

**City of Elsberry  
Regular Session  
November 10, 2020  
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 Taylor, Alderman Davis, Alderman Harper, Alderman Miller, Alderman Robinson, Alderman Rockwell, City Attorney Rob Guinness, City Clerk Rachel Reed, City Treasurer Tammy Sharpe, City Collector Nicole Castleberry and Chief Randy Davis. Also present were Justin Reaves and Ron Smith of Alliance Water Resources

Mayor Short called the meeting to order and led in the pledge to the flag.  
Roll call deemed a quorum present.

Mayor Short asked to amend the agenda to move appointment of Court Clerk to unfinished business.

Alderman Rockwell made a motion to amend the agenda to move the appointment of the Court Clerk to unfinished business.

Alderman Davis seconded the motion

AYES- Alderman Taylor, Alderman Harper, Alderman Miller, Alderman Davis, Alderman Robinson, Alderman Rockwell

NAYES-0

Motion Carried

Mayor Short would also like to add discussion of the Court Clerk position to unfinished business.  
Alderman Harper made a motion to add discussion of the Court Clerk position to unfinished business.

Alderman Rockwell seconded to motion

AYES- Alderman Taylor, Alderman Harper, Alderman Miller, Alderman Davis, Alderman Robinson, Alderman Rockwell

NAYES-0

Motion Carried

**Reading and acting are unapproved minutes from previous meetings**

Alderman Rockwell made motion to approve the unapproved minutes

Alderman Davis seconded the motion

AYES – Alderman Taylor, Alderman Harper, Alderman Miller, Alderman Davis, Alderman Robinson, Alderman Rockwell

NAYES-0

Motion carried

**Reading of unpaid bills approval to pay report**

Alderman Harper made a motion to pay unpaid bills

Alderman Robinson seconded the motion

AYES – Alderman Taylor, Alderman Harper, Alderman Miller, Alderman Davis, Alderman Robinson, Alderman Rockwell

NAYES-0

Motion carried

**Appointment of City Treasurer**

Mayor Short would like to appoint Brooklyn Thomason to the position of City Treasurer

Alderman Rockwell made a motion to appoint Brooklyn Thomason to City Treasurer

Alderman Taylor seconded the motion

AYES – Alderman Taylor, Alderman Harper, Alderman Miller, Alderman Davis, Alderman Robinson, Alderman Rockwell

NAYES-0

Motion carried

**Project updates**

City Clerk said that she spoke with Michael Hartman. We are just waiting to the insurance quote to come back.

Meco- Jim Bensman said that we should be getting the agreement from the railroad next week.

**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**

None

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

No Public Hearings

## **ACTING ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **Omnigo bill**

Chief Davis recommends that we pay the bill.

Alderman made a motion to pay the bill

Alderman Harper seconded the motion

AYES – Alderman Taylor, Alderman Harper, Alderman Miller, Alderman Davis, Alderman Robinson, Alderman Rockwell

NAYES-0

Motion carried

### **Water complaint on Lincoln**

Justin Reaves said that the house at 818 Lincoln is having a problem with discolored water. Alderman Taylor asked Justin to come up with a price to tap the newer line that runs in front of their house. Alderman Miller does not think that we should spend the money for one house. Alderman Rockwell asked if this would help. Justin said that it is not guaranteed. Mayor Short would like to discuss this in infrastructure committee meeting.

Alderman Rockwell made a motion that if the resident wants to pay the bill they can, but they need to understand that it might not fix the problem.

Alderman Davis seconded the motion

AYES – Alderman Taylor, Alderman Harper, Alderman Miller, Alderman Davis, Alderman Robinson, Alderman Rockwell

NAYES-0

Motion carried

### **Discussion on the court clerk position**

Mayor Short said that he has a person that would be a good fit and has a lot of experience. City Clerk Rachel Reed spoke with Joan Cherry and she is very interested in the position. Joan would not be able to take the position at \$16 but would be able to at \$18.

Alderman Rockwell made a motion to adjust the pay scale for Court Clerk to be \$16-\$18 per hour.

