

OPEN MEETING

Roll Call taken by Mayor Stephen Short

Present: Steve Mallard, Jeffrey Danderson, Richard Icenhower, Dennis Roe

Absent: Richard Avery

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

Approve Agenda. Motion by Mallard to approve agenda. Second Icenhower.
Mallard Aye, Danderson Aye, Icenhower Aye, Roe Aye

Public Portion- Public may speak on any item on agenda.

Old Business

New Business

FIRST AND SECOND READING OF BILL NO. 22-02 AN ORDINANCE APPOINTING SARA DAVIS AS CITY CLERK FOR THE CITY OF FAIR GROVE, MISSOURI FOR THE TERM JANUARY 31, 2022 TO JUNE 30, 2022 POSTED 1/20/2022.

Motion by Danderson to have first reading of Bill No. 22-02 by title only, Second Icenhower.

Mallard Aye, Danderson Aye, Icenhower Aye, Roe Aye

MAYOR READS BILL NO. 22-02 BY TITLE ONLY

Motion by Danderson to approve first reading of Bill No. 22-02 by title only and have second reading of Bill No. 22-02 by title only. Second Icenhower.

Mallard Aye, Danderson Aye, Icenhower Aye, Roe Aye

MAYOR READS BILL NO. 22-02 BY TITLE ONLY

Motion by Danderson to approve second reading of Bill No. 22-02 by title only and assign it Ordinance No. 228. Second Roe.

Mallard Aye, Danderson Aye, Icenhower Aye, Roe Aye

DISCUSS AND APPROVE HOURLY PAY FOR CITY INSPECTOR

Crystal Warren explains current pay on city inspector. Mentions that inspection rates are from 2006. Proposes updating cost sheets and pay rate of \$35 - \$40.

The board has asked to review the prior city inspector's wages for last year, along with his invoices. This will better help them determine what wage is fair. They did feel an hourly rate makes more sense. They asked this be brought back for discussion on the next agenda after they have had time to review the requested documentation.

**DISCUSS APPROVING AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT MISSOURI LAWS 115.124 –
NONPARTISAN ELECTION IN POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OR SPECIAL DISTRICT.**

Crystal stated the Greene County Clerk's Office explained if a City passes an ordinance, after being voted on by its citizens, stating that if only one person puts in for each open position and no special items need to be voted on, no election needs to be held. This can save the city money in these incidences. The Board agreed to have this put on the next ballot.

DISCUSS SOUTH MAIN DRAINAGE DITCH.

Danderson received a preliminary estimate for work on the drainage ditch. He advised a consensus does not need to be made immediately on what work needs to be completed, but the city engineer suggested we get it "shovel ready" an allot \$20,000 for this work. Danderson suggested we move forward with this as surveyors are hard to find and if any grants or fundings become available, the city has a better chance at receiving these due to job being ready to go.

Motion by Icenhower to have Anderson Engineering proceed with preliminary engineering drawings up to \$20,000. Seconded by Danderson.

Mallard Aye, Danderson Aye, Icenhower Aye, Roe Aye

DISCUSSION FOR PARK BOARD TO GOVERN THEIR OWN FINANCES

Mayor thanks park board for attending. Explains that we have had difficulty getting financial information from the board and that the attorney has advised us that we do not need to have their financial statements to publish our semi financials. He explains that we never got the MIRMA information.

Icenhower suggested the