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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Mayor Voorhis

OPEN MEETING

Roll Call taken by Mayor Thomas Voorhis
Dennis Roe PRESENT, Richard Icenhower PRESENT, Ben Lord PRESENT, Mark Stewart
ABSENT, Jeffrey Danderson PRESENT, Sherry Veach PRESENT

Call to order at: 6:30 p.m.

APPROVE AGENDA. Motion by Veach to approve agenda. Second Roe
Roe AYE, Icenhower AYE, Lord AYE, Danderson AYE, Veach AYE

PUBLIC FORUM

Mayor recognizes McConnell for suggesting Pledge of Allegiance.

Old Business

New Business

**BILL NO. 24-05 AN ORDINANCE FOR THE CITY OF FAIR GROVE, MISSOURI TO
REPLACE A YIELD SIGN WITH A STOP SIGN AT THE CORNER OF MAIN STREET
AND ORCHARD BOULEVARD. (Posted 5/28/2024)**

Motion by Roe to have the first reading of Bill No. 24-05 by title only. Second Veach
Roe AYE, Icenhower NO, Lord AYE, Danderson NO, Veach AYE

MAYOR READ BILL NO. 24-05 BY TITLE ONLY

Agenda item dies. No motion to approve the first reading.

**BILL NO. 24-06 AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AN ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE CITY
OF FAIR GROVE, MISSOURI FOR FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING ON JULY 1, 2024,
AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS PURSUANT THERETO. (Posted 6/6/2024)**

Motion by Roe to have the first reading of Bill No. 24-06 by title only. Second Veach
Roe AYE, Icenhower AYE, Lord AYE, Danderson AYE, Veach AYE

MAYOR READ BILL NO. 24-06 BY TITLE ONLY

Motion by Roe to approve the first reading and have the second reading of Bill No. 24-06 by title
only. Second Veach

Roe AYE, Icenhower AYE, Lord AYE, Danderson AYE, Veach AYE

MAYOR READ BILL NO. 24-06 BY TITLE ONLY

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Motion by Roe to approve the second reading of Bill No. 24-06 by title only and assign it Ordinance No.262. Second Veach
Roe AYE, Icenhower AYE, Lord AYE, Danderson AYE, Veach AYE

DISCUSS AND/OR APPROVE VEHICLE AND EQUIPMENT PURCHASES. (Chief Howell)

Chief hands out quotes for equipping vehicles with gun racks and cage for Chief vehicle, says he didn't get this beforehand and he apologizes. Vehicles – bought two new Dodge Durango's last year. He was not here for it. Wouldn't ask for two to be brought in one year. The other 3 that we have in our fleet are 2017 & 2018. Average drove about 20,000 per year. When you are looking at cars and replacement times, 150,000 miles is the max before you need to switch. We need to look at a new car a year. The ones we have now should last 9 years hopefully. We are one car short for take home vehicles. Goal is to have all reserves filled and have 3 full time officers. Didn't think we would get that many hired. Potential that we can be fully staffed by the end of year. FTO is 3 months long and after completed, they will get their take home cars. If we start kicking the can down the road, then we will have issues. Shouldn't buy two cars in a year. Need to get another car this year and one next year. Gave three quotes. One out of Marshfield, brand new, no equipment and no mileage \$49,000. Silver 2020 at 65,000 miles, and the other used one is 2021 around 65,000 miles. The color doesn't matter to him. Need to get ahead of the game instead of playing catch up each time. Asks the Board to consider approval. Both cars are online and ready to be purchased. Not asking for a new car just asking for a car.

Roe – to move forward, it's a great idea but we don't have the money right now. We will get reimbursed significantly from our grants, but we have to pay it all upfront. Let's wait until the end of summer and maybe then look at getting a car.

Howell – I have to protect the department and city and officers. Cars are ok right now, but won't last long.

Icenhower – the money isn't there. I would be in favor of buying a car. In case of a large expense and emergency we can't deplete the capital improvements fund.

Danderson –If we didn't have to write that large check for the sidewalk project at one time, there wouldn't be a problem. Once they start, it won't take very long. We will receive grant match from the state after payment.

Howell - looked at grant and got feedback. Have to have approval to put into it and it's a match grant which comes out to about \$15,000 and needs approval.

Danderson – You don't need permission to apply for grant and if it's something that is a match, you just need Board approval to accept the grant.

Howell is ok with waiting. Board understands that wouldn't be doing his job if he didn't stand up and ask for what is best.

The chief's car does not have a cage. I arrested someone today and had to bring them back to the department and get a vehicle with a cage. It's a liability issue. That car needs to be outfitted. Have shotguns and rifles can't carry them without them rolling around.

NRRoute is the only one around here that does this. Lord asks how many rifles we have.

Howell - 5 M16's and 3 SKS – 4 shotguns.

Lord - How many officers are qualified on these?

Howell – I will be taking the class in the next budget year. Our Sergeant is. I'm certified in Nebraska but I haven't been able to take the class here yet.

Roe – how long are the quotes good for?

These are things that should have been put in the car when the cars were build out..

Danderson asks the Board which account they want to take the money from?

Lord - During my time, they didn't have shotgun mounts. There is policy and procedure that will have to come with this. Wouldn't consider it a necessity right now but thinks the Chief is planning for the future. No expert on the budget, if the money is there, give him what he is asking for. If concerned about the money, outfit the chief's car and put the rest on hold.

Danderson -It won't kill us.

Motion by Icenhower to approve NRRoute bid E24-0547 and NRRoute bid E24-0537. Seconded by Veach

Roe AYE, Icenhower AYE, Lord AYE, Danderson AYE, Veach AYE

Mayor Report

Adjournment

Motion by Danderson to Adjourn at 7:09 p.m. Seconded by Veach

Roe AYE, Icenhower AYE, Lord AYE, Danderson AYE, Veach AYE


Sara Davis, City Clerk