Alderman Taylor seconded the motion

AYES – Alderman Taylor, Alderman Harper, Alderman Miller, Alderman Davis, Alderman Robinson, Alderman Rockwell

NAYES-0

Motion carried

### **Appointment of Court Clerk**

Mayor Short would like to appoint Joan Cherry to Court Clerk at \$18 per hour

Alderman Rockwell made a motion to approve this appointment

Alderman Taylor seconded the motion

AYES – Alderman Taylor, Alderman Harper, Alderman Miller, Alderman Davis, Alderman Robinson, Alderman Rockwell

NAYES-0

Motion carried

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Alliance Contract**

This will be discussed in closed session but if a vote needs to happen they will come back into open session.

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

None

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

#### **Bill 2020-11-001**

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, AND AGREEMENT WITH ALLIANCE WATER RESOURCES, INC. FOR THE OPERATION OF ELSBERRY’S PUBLIC WORKS FUNCTIONS

This will only be needed if a decision is reached

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

None

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

**Library**- nothing to report

**Cemetery**-nothing to report

**Infrastructure**- nothing to report

**Emergency Services**- nothing to report

**Page Branch Park**- nothing to report

**Old Glory Jubilee**- nothing to report

**Tree Board**- nothing to report

## **REPORTS OF ALDERMAN AND MAYOR**

**Mayor Short**- nothing to report

**Alderman Miller**- nothing to report

**Alderman Taylor**- nothing to report

**Alderman Harper**- nothing to report

**Alderman Robinson**-nothing to report

**Alderman Davis**-nothing to report

**Alderman Rockwell**-nothing to report

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

**City Attorney Robert Guinness**- The opioid settlement and bankruptcy are coming to a resolution very quickly he should have more info in the next months

**Alliance Manager Justin Reaves**- Justin found a company called Pack Van and they could move the storage containers for \$350. Mayor Short said they we could empty one and sell it. Alderman Harper said that we should keep them.

Alderman Rockwell made a motion to go with Pack Van.

There was no 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Move to the next meeting agenda

Flynn Drilling inspected the wells and they are in really good shape.

Justin is waiting on Skaggs tree service to get back with him on tree removal.

DNR inspection is being done.

**Police Chief Randy Davis**- nothing to report

**City Clerk Rachel Reed**- nothing to report

**City Treasurer Tammy Sharpe**- nothing to report

**City Collector Nicole Castleberry**- 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**

## **VOTE TO TAKE UP BUSINESS TO BE CONDUCTED IN CLOSED SESSION**

Alderman Rockwell made a motion to go into closed session pursuant to RSMo section 610.021(1) Legal actions, causes of action, litigation, or confidential or privileged communications with it's attorney's (3) Hiring, firing, disciplining or promoting of particular employees by a public governmental body when personal information about the employee is discussed or recorded. (13) Individually identifiable personnel records, performance ratings or records pertaining to employees or applicants for employment, and (14) Records which are protected from disclosure by law

Alderman Taylor seconded the motion

Roll call vote

Davis-yes, Rockwell-yes, Miller-yes, Harper-yes Taylor-yes Robinson-yes

Motion Carried

Closed Session started at 7:15 P.M.

## **Resume Open session**

Mayor Short resumed open session at 8:50 P.M.

Mayor Short asked to amend the agenda to accept the resignation of Matthew Binder.

Alderman Rockwell made a motion to accept the resignation of Matthew Binder.

AYES – Alderman Taylor, Alderman Harper, Alderman Miller, Alderman Davis, Alderman Robinson, Alderman Rockwell

NAYES-0

Motion carried

Mayor Short said the only think left is the ordinance to sign the contract with Alliance. Rob Guinness said it would be best to wait until it is discussed further.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Alderman Harper made a motion to adjourn.

Alderman Robinson seconded that motion.

AYES – Alderman Taylor, Alderman Harper, Alderman Miller, Alderman Davis, Alderman Robinson, Alderman Rockwell

Open session meeting was adjourned at 8:58 P.M.

