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**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Led by Mayor Voorhis

**OPEN MEETING**

Roll Call taken by Mayor Thomas Voorhis

Dennis Roe PRESENT, Sherry Veach PRESENT, Richard Icenhower PRESENT, Mark Stewart PRESENT, Ben Lord PRESENT, Kelly Petty PRESENT

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

**APPROVE AGENDA.**

Motion by Roe to approve agenda. Second Veach

Roe AYE, Veach AYE, Icenhower AYE, Stewart AYE, Lord AYE, Petty AYE

**PUBLIC FORUM** – May speak on any item on the agenda.

**Old Business**

**New Business**

**DISCUSS AND/OR APPROVE PUBLIC WORKS EQUIPMENT BANK ACCOUNT (Roe, Icenhower)**

Roe – We have a public works tractor arm mower account set up and for the last 5 years, we've been putting money into that account and just a little over a week ago, we made a purchase. We had a little over \$101,000 in the account and the tractor cost \$70,000 plus \$1,125 to have it delivered so we've got a balance in that account. That money all came from street fund which is mostly from street tax and so it's designated for street purposes. We'd like to rename the account Equipment. I'll give you an example, we have a helper but we don't have a used pickup truck for him. It could be used to purchase something like that. Rather than put the money back into the sewer account, we'd like to keep that separate. I've talked to Larry Brown, our Treasurer about it and he said that renaming it is really easy for him. We just need to approve it as the Board.

Icenhower – Well, it was named Tractor Account.

Roe – Specifically for that purpose.

Icenhower – It was named specifically for tractor account, well we've got the tractor and we're not going to be buying another tractor so we need to change the name to public works or whatever so we can use that money for something else.

Veach – Well, public works, that would be streets or anything that would be needed in that category?

Icenhower – Yes. It wouldn't be sewer or anything like that. It would be public works.

Veach – I think it needs to be done.

Petty – Will we continue to deposit money into that account annually?

Icenhower – I think so but I don't think we need to deposit what we've been doing. We've been depositing \$20,000 a year. I don't think we need to do that but I do think we need to contribute to that account.

Roe – And that's typically discussed when we do our budget reviews, Kelly.

Petty – Okay

Roe – That's when that's decided.

Veach – Do we need to make a motion to rename it?

Roe – Yes.

Motion by Veach to rename Tractor Arm account to Public Works Equipment account. Seconded by Icenhower

Roe AYE, Veach AYE, Icenhower AYE, Stewart AYE, Lord AYE, Petty AYE

**DISCUSS AND/OR APPROVE SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (Stewart, Lord)**

Stewart – So me, Ben and Dennis met to go over some ideas, what we wanted to do. I presented them to Dr. Bell What you have in front of you, after talking with Roy, he brought up quite a few good points and I talked to, the one that you have in front of you that has the changes, Ben and Dennis about and they were both good with it so I went ahead and did it. The changes was in 1(a) I removed the part that says suitable as a reserve officer from that. The reasoning for that is just because since he's not going to be a reserve officer for us, then why do we need to keep it in there, our qualifications for a reserve officer. If he wants to be a reserve officer for us then we will have some kind of application so why do we need that in there. The other thing we agreed to remove was, whenever we do log evidence into the property room, currently they don't have access to the building so we just put in there that the City of Fair Grove agrees to meet with them. The SRO just contacts them, they'll meet here, they'll let him in the building, let him into the evidence room, help him log it in, whatever. I just added it in there to show that. The other things that we have discussed, in the original MOU in 3B (3) it says "If an emergency occurs during the school day but off of school property, the supervisor officer in charge may request assistance from the SRO. It shall be at the discretion of the SRO whether the response is appropriate and the safety of the school district". Chief Roy mentioned that for the schools sake, that might be a good thing to remove so that they always have an SRO on site. They don't have to worry about that SRO being pulled away to help Roy and Roy thinks that his officers will be covered by Greene County plentifully and don't necessarily need that SRO to go away from the school. So that's a recommendation that he made. I present it to you guys because I didn't have an opportunity to discuss it fully with Dennis and Ben. The other thing that Roy mentioned was, in my changes, where I did my 3B(3) on the new page, the SRO wished to work as a reserve office for the City of Fair Grove, that whole thing Roy just said is not necessary and the reason is obviously if they want to work for us they've got to apply for us so Roy recommended to get rid

of that also. Those were all of the changes. I don't know if you want, or if I need to go through all of the stuff that's on that page or if you guys have any questions about it. What I'm looking to do today is just get us to vote or come to a consensus to send it to the attorney to look over, put the lawyer speak to it, send it back to us for us to approve it so we can send it to the school for them to do the same thing and then we'll get together and sign it after that.

Veach – I don't have a problem with it.

Stewart – I think it does everything the lawyers were wanting to do. Chief and Dr. Bell both think it's good too.

Petty – That was going to be my question. So, both Dr. Bell and our Chief has reviewed ....

Stewart – The only changes was the stuff that I mentioned verbally here and that's why I gave Dr. Bell a copy of the new version as well. The question I have is do we want to go ahead and remove 3B(3) from the original when I send it to the lawyers and 3B(3) from my modifications.

Icenhower – So we're still going to use this...

Roe – Right, with his modifications. I personally am okay with removing 3B(3). I think Roy brought up a very good, a valid point of he would be covered by Greene County and that leaves the school resource officer always...

Stewart – Yes, always...

Veach – I like...

Roe – I think that's a good choice.

Veach – Yeah, I don't like the idea of pulling the school resource officer away from the school. Because if we have an emergency then the school could be in jeopardy.

Roe – Yeah, yeah. That's my fear.

Stewart – Basically with the MOU, we are not saying they are a city employee so they are not a reserve officer. Before we were saying they were a reserve officer which is questionably legal or not so this just removes that completely. If they want to be a reserve officer there's a whole different process...

Icenhower – That's right, it's a whole different process.

Stewart – Yep.

Petty – I like that we added the part that we are going to review and sign annually.

Roe – Yes. I complimented Mark for coming up with that too.

Stewart – And I put lawyer question on those bottom two because I don't know if 30 and 60 days is acceptable to the lawyers or not. We're just going to have to ask them. But now it's set for 90 and 120 if I remember right and even Dr. Bell said that seems a little longer than needed so.

Voorhis – We'll need to have that in the form of a motion, Mark.

Stewart – We just need a consensus, right?

Veach – Yeah.

Davis – Can you do it in a motion?

Motion by Icenhower to approve the Memorandum of Understanding and send to city attorney for review. Seconded by Veach

Roe AYE, Veach AYE, Icenhower AYE, Stewart AYE, Lord AYE, Petty AYE

### **Business Meeting**

#### **SEWER AND PUBLIC WORKS REPORT**

Hokanson – I think Dennis has covered the biggest part of everything going on.

Roe – The one thing I don't have covered is the mowing.

Hokanson – Well, that's what I was fixing to say. I've been on the mower trying to get it cleaned up for the festival. I'll get on it again tomorrow. I should be able to have everything slicked up by the time. Unless anybody has any questions I think Dennis has a pretty good lay down on everything that's happened to us in the last 48 hours.

Icenhower – Have you hit any mailboxes yet?

Hokanson – Why do you keep asking me that? No, but I about got a sign a while ago.

Icenhower – He's having to get used to his new mower. He's got one stick instead of 3 or 4 and he don't know how to operate one.

Hokanson – It's a lot quicker too. It ain't wallered out like the other one. Anybody got any questions?

Mayor – No. Thank you!

Hokanson – You bet. Thank you.

Mayor – Is that going to be a committee report from you?

Roe – Let's go down to financials next.

### **FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

Motion by Roe to approve July 31, 2024 and August 31, 2024 financial statements as submitted.  
Second Veach  
Roe AYE, Veach AYE, Icenhower AYE, Stewart AYE, Lord AYE, Petty AYE

### **PARK BOARD**

Kimberly Storey (Treasurer) – Well, I've never given a report so we'll see. Basically I just did mine through the fiscal year of June. We netted over \$202,000 from sports fees and taxes and sponsorship fees. And then we expensed \$155,000 so we basically netted a little over \$47,000 as opposed to last year when we only did \$39,000 so we netted a little more but we also need to hire a director for our sports program which we probably will within this next month. Any questions?

Icenhower – How many kids do you have participating?

Storey – It depends on the sport. Soccer was low because it kind of interfered with football. I think we only had like 80 kids when normally soccer is around 200. Basketball this last season, we had a little over 200 kids participate. Baseball, I think a little under 200 so we did good in those sports. Brittany, she's been basically filling in and she's doing a good job. Based on our sports revenue and sports expenses and sponsorship, we only lost \$163 but then if you count in the revenue for concessions, the expenses for that and our paid employee for concessions we made that back a little over \$2,000 so it paid for itself this year which was really great. That's my goal is to make it pay for itself. Which in the past it hasn't, we lost money. But I see it doing better in the future. We want to try to bring in the communities around us to do some sort of competitive leagues.

Icenhower – Ya'll are kind of in a learning process right now, too.

Storey – We are.

Lord – On that sports director spot, is that a full-time paid spot?

Storey – No, it's part-time.

Lord – Is it posted, open right now?

Storey – Not yet, we're going to discuss it in October's meeting.

Lord – Okay.

