion carried.

Appointment of City Treasurer

Mayor Wilch would like to appoint Corey Trevino as City Treasurer

Alderman Rockwell made a motion to approve this appoint
Alderman J. Hunter seconded the motion

Alderman Harper-yes, Alderman Hale-yes, Alderman Rockwell-yes, Alderman J. Hunter-yes,
Alderman N. Hunter-yes

Animal Control

S & R Animal control has sent a proposal for Animal control.

Alderman N. Hunter made a motion to table until later in the meeting.
Alderman J. Hunter seconded the motion

Alderman Hale-yes, Alderman Rockwell-yes, Alderman J. Hunter-yes, Alderman N. Hunter-yes,
Alderman Harper-yes

Motion carried.

Request to publish 2024 Financial statement in the Elsberry Democrat

Alderman Harper made a motion to approve publishing the financial in the Elsberry Democrat
Alderman Rockwell seconded the motion

Alderman N. Hunter-yes, Alderman Harper-yes, Alderman Hale-yes, Alderman N. Hunter-yes,
Alderman J. Hunter-yes

Motion carried.

Building maintenance

Mayor Wilch would like to go out for bid on making some improvements to City Hall
Alderman J. Hunter made a motion to go out for bid
Alderman N. Hunter seconded the motion

Alderman Harper-yes, Alderman Hale-yes, Alderman Rockwell-yes, Alderman J. Hunter-yes, Alderman N. Hunter-yes

Evidence Tracker for police department

Mayor Wilch would like to table this until next month

Alderman Rockwell made a motion to table until the March meeting

Alderman J. Hunter seconded the motion

Alderman Hale-yes, Alderman Rockwell-yes, Alderman J. Hunter-yes, Alderman N. Hunter-yes, Alderman Harper-yes

READING OF BILLS REQUIRING ONLY A FINAL READING FOR PASSAGE

None

INTRODUCTION AND READING OF BILLS FOR PASSAGE

None

RESOLUTIONS WHICH REQUIRE ACTION OF THE BOARD

REPORTS OF SPECIAL BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Library- nothing to report

Cemetery/Parks- Alderman Harper has concerns about the condition of the cemetery.

Infrastructure- Alderman Hale said they had a meeting and went over equipment and condition of it.

Emergency Services- nothing to report

Tree Board- nothing to report

REPORTS OF ALDERMAN AND MAYOR

Mayor Wilch- Mayor Wilch is working with Alliance to get equipment back up and running. Kevin Hailey returned \$150 to the City due to the condition of the spreader.

Alderman Harper- Alderman Harper asked about the Chief and when he will be back.

Alderman Hale- Alderman Hale asked about emails getting them for all the Alderman. City Clerk Rachel Reed said that she is looking and they are all very expensive. She will keep looking. He is also concerned about kids riding bicycles up and down the sidewalks.

Alderman Harper asked to speak again. She would like to stay that ordinance needs to be enforced and things need to be cleaned up. Something needs to be done about people who don't keep their property clean and won't pay tickets. Mayor Wilch said that if we do one, we have to do them all. Alderman Harper agreed.

Alderman Rockwell- nothing to report

Alderman Jen Hunter- nothing to report

Alderman Meyer- Alderman Meyer absent.

Alderman Nora Hunter – nothing to report

REPORTS OF CITY DEPARTMENTS AND OFFICERS

City Attorney Robert Guinness- Rob looked over the S & R Contract and he has some issues. He would like to bring this to the board in March to have time to work out these issues.

Alliance Water Resources – Taylor went over the ops report.

Police Chief Dwayne Lewis-nothing to report

City Clerk Rachel Reed- Rachel proposed a budget amendment to reflect the grant received for the Pfas engineering report.

Alderman Rockwell made a motion to add \$50000 to the grant proceeds income and then \$50000 to special projects expense to the water o&m budget.

Alderman Harper seconded the motion.

Alderman Harper-yes, Alderman Hale-yes, Alderman Rockwell-yes, Alderman J. Hunter-yes, Alderman N. Hunter-yes

Motion carried.

City Collector Tashua Chiodini- 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

Donna Turnbull has concerns about the cemetery and the men who dig the graves disrupting other graves. She doesn't think it should be allowed for them to drive over graves.

Justin Keim is going to address the board next month to get permission to use the Page Branch park for flag football practice and a possible league.

Sue Beck asked Mayor Wilch to please repeat what he said about Cochran. Mayor Wilch repeated himself. She also asked about the police cars and where they are. Mayor Wilch said he is trying to save the City money and putting the cage in instead of paying \$4000.

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Harper made a motion to adjourn.

Alderman Rockwell seconded that motion.

AYES- Rockwell, Hale, N. Hunter, Harper, J. Hunter

NAYES-0

Motion carried.

Open session adjourned at 7:37 pm

