

Board of Alderman Minutes  
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November 22, 2022  
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## **OPEN MEETING**

Roll Call taken by Mayor Stephen Short

Ben Lord PRESENT, Richard Icenhower PRESENT, Jeffrey Danderson PRESENT, Dennis Roe ABSENT, Sherry Veach PRESENT, Leon Beaty PRESENT

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

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

Beaty states that the meeting should include water wells as discussed in our last meeting. Danderson asks if the person who requested it be put on the agenda is here. Clerk states he isn't. Beaty asks that it be put on. Mayor says with Roe not being here we may not get the full scope of what Roe's thoughts are.

**PUBLIC FORUM** (May speak on any item on agenda)

## **Old Business**

## **New Business**

### **2023 MAYORAL PROCLAMATION**

Motion by Danderson to approve the Proclamation for 2023 City Hall Closures. Seconded Veach Lord AYE, Icenhower AYE, Danderson AYE, Veach AYE, Beaty AYE

### **DISCUSS PARK BOARD INSURANCE (Beaty)**

Two issues about the Park Board. One was to be sure that park was insured and from everything he can determine, the park is a part of the city. The insurance company doesn't want to insure it because of the deeds to the property. He contacted DNR and they responded with an email which he thinks will take care of the problem. There are 4 deeds to that property and 3 would have to be approved through DNR. The Committee has done the research and Beaty thinks we should turn it over to the Park Board and see if they want to do it. Since it is for them, they would need to have an attorney draw up corrected deeds.

Motion by Beaty to give information to Park Board and have them follow through with it and have attorney draw up deeds to submit to DNR for approval to change deeds. Seconded by Icenhower.

Lord AYE, Icenhower AYE, Danderson AYE, Veach AYE, Beaty AYE

Beaty says that DNR wants to be sure that the deeds are done correctly. Danderson says he will not sign anything until it has come back to the board and our attorney.

Beaty says he wants it to go to DNR to approve the language of the deed and then it will come to the board.

Icenhower asks Hughes if she understands and she says that she does.

**DISCUSS CITY HALL OFFICE SPACE (Beaty)**

Beaty says he has gotten the impression that City Hall needs more space for storage and he heard a comment from the manager of the local branch. There are only two ways to do that, either add on or ask them to move. Says the lease is 2 more years.

Icenhower says him and Beaty spoke about this and board members should go speak to the library board and the manager here and ask what their long term plans are. Not putting pressure on them but to find out what the plan is.

Leon was told that the library would like to do something to get more room for them and Leon thinks we need to get the ball rolling. Icenhower says that the library has \$17 million.

Beaty says we should offer to sell the 2 acres behind the water department to the library.

Danderson says that we should and it should be worded carefully. He doesn't want anyone to think that the City is ejecting the library. We have grown and we just need more space. They may have a game plan that we don't know about. Icenhower says you don't know until you ask. Danderson suggest Icenhower and Beaty to go to library meeting.

Icenhower says they just wanted the blessing of the counsel to go. Consensus of the board to have Icenhower and Beaty attend library meeting. Mayor says they aren't authorized to make any decisions. Danderson says city is busting at the seams.

**DISCUSS LAST MEETING OF THE YEAR (Danderson)**

Danderson says that the last meeting of December, if we don't want to have it, then we need to decide now so that we can have everything done at the first meeting in December. Veach agrees to just have one meeting. Icenhower says he doesn't know if anyone will be going out of town but that is just two days after Christmas.

Beaty asks if we have anything going on that we would need to have the second meeting. Clerk stated that we do not.

Motion by Danderson to vacate last meeting in December. Seconded by Icenhower.  
Lord Aye, Icenhower AYE, Danderson, AYE, Veach AYE, Beaty AYE

**Business Meeting**

**SEWER AND PUBLIC WORKS REPORT**

**Streets:** Got delineators up on the Streets. Mayor says they are really bright. Danderson asks Icenhower to look at them. Striping is done and it looks really good.

**Sewer:** Got new pump in but it isn't installed yet. Icenhower asks if they figured out what was causing clarifier to clog up. Hokanson states that they did and are getting it fixed.

Icenhower says that Bert responded to DNR letter and it has all been taken care of.

Mayor asks about sampling for e-Coli. Hokanson says Bert is still working on it. Mayor asks about the sand filter and Hokanson says gear box is on order and they are waiting for it to get in. Mayor says all he has heard are positive comments on the Main Street project.

### **FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

Motion by Danderson to approve the financial statement as submitted. Second Beaty  
Lord, Icenhower, Danderson, Veach, Beaty  
ALL AYES

### **PARK BOARD**

Hughes stated they had Trick or Trail end of October and without counting heads this looks to be the biggest year yet. Basketball registration just kicked off and they will be starting in January. Winter wonderland coming up which is drive thru Christmas display. They have been asked to do Grinch again this year. Going to try to figure out a different route to keep traffic from backing up. Starts Wednesday and Grinch will be there Saturday. Mayor thanks Hughes.

### **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

Sgt. Bridges received a report for when Blue Valley came to update sirens. It was a firmware update so that Greene County can activate sirens if need be.

Control Board on Cottonwood had insect damage. Grant is \$17,966.00 and that is a local cost share of \$8,983. Danderson clarifies that it covers the increase in pay and it does.

### **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Chief says that this week starts 24-hour coverage. Everyone is doing good and there is a school group doing a 5k run that the police department will assist with.

Icenhower has been hearing a lot of compliments about police department. Icenhower hasn't had any negative comments at all. Veach says that this is the best police department that the City has ever had.

### **CITY CLERK**

Filing for April 4<sup>th</sup> Election opens on December 6<sup>th</sup> and closes on December 27<sup>th</sup> at 5:00.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

None.

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

Motion by Icenhower to approve Board of Alderman Minutes for October 25, 2022 and November 8, 2022. Second Veach.

Lord AYE, Icenhower AYE, Danderson AYE, Veach AYE, Beaty AYE

**Mayor Report**

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1. Today we received the preliminary flood insurance rate maps and flood insurance study. We have been working with FEMA for five years. We have (community) to review and submit comments. FEMA will then have 90 days to review.
2. The next phase for the Old Mill MoDot Sidewalk Grant is asking for donation of 10-foot and 5-foot temporary construction easements.
3. Terry Smith update. December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 5:30 is the ceremony. It will be live streamed by Cowboy Church of Fair Grove.

**Adjournment**

Motion by Danderson to Adjourn at 7:04 p.m. Seconded by Veach

Lord AYE, Icenhower AYE, Danderson AYE, Veach AYE, Beaty AYE



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Sara Davis, City Clerk