Storey – We will discuss salary and everything like that so we probably have it posted in October as a part time position. It will probably be salary because you can't really, they will be responding to emails from our parents and things like that, so it's just better to do salary.

Voorhis – How long has the park been without a director for?

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Storey – Well, I started in January, in February our director quit. So we haven't had one since February and Brittany Counterman has kind of been filling in and making everything run smoother so we're hoping to get that position settled quickly.

Icenhower – I think ya'll are doing a great job.

Mayor – Thank you.

### **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

Porter – I assume that you guys presented last month?

Stewart – The meeting got postponed.

Porter – Okay. The 2023-2024 grant was finally submitted and paid. It's been closed out by the state which is a good thing. I did receive an email yesterday for the 2024-2025. We put in for the grant, submitted for \$12,600, statewide, across the board, everybody got a 3% decrease in their funding so \$12,600 went to \$12,194.46 but it looks like we going to be splitting that with the state so our portion will be \$6,097.23 and of course we will get that amount reimbursed by the state as well. We did have a report not this past siren test but the one before that, the one over on Northview Circle was not working. Had crews come out and take a look at the siren. Ants had eaten through all of the wiring in the box. He got that all cleaned up got everything going. Greene County won't let us do a test to make sure it was working but I did get a report from a community member on this last test that everything was working fine loud and clear. So that's been fixed, up and running again. The mitigation plan that I've been working with Greene County on, Fair Grove's portion is getting close to being done. It will be done and completed by the 15th deadline so that's a good thing. I thought I was done and then she came back and told me that we had to have a plan for every single threat and hazard that faces the city so I had to go back and tweak some stuff to put into that plan. I did get the festival coming up this weekend submitted to the National Weather Service so they will have us be monitored more closely. I put a threshold for any 40mph or greater winds for them to notify us so we can let the people know. Of course any incoming warnings or anything else, I made sure we would get a warning on that as well so we could alert people and try to get things cleared out before anything hits us. Last but not least, there is another grant that's available. It just came out through the state. It's for anybody that's participants of the 2023-2024 EMPG grant. It is up to \$50,000. It's the same mini grant that I was able to get the truck off of several years ago. I am going to write that grant and try to get our storm siren on Delaina that on the verge of going down, see if we can get that replaced. It's s shot in the dark but it's a zero matching fund, so if we could get that replaced at no cost to the city, then that would be awesome. There are a few other things that I'm going to throw in. Some equipment, our computers are going bad. See if we can get me and Tom new computers so we can monitor all of that stuff. It should all fit within that \$50,000 range or should be less than. Anything other than that?

Icenhower – Have you found your home yet?

Porter – Not yet. I talked to Mr. Bell a little bit, he's got a home for us possibly. Tom was going to talk to the fire department as well and we have a spot there and just see what's going to fit within our budget.

Voorhis – With the festival coming up, do you any ICS plans with the police department or the fire department worked out? Do you take care of that or do you let the fire department or police department handle all of that?

Porter – I kind of work on the backend of that and let the fire department take the lead. I try to monitor stuff on the backend and as I get information forwarding that to them on their phones. Tom will be here working and him and I will be in direct contact.

Lord – Thank you, Greg.

Mayor – Thank you.

#### **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Chief Howell – Well I don't have as good of news as him by chance. My news is bad. We are non-compliant with the state for traffic grants, for traffic issues. That's where we get a lot of our grant money from so when we do our racial profiling cards we've been non-compliant for the last couple of years.

Roe – Is this on tickets that are written?

Howell – So we have to fill out a racial profiling card, out of 31 agencies, well, let's put it this way, out of 900 and something towns, villages within Missouri and 114 counties, 31 of them were non-compliant last year and we happen to be non-compliant for 2 years.

Icenhower – So we're not the lone ranger?

Howell – 31 of us. However you want to look at it.

Roe – Misery loves company.

Howell – I will say that a town that's nearby was also non-compliant but I don't understand why because that's where you get a lot of your money from, from the Feds for grants. Hence why we haven't been getting any. We did secure a vest grant, it is good. It will pay for up to 3 vests if First Responders would ever get them in and get them back to me before November because I have until November to turn them in. I have mine in. Those are \$1,700 a pop so we were allowed up to \$7,500 on those to get them reimbursed so I pray we get a couple more in before that grant runs out. We are able to reapply for it in June.

Petty – So what are we non-compliant with? With filling out a card?

Howell – Yes. It's a racial profiling card which is kind of funny because I have a stack of 2023's in my office that were never submitted.

Lord – Can you just explain to the Board what...

Howell – Racial profiling card is when you do a traffic stop, you have to say if they were white, black or Hispanic, what the stop was for, were they moving, traffic violation of equipment, duration of stop, was it 15 minutes or less, was the person arrested, was a search conducted, was it a DUI stop, there's numerous things that it goes for. Was it a warrant arrest or was it probable cause arrest. It just gives a statement of are you making legal stops.

