

**CITY OF ELSBERRY
SPECIAL SESSION
BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING
WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 28, 2022 AT 6:00PM
ELSBERRY CITY HALL**

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Elsberry met on the evening of the above date at Elsberry City Hall at 6:00 pm. Mayor Short presided over the meeting. Present were Alderman Rockwell, Alderman Wilch, Alderman Davis, Alderman Meyer, Alderman Harper, City Clerk Rachel Reed and City Attorney Robert Guinness. Alderman Taylor was absent.

Mayor Short called the meeting to order.
Roll call deemed a quorum present.

Budget 2023

Mayor Short asked Rachel Reed to go through the budget one fund at a time. She started with Water O&M. She stated that there wasn't much change on this fund. We were able to transfer \$100,000 from WW/SS to not raise rates. The items that Alliance asked for are in the budget.

Sewer

The sewer budget is also straight forward. There are no major changes in the sewer budget.

Street

The street budget is really close to what it was last year. There are no major changes.

Cemetery

The cemetery budget includes tuckpointing, headstone repair and a new computer for Pam.

Municipal Court

Municipal court is the same other than the attorney fees they have increased due to Show Me Courts.

General

General has a couple changes including purchasing a projector and screen for movies in the park. Alderman Wilch asked about the building maintenance. Rachel said the building really needs some attention. The records room is in really bad shape. The stairs are not very safe.

Page Branch Park is the same as last year.

Emergency Services

Mayor Short said that for the last 5 years that police department has been over budget. The income is not there to support the budget. The police department is not working 24/7 and the

calls are very low. Alderman Harper would like to have a special meeting to talk to Chief Davis about his performance and the departments budget.

Alderman Harper made a motion to approve the budget without the payroll increases for the police department.

Alderman Davis seconded the motion.

Roll Call vote

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

Motion carried.

Approve obtaining an injunction bond

City Attorney Robert Guinness said that the Lincoln County circuit clerk has granted the restraining order against Meridian requiring them to provide trash services temporally. The judge has asked the city to post a \$1000 cash bond. Rob needs the board approval to post the bond.

Alderman Wilch made a motion to post the bond.

Alderman Meyer seconded the motion.

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

Nayes-0

Absent-Alderman Taylor

Motion Carried

Alderman Wilch made a motion to adjourn

Alderman Harper seconded the motion.

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

Nayes-0

Absent-Alderman Taylor

Motion carried

The special session board meeting ended at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rachel Reed

City Clerk

City of Elsberry

