

Board of Alderman Minutes
81 S. Orchard Blvd.
September 27, 2022
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OPEN MEETING

Roll Call taken by Mayor Stephen Short
Richard Icenhower PRESENT, Dennis Roe PRESENT, Ben Lord PRESENT, Sherry Veach
PRESENT, Jeffrey Danderson PRESENT, Leon Beaty PRESENT

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

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

PUBLIC FORUM (First Meeting Cancelled)
None.

Old Business

None.

New Business

JEREMY WOMMACK TO ADDRESS BOARD OF ALDERMAN. Not present.

**REMOVE RICHARD AVERY FROM ALL CITY BANK ACCOUNTS AND SAFETY
DEPOSIT BOX**

Motion by Danderson to remove Richard Avery from all City Bank Accounts and Safety Deposit
Box. Second Veach.
Icenhower AYE, Roe AYE, Lord AYE, Veach AYE, Danderson AYE, Beaty AYE

**APPROVE LEON BEATY BE ADDED TO ALL CITY BANK ACCOUNTS AS A
CHECK SIGNER AND SAFETY DEPOSIT BOX.**

Motion by Danderson to approve Leon Beaty be added to all City Bank Accounts as a check
signer and City safety deposit box. Second Veach.
Icenhower AYE, Roe AYE, Lord AYE, Veach AYE, Danderson AYE, Beaty AYE

Business Meeting

SEWER AND PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

Hokanson states there is a pump down that will be addressed in the Committee reports.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Mayor states Treasurer placed ARPA funds in the Sewer Account. He spoke to Treasurer and
asked it be transferred to streets. Discussion held about what account money should be in.

Danderson says the only time that we have touched it is for the drain water project. As far as bookkeeping goes, it doesn't matter where it sits on the report. It can be moved when needed. Motion by Danderson to approve the financial statement as submitted. Second Icenhower. Icenhower AYE, Roe AYE, Lord AYE, Veach AYE, Danderson AYE, Beaty AYE

PARK BOARD

Krystal says they have started fall soccer. We don't have a copy of minutes in packet because they have to make an amendment to the last set of minutes. This is the largest fall soccer yet. Had about 140 kids, normally it is 70-80 kids. There was mishap with registration for soccer and football. First football game is Thursday. Coming up is Halloween Trick or Trail.

Veach asks if they had any luck on insurance. Krystal says Dayton is working on it. They still don't have anyone. Krystal spoke to Les Mallard and he says that it is impossible to separate insurance because of the way that they are chaptered.

Veach asks why it was stated that insurance had to be separated.

Danderson says it is because the City Attorney told the City that if the property is not deeded to the City then the City cannot carry insurance on it. Veach asks why it has been this way all along. Icenhower says that when Kelly Beets with MIRMA found out that the park was insured they didn't want to insure the park.

Beaty states that the land was deeded incorrectly when it was purchased by the park.

Danderson states he asked Sara to contact Claim director with MIRMA and ask worse case scenario, if bleachers was to collapse and injure someone if the park would be covered. We did not get a straight answer.

Beaty would like research done to see if the deed can be changed.

Icenhower states that since the park had not been operating properly since the start. It was allowed to be in the district for a while. The City Attorney stated that there would have to be a change in the statutes or the people would have to vote and completely redo the whole organization of the park board. The change of the deed would have to go back to the vote of the people. Danderson says that City Attorney has stated that there are two things you have to do; follow the statutes by bringing the funds back through the City and it is the attorney's legal opinion that the City can't insure something that they don't own. It would have to be cleared through DNR to change the deed.

Beaty states the Park Board needs to be in agreement and DNR needs to get involved. Asks what original paperwork shows City owns park behind City Hall. We would have to get in touch with DNR to change the deed and give to Park Board.

Icenhower says that it will cost the City attorney fees.

Krystal says that Dawson with Connell stated that they would insure the Park separately from the City but they would have to have the City insurance too. It's because they would have double exposure.

Krystal forwarded email from MOPERM to Alderman. They have tried small companies to large companies. They can't find anyone to insure the park separately. Les Mallard says that a lot of insurance companies get third parties to write insurance for them. There are only a select few that will write certain policies. Danderson says that Sara made the call and that the only thing that matters right now is that he is confident in the fact that if something happens then we are covered under insurance. Deeding the land can wait. He doesn't believe that the park doesn't have insurance right now. Krystal said that Dayton talked to MIRMA and that the Park is still covered. Danderson says he believes that to be true from the statement we received from Claims Director. There is a lot of muddy water that people don't agree on. It's a mess right now but it is manageable. Beaty says it got set up improperly to begin with.

Motion by Beaty to have two-member committee research, go to DNR, MML, Park Board in Springfield to determine how the ownership should be handled. Second Roe
Icenhower AYE, Roe AYE, Lord AYE, Veach AYE, Danderson AYE, Beaty AYE

Motion by Icenhower to have Leon Beaty and Sherry Veach as two member committee for park board research. Second Beaty
Icenhower AYE, Roe AYE, Lord AYE, Veach AYE, Danderson AYE, Beaty AYE

Icenhower says if the City takes over the land then the park is under the City. Is the park board going to be a full park board or an advisory board. Beaty says that the park board only has authority to spend money as much as they want. The City has ownership of it right now legally. Icenhower disagrees because the attorney stated that the City does not own it.

Krystal asks if discussion is about deeding the land. Veach and Danderson says it's an investigation on how to get the Park Board insured. Veach says it's to go back and see what mistakes were made in the past and figure out how to fix it.

Danderson says there was one more thing. Mayor says that Costco invoice for Fair Grove Park Board includes Hughes husband. Hughes states that he was on there because he was running back and forth for concession stand supplies. Danderson says it has to change. Hughes says that they are canceling the membership.

Icenhower asks Hughes about maintenance on the park behind City Hall. Hughes stated that the park plans on hiring a part time person next year to help with mowing. Craig has been doing a lot of maintenance on the park but plans on getting up here. Roe says a seasonal employee is a great idea. Hughes states Craig is busy with his fulltime job during the summer. Danderson tells Hughes that they will have to close Main Street on the October 10th. Hughes says she will redirect all park traffic by making a post on the Park Facebook page.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Sgt. Bridges says all radios are switched over to digital. Grant resubmitted. She had to fix numbers. Jake and her did festival and met lots of people. Handed out coloring books and cards, plans to hold onto them for next year. Looking into training for Jake and her. Fire department offered to pay for half of training if it will benefit him a firefighter.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Festival—they had 6 heat related calls. Had to transport two. During the parade, a motorcycle hit a child. Chief learned about it later. He spoke to Mary with the Historical Society and motorcycles won't be allowed next year. Sunday was better. Vendor was kicking dog that urinating. He agreed to pack up and leave.

Saturday Officer Ratcliff made 15 traffic stops for running 10mph+ over the speed limit. Officer Steinmetz stopped a vehicle with people who allegedly stole from Dollar General. Kudos to officers for their hard work over the festival weekend.

Chief Enderle is asking for changes in employee sick policy. Currently, City employees get 6 days a year and it caps at 12. There is no incentive to not use other 6 days as freebies since you are only allowed to carry over 48 hours max to the following year. We have a use them or lose them policy. Clerk passes out proposed sick leave policy to the Board. Chief Enderle explains that after two years all you get is 96 hours. Danderson asks if this is about being gone long term. Chief says that it is. The employee will be able to bank it but it can never be compensated no matter how much you accrue. Icenhower states it won't cost the city any money. He likes that after 3 days then a doctor's note is required. Supervisor fixes it to where you can't abuse it. Veach says she wouldn't require a doctor's note. Enderle says that it is that way to make sure employees don't abuse it. Enderle wants to go to hours instead of days so that the employee doesn't have to burn a day for a 2-hour doctor's appointment. Icenhower doesn't see a problem with it. Neither does Veach. Danderson says the use it or lose it isn't good. It is all about long term hospital stay.

Enderle asks that current employee's that are 6+ months employed keep what they have. He doesn't think they should have to start from scratch. No board member has an issue changing the policy. Icenhower thinks we have good employees, this won't cost the city any money and it's worth it. Enderle says there aren't any employees who would milk the system.

Motion by Veach to change sick policy for employee to accrue 10 hours a month and carry it over and also allow for employees with 6+ months to keep current sick time. Icenhower seconds. Icenhower AYE, Roe AYE, Lord AYE, Veach AYE, Danderson AYE, Beaty AYE

We have really good officers right now. Has a new applicant and background check is being performed.

CITY CLERK

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Street Committee: Danderson wants to give a shout out to Time Travel and Monroe. They never complained even though it cost them the most amount of money. As far as the striping bid, in front of 91 Main, triangle stays but private property will not be touched. Will be laying a driving lane, it will move the road so that there is no parking on the West Side of Main. There is no place to put a car. All business owners have seen it and agree. Veach agrees that if cars park there then the road is too hard to get down.

Danderson put out three bids for this. Ball Paving was a No Bid, and Laser said they aren't comfortable laying the driving lane. Springfield Striping is the only one that will lay it. Anderson Engineering will be here before they lay the line and will mark the center of the line and give them direction. Danderson asks for motion to accept Springfield Striping bid.

Motion by Icenhower to accept Springfield Striping bid. Seconded Veach.
Icenhower AYE, Roe AYE, Lord AYE, Veach AYE, Danderson AYE, Beaty AYE

Beaty asks how it fits in the budget. Danderson explains it has been budgeted already and that Main Street comes out of Streets and City Hall comes out of General Revenue. Roe asks if the parking lot on the east side is included. Danderson states everything on the east side will be marked.

The Springfield Striping contract says if they have to hose it off they will charge the City \$150 an hour. Fire Department will do it and Icenhower states water board will give the City the water.

Kenny has a doctor's appointment on October 10th and the 17th and Chief Enderle is gone on the 10th. Asking if Road Runner can bring signs out and set them up and take them down.

Sgt. Bridges, two areas need to be watched, Old Mill and Walnut. People will move barricades, we will need someone watching the top of the hill and the bottom of the hill. It should only take about $\frac{3}{4}$ of the day. They put two coats on it and we should plan on about 4 hours to let it dry. Danderson attempted to reach out to everyone in that area today.

Icenhower has discussed with Leon (Water District), Roe, and Danderson. We have to get some help for Kenny. Water district has a guy named Ethan. He helps put in meters for water district. He can help Kenny with a lot of different things. He is hardworking. Mayor really likes him. Kenny thinks he is very helpful. Proposes to hire Ethan to help part time to help Kenny. He would also like for him to use his truck and we can pay him mileage. That way they have two means of transportation. The water district is paying him \$18 an hour. Would like to hire him around \$16 an hour. Danderson suggests \$15.00 an hour. Beaty asks how many hours a month. He will only work for about 30 days at this point. Soon there won't be as much for him to do. Veach asks how many hours he would help. Icenhower says it will be about 10 hours a week and he will be used more in spring, summer and fall. It is \$0.55 for state. Kenny was sick and not

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able to work last week and there were a lot of things that needed to be done that we didn't have anyone to help do it. Icenhower watched him. He works hard. Veach is good with it because she knows that Kenny needs help.

Motion by Beaty to hire Ethan Sapp at a rate \$15.00 but allow for negotiations. Seconded Veach. Icenhower AYE, Roe AYE, Lord AYE, Veach AYE, Danderson AYE, Beaty AYE

Sewer Committee: Kenny, Icenhower and Roe have been dealing with a pump that keeps clogging. Bert says that the ring around the impeller is worn and causes the pump to overheat and the backup pump kicks in. It has been pulled 3 times in the last week. Wanted numbers from Bert to purchase pump to present to Board but was not able to get that beforehand. They put \$17,500 in the budget for the pump. Can get one for \$18,500. Roe asks for Alderman to allow the Sewer Committee to spend up to \$20,000 to either rebuild the pump or purchase a new one. Icenhower says we are in an emergency situation. Veach says she would like for them to get a new one.

Roe asks for max limit of \$20,000 to either rebuild or purchase a new pump. New wench has been ordered and until it comes in then they have to keep renting a crane.

Motion by Danderson to allow expenditure for the Sewer Department for emergency purchase of pump not to exceed \$20,000. Seconded Veach. Icenhower AYE, Roe AYE, Lord AYE, Veach AYE, Danderson AYE, Beaty AYE

APPROVE BOARD OF ALDERMAN MINUTES

Motion by Veach to approve Board of Alderman Minutes for August 23, 2022. Second Danderson Icenhower AYE, Roe AYE, Lord AYE, Veach AYE, Danderson AYE, Beaty AYE

Mayor Report

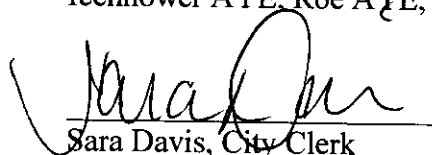
Mayor thanks all who were participating in the 2022 Heritage Reunion and rodeo.

Greene County ARPA fund recipients included Monroe House for \$10,500.

Mayor reminds Alderman and staff to follow Chapter 135 Purchasing Rules.

Adjournment

Motion by Danderson to Adjourn at 7:46 p.m. Seconded by Veach Icenhower AYE, Roe AYE, Lord AYE, Veach AYE, Danderson AYE, Beaty AYE


Sara Davis, City Clerk