Petty – So we have them, we just didn't turn them in?

Howell – Well, I can tell you we have that many from 2023, I don't know. I wasn't here to tell you if they were or weren't cause there's no cards prior.

Icenhower – In other words, they were filled out but they weren't sent in?

Petty – The ones that were filled out...

Howell – Yes. There's a good answer. The ones that were filled out weren't sent in and 2022, I don't know where they're at.

Petty – But since you've started, we are doing that?

Howell – Oh yes! We have a stack about this big.

Voorhis – So how long do we have to be compliant before we become..

Howell – 2 years. 2 years of, which I'm going to reach out to the state and see if I can make a plea to them since I took over and if I submit...

Roe – Maybe give them the 2023 stuff?

Howell – Maybe I can give them the 2023 stuff and say hey. But it's very clear if we don't submit by this date they aren't giving anything so I don't know. I will say hey I took over on this date. If we submit this year, can we get some, but we will have to wait and see. As far as the evidence room goes, good news. It's all gone through, Everything is accounted for, even the gun that was missing at one time has been located and back to its owner. That's all been taken care of. We even came up with a sawed off shotgun long that we have to do a report on and figure out what to do with but the evidence room is looking better thanks to the guy from Willard. So that was a plus. That was money well spent. Our cars have all been to Altec and back. They all have shotgun racks now. They are equipped to the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Even the Chief's car has a cage now which I will be surrendering here shortly because we have 5 officers and 5 cars, so. I will be driving my personal vehicle here shortly back and forth to work because the reserves will need a car. All of the cars equipped with antennas now so they can speak remotely with the computers which is good. There's no more carrying around a WiFi pack wondering if it's going to connect or not. So a lot of updates have been made and the equipment is coming up to date. We are doing it as quickly as we could. Speaking of which, Walters graduated the FTO program last week and



she is out on her own pretty much right now. Jeremy starts the night time FTO program next week. As far as the festival goes, we will have 5 on Friday, 6 on Saturday and 5 on Sunday so we are well covered with 24 hour coverage throughout the weekend. Any questions?

Voorhis – Are you fully staffed now, Chief?

Howell – One short, but I got a couple of applicants in, so.

Voorhis – And you said we're one car short or two cars short?

Howell – We're two cars short is what we need total but we're one car short for all of the fulltime staff.

Petty – Is your open position a reserve officer or a full-time?

Howell – Full time. We have one reserve and one full time.

Stewart – So with that being said, Roy and I have been talking about the radio situation. He has just enough radios and one spare and in our MOU, we are agreeing to give one to the SRO. We all think it's important that the school has the same radio we do. So that's something Roy's working on a bid to figure out how much it's going to cost the city to buy another radio to supply it and the software that you texted me about.

Howell – Yes. I found, actually I got the quote from REJIS, on the software and I provided Mr. Stewart, I think it was \$200 something for the VPN, which we will have to check with CARES to see if they can VPN to the school because that may be an issue with their IT guys, we'll have to check. The license for the individual officer is only \$50, it's just the VPN issues that we have to work out.

Icenhower – So you can communicate to the school?

Howell – Yes. Once we get that figured out, that problem will be taken care of. The radio, I'll get. We have 3 radios, we need 2 of them. We have 4 radios, we need 3 of them, we need one backup. We have 4 and one backup. We need a spare. I want to make sure, if it all works, I'll get with CU and see what the license is going to cost that way it will all be set up. I'll try to get that to you too as soon as I can. Other than that, I think that's it unless you have any other questions.

Lord – Let's talk about the fall festival. Do you guys have a booth down there?

Howell – We will set up with the fire station.

Lord – Do you have a command center type of thing?

Howell – Down at the bottom of the hill we will set up with the fire station. I've been talking to Randall. We're going to set up together just under the same tent. We do have a side by side thanks to Mr. Icenhower we were able to get it through S&H. We were able to get a side by side

to get around the crowds. That will help out quite a bit. We are going to have one patrolling on the outside. During the parade we are going to have 125 and Orchard and 125 and Swan blocked off and we will be by the high school just helping the flow of traffic there and like I said, we've got like 5 on that day so we'll have someone on nights and Jen's coming in at 3 so we'll have enough people on.

Icenhower – Was it last year we had an officer have a heart attack when he walked by one of the tents and an arm was hanging out from under one of them?

Davis – Yep.

Stewart – He thought he found a body.

Howell – Don't say that. Anything else?

Voorhis – Chief, is Mercy going to...

Howell – Yes. Mercy is going to be down here. I talked to Randall. Mercy will be staged at that Kum and Go like they did last year. They have their own shuttle that they'll be bringing up.

Icenhower – I thought they always stayed at the bottom of the hill.

Howell – They will have their little cart down here but the ambulance is always down at either Summer Fresh or Kum and Go. That way they can haul them off. So Mercy will be down here stationed down here with us and then two other paramedics will ride with us and two firefighters will ride with us. It's a 4 seater.

Roe – You got a raincoat?

Howell – What's that?

Roe – You got a raincoat?

Howell – Yeah, I've got one. So does the people. It sounds like we might get wet. Anything else?

Voorhis – Thank you.

#### **CITY CLERK**

Davis – Chan and I have been invited to participate in a thing at the school with OCAC about careers and I would like permission to shut city hall down from 9:00 until 10:30 on October 10<sup>th</sup>.

Voorhis – What is the thing up there?

Davis – It's just a career deal where you talk to kids about the fun of government.

Icenhower – I think it's a good idea myself.

Petty – Is it high school, middle school?

Davis – No, it's elementary.

Voorhis – Dr. Bell, is it that thing where they do the money and make the career choices?

Dr. Bell – That's at the high school, middle school levels. This is a little bit different. Honestly, I'm not sure what it entails but I think they have people come in from different careers.

Davis – Yes.

Dr. Bell – It's a really neat deal for the elementary kids. They don't typically see things like that.

Veach – What times?

Davis – 9 until 10:30. It will probably be a little longer because of setting up and tearing down and coming back.

Icenhower – You don't need a motion for that, you just need a consensus, right?

Davis – I just need permission, yes sir.

Voorhis – Why don't we just keep it shut down in the morning until the afternoon when you get back from lunch?

Davis – Perfect.

Icenhower – Why don't you just come up and watch the office?

Davis – There ya go. Come up and answer phones.

Voorhis – They've got my cell phone number.

Icenhower – That would be a good job for him.

Voorhis – I think that would be alright, just keep the office closed in the morning until after lunch whenever you get done.

Veach – I don't have my schedule for the 10<sup>th</sup> but if I'm off on the 10<sup>th</sup> I can always come over here and sit.

Davis – Thank you. The other thing I have is the Chief and I have been talking about cameras, I guess he's going to get some installed probably and I was wondering if you guys would be interested in having one installed in the lobby or not.

Petty – Is there one out there, isn't there?

Davis – There is one out there but I believe that one is the library's. We don't have access to it either way.

Icenhower – You said there is one out there and what?

Davis – I think it belongs to the library. It's not ours.

Veach – I know there used to be one out there but I thought that it was taken down.

Icenhower – I thought they had one out there.

Roe – Well that goes back to Adam Mallory. Brian Way put it up is what we found out but it hadn't been used in years. I think it was finally removed.

Veach – I thought there was.

Howell – May I reapproach to talk about this?

Voorhis – Yes.

Howell – I got a quote for two cameras. One is the back door. Our back door, when the officers are in the patrol room they have a tv but the camera isn't the best so we are wanting to get a new one put in there. That being said, I want one on the back of the building that's a pan, tilt, zoom so it will cover the garage and it will go back and forth and you can really pick up on license plates, anything that goes on back there during the night or anything, it would pick up on. We have that garage back there with stuff in it as well. The quote is right at \$1,000 for it. It's in my budget.

Icenhower – Is that for the one up here and back there both?

Howell – That's just for the hallway and the back.

Davis – Up here, we would have to get kind of like a deal that he just got so we're anywhere from \$600 to \$2,000 depending on the camera and the storage that you want.

Voorhis - \$2,000 for everything?

Davis – That's just City Hall. It's two separate quotes.

Howell – Two separate bids. Mine's just going to cost me \$1,000 because after what I put in back there on the police department side, I have plenty of police department storage. It's totally separate from you guys. After the meeting, if you guys would like to see the difference, I can show you. The box has been cleaned up.

Voorhis – Is there a problem with putting this camera back on the system that you just got?

Howell – Which camera?

Voorhis – The camera that would be in the front lobby? Cause there's times that your police officers are in this building and if you have the storage, personally I don't see why we need to be paying...

Stewart – So keep the camera footage stored on their storage, is that what you're saying?

Voorhis – Yeah.

Davis – Oh. It's to keep them separate. So the PD would be completely separate from City Hall. He just got done separating the PD from City Hall.

Howell – The only problem with it is access to it.

Voorhis – What do you mean?

Howell – The storage is nothing. It's literally nothing for what I'm going to keep. I'm only going to keep a 21 day loop unless something occurs.

Voorhis – My question, is this something you guys are going to have in your offices to look at or something? It would be if something happened, right. Why couldn't, that returns to me if someone broke into city hall or something bad happens, the police would be investigating so I don't know why are we going to take that off. It's the same building theoretically, right?

Davis – Right.

Veach – Would it be because of the finances?

Davis – No it doesn't really have anything to do with the finances. He just spent a lot of money separating everything to get his body cameras and his car cameras and any video cameras on to his stuff, it would just be to keep them separate.

Veach – Okay.

Roe – Correct me if I'm wrong, Roy. Part of it is to reduce the chance of someone hacking into...

Howell – It could be, yes. It would give a lot of people access, that's the only thing. And if we...

Petty – You're saying that we want to have access, the city, to the lobby camera separately?

Davis – That was kind of the thought process behind it. Again, because he just spent a lot of money getting his separate from the city.

Voorhis – Is that something that you guys are going to be checking a lot on the city side?

Davis – No.

Voorhis – I can imagine it being checked for various purposes of why we would be checking it so I don't see why the city would need to go into it. As long as our building was secured.

Davis – The only reason we would ever look at it is to make sure everything is good I guess because it would only be on a 21 day deal where it automatically starts deleting.

Howell – If someone notifies me, I can go back and look at the loop and see if there's anything to be found. That is not an issue. It's just the access for the city clerk or for you guys to get to.

Stewart – Can we agree just to get some bids including maybe using his storage or getting our own storage and then we can discuss further how that's going to look?

Davis – Yes.

Stewart – Is that reasonable?

Voorhis – I think that's appropriate cause if we're talking \$2,000 or \$400 to just add it on to yours, I just don't see us paying \$2,000.

Stewart – Well you can get a gigabit flash drive.

Davis – Right. The other thing is that I was told today that they can all record audio and I would assume that you wouldn't want audio on the cameras up front, am I correct in that?

Petty – Is it an additional cost?

Davis – It's not an additional cost. It's my understanding that they all come with it...

Howell – But it can be shut off.

Davis – Right, it can be shut off.

Roe – Don't you have to have permission to record audio?

Stewart – Missouri is a one party state. So if one party knows in Missouri then I can call you and record the conversation and I don't have to tell you that I'm recording it.

Roe – I did not know that.

Veach – I don't think we need audio on it. You may have somebody out here talking, you know, private conversation.

Roe – Well there's pros and cons.

Veach – Right, there are but still you get into the private conversation...

Roe – Yeah, that part I wouldn't like.

Veach – And those people don't know that it's being recorded.

Roe – And that's why I asked the question. Does there have to be a sign or something?

Petty – The only thing with audio is if someone broke in with a face covering and there was more than one and they were speaking, it could be used to identify them.

Howell – Yes. Voices are very identifiable. These people here who work in the schools a lot of times they'll know if it's former students or current students or...

Roe – I can see a use for it at times.

Stewart – I'm not against audio. If there's a dispute as to something that happened in the lobby over something that took place, we could then have access to that.

Voorhis – I think we put up a sign that says audio and video recording present in building. If somebody has a problem with it when they come into the library they are always welcome to go outside. I'm not against the voice recordings.

Howell – I think most public buildings now have those signs.

Petty – Do we just put it on the front door?

Davis – Probably.

Icenhower – I don't see a problem with it being separate myself. I don't know what everybody else thinks but he's went to great extents to get away from us and I understand why. I understand that 100%. She said \$600 to ???

Davis - \$600 to \$2,000. He was going to send me a quote but I didn't get it before the meeting.

Howell – When I had talked to him he had said that the camera was going to be right around the \$500 range. With the storage, depending on what you are wanting to keep, the total bill could be somewhere between \$1,000 to \$2,000.

Icenhower – I think we need one out there myself.

Voorhis – I absolutely agree, Richard. It all depends about costs.

Icenhower – If we can get one separate out there for less than \$1,500 then I say that's the way to go.

Howell – That being said, if you're going to run one, you might as well spend the extra \$500 and put a pan, tilt, zoom out front that way you get the front covered too because all their going to do is run the wiring through the venting here and stick it on the outside and then you will have a pan, tilt, zoom out front too. In case something were to ever happen out there, you would have that.

Voorhis – Get a quote.

Icenhower – I think let's get a quote on it and get more exact numbers.

Howell – It's a lot cheaper than the other company we were looking at.

Davis – Yeah, a lot cheaper.

Icenhower – I think get us a quote.

Davis – Okay, I'll get it and bring it back to you guys.

Icenhower – I mean that's not something that we have to do tonight.

Voorhis – Is that all Miss Sara?

Davis – That's it.

Voorhis – Thank you.

Davis – You're welcome.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Sewer Committee report attached.

Lord – Just a comment on the police committee. When Roy got here we decided we were going to up this incentive package for hiring officers and part of that was take home cars. I know there's a lot of different opinions on this board with take home cars or the car situation in general. I know we spent a lot of money on police vehicles but it's my opinion that we're going to have to put our money where our mouth is at some point on that. We put this out here as an incentive to help hire and help retain.

Icenhower – Well I think that's down the road though.

Lord – We are going to get called to the carpet on that.

Icenhower – By the time they go through training. Right now we've got two officers riding around together in training.



Lord – And I get you. I know there's a lot of different opinions but at some point, we're going to have to put our money where our mouth is. I don't have any kind of proposal or anything like that, I'm just throwing that out there that the police committee is talking about that.

Petty – So I had heard in previous sessions that we were waiting to get reimbursed for our sidewalks and that money was going to be able to be used to purchase a new police vehicle. Do we know when we're going to receive that money back for the grant for the sidewalks?

Roe – I have no idea. I don't have a timeframe on that.

Lord – I'm unfamiliar with any of that if that's the plan to wait for reimbursement...

Roe – When we met and was discussing the budget, obviously Roy brought up the police car and we didn't budget for that because of the unknowns with the sidewalk grant. We have to pay for it all up front and it's \$171,000.

Lord – It's one of those see when we get there kind of situations?

Roe – Right. We don't know what the final bill will be. So I think we need to get through that and we have no idea what month that will happen. Then we can bring up the police car and see where we are financially.

Lord – I'm not asking for anything financially. We are advertising the job with take home cars.

Veach – Ben, didn't we look at it and say that we wouldn't need the cars until later on because of the hiring and so on.

Lord – Possibly.

Veach – It seems like it was something like that. We weren't going to have to have them this soon.

Stewart – To be honest, we also got our police department up to staff way quicker than we thought.

Veach – Yeah, we didn't think we would get them up to fully staffed until January.

Roe – Right. Roy has done an amazing job at getting those positions filled.

Icenhower – If anything we're going to have to buy another car but this sidewalk deal, when the bids came in our part of the sidewalk price went up.

Roe – Yeah. We are having to pay \$40,000 - \$50,000 more than we anticipated because the bids came in....

Icenhower – What the state was paying was fixed and the bid came in a whole of a lot higher so we're going to spend, I think it's around \$50,000 more.

Roe – That's what I remember. That why I said that we've got to get through all of this and see where we're at financially. I haven't forgot about it, Roy. I know we only have one open position so we've got to get on it.

Howell – Well, it's like someone said, we have two bikes out in the garage.

Roe – Well, we have sidewalks now.

Voorhis – Chief Howell, how long until these officers get their own cars?

Howell – I've had two people reach out to me about a job. I haven't got their applications yet. Jeremy will probably be out of the training program either late October to late November because of his training. Brian, I'm saying probably December, January he'll be out and then that leaves the reserves with my car so then at that time, we're down to just me and the reserves using my car.

Voorhis – So definitively??

Howell – By the end of this year.

Voorhis – So by the end of this year we will definitely need a new car but we can get by until then.

Howell – Probably end of December, January at the latest. If we hire someone else, that's going to get kind of crunchy.

Roe – I would hope that we would be fully reimbursed on our MoDot grant for the sidewalk. But with that said, the Greene County ARPA funds, the reimbursement on that has been very slow. That's why I'm reluctant to give you a date.

Howell – Like I said, we don't have to buy a brand new one. We can go with the Missouri State Highway Patrol 65,000 mile one to get us by on the first one and then we just need to start figuring out what to do afterwards. Which is half the cost of a new one.

Lord – That was it.

Icenhower – Well you can buy them from the state already equipped except with radios, right?

Howell – They only have a light bar and the siren box. That's all they have.

Voorhis – Yeah, so we would have to provide the radio.

Howell – The radio.

Icenhower – That’s what I’m saying.

Voorhis – Highway Patrol doesn’t have a cage in it does it?

Howell – No. You have to put a cage in it. Then you would have to put some equipment and that car can be mine for a year until we get it budgeted it.

### **APPROVE BOARD OF ALDERMAN MINUTES**

Motion by Roe to approve Board of Alderman Minutes for July 23, 2024, July 26, 2024, August 13, 2024, and August 21, 2024. Second Veach

Roe AYE, Veach AYE, Icenhower AYE, Stewart AYE, Lord AYE, Petty AYE

### **Mayor Report**

I don’t have much to report. I was contacted by Legacy Early Learning Academy will be coming up on 5 years of ownership this year. They are having a party October 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 p.m. They’ve invited the community to come out. I will be there as they have asked for me to attend but they have asked for as many people from the community show up. If you know anybody and would like to invite them, it’s at 6p.m.

### **Introduce and Swear in School Resource Officer**

We will invite Dr. Bell up to introduce the SRO. Miss Sara will swear him in and I believe Chief Roy will hand Dr. Bell the badge and we will go from there.

Dr. Bell (School Superintendent) – First of all, thank you guys for having me here and I want to thank the Board of Aldermen and the Mayor for helping us out with the MOU and serving the community for so many years. I think we are on our 17<sup>th</sup> year of having the SRO program. I’m going to introduce Officer Dustin Hayman. He is a graduate of Ozark High School back in the late 90s. I won’t give you the exact year. He went on to Southwest Baptist University where he graduated with a bachelors of science degree in criminal justice. From there he went to Syracuse University as a peace officer for 12 years under a MOU with the city and he worked various altercations there whether it be robbery, break ins, altercations on campus. They were in a partnership with the city there. So he was there for 12 years and then he moved back to Missouri and worked for Probation and Parole for 6 years and currently he works for the Greene County Jail here in our area. This is his first few months of doing that. Luckily we were able to snag him as our school resource officer. He has about 17 years of officer experience, obviously his first year as an SRO but out of all of our SRO’s, most of them it was there first year. We have one here right back there. Greg Porter, he served us for about 12 years so it’s been a great program. We appreciate the City of Fair Grove, this partnership, your contribution to it and we obviously look forward to partnering with you guys and Chief Howell to really take care of the safety and security of our kids in our community.

Icenhower – Do we need a motion?

Voorhis – I don’t think you need a motion. We have always went on the schools recommendation for the hiring.

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Davis – I think you do. I think you need a motion to approve the commission and all of that.


Icenhower – That’s kind of what I thought.

Officer Hayman sworn in.

Motion by Lord to approve hiring of Dustin Hayman hiring and approving his commission effective October 1, 2024. Seconded by Stewart  
Roe AYE, Veach AYE, Icenhower AYE, Stewart AYE, Lord AYE, Petty AYE

**Adjournment**

Motion by Icenhower to Adjourn at 7:36 p.m. Seconded by Veach  
Roe AYE, Veach AYE, Icenhower AYE, Stewart AYE, Lord AYE, Petty AYE

  
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Sara Davis, City Clerk

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## **Street & Sewer Committee Report August-September 24, 2024 (Corrected)**

### **Sewer**

On August 26 one of the pumps in the WWTP Sludge Return lift station stopped working. This pump was pulled the next day and returned to Independent Electric. They had rebuilt this pump in the spring and it was still under their 90 day warranty.

On September 23 Fluid Equipment arrived with the 2 new sludge return pumps that we had purchased. One new pump was installed and it was discovered that the connection between the pump flange to the pipe flange in the wet well was leaking badly. After further inspection, there was significant wear discovered on the surface of the pipe flange in the wet well for each pump. An emergency decision was made to replace both pipe flanges since Fluid Equipment personnel were on site. The back flow valves were also replaced due leakage on both. We are looking into the cost of some new isolation valves too. A diesel powered bypass pump was rented from Cogent so that both pumps could be removed for the work to be done in 2 days.

On August 29 Kelly Petty spent a couple of hours touring the WWTP with Kenny and Dennis. The focus was on the oxidation ditch and a clarifier where we reviewed the upgrades/repairs planned for later this year. We also discussed issues that we have had in the past with the influent lift station as well as the sludge return lift station and sand filters.

On September 19 there was a visit from RW Vaught Technical Services from Yellville, AR. RW met with Richard, Kenny and Dennis to discuss a quote for a Scada System for Highway CC lift station, Northview lift station and the WWTP lift stations. This would replace our Atlas System and would also provide more pump information that our Atlas System cannot monitor. The Water System uses a Scada System that RW Vaught has installed for them. The Water Board is very happy with the system.

On September 20, Brad Lafollette meet with Richard, Kenny and Dennis to discuss some I and I repairs for the sewer system. We reviewed a list of issues identified by our camera work done last year. Brad will put together some estimates for us on this list. We need to have a contract with him before Oct 18 for the repairs to use the remainder of our Greene County AARPA grant in 2025.

### **Street-Sidewalk Project**

August 22, Emery Sapp & Sons started marking the new sidewalk paths along Old Mill Road for the excavation to begin for our new sidewalks. Concrete is all poured and final grading is close to being done this week. Seeding will be next. Painting of Crosswalk lines and Crosswalk signs will be installed the week of September 30. The last area to be completed will be 260' of chain link fencing along the sidewalk on S. Orchard.

A 2010 JD 6330 4-wheel drive tractor with 3242 engine hours equipped with a Diamond arm mower (50" deck) was purchased on Sept. 15 at Bonne Terre, MO for \$70,000.00. New, this tractor and arm mower would list for approximately \$200,000.00. The tractor was used by St. Louis County and was in very good condition. It was delivered on Sept. 17.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dennis Roe, Richard Icenhower, Kelly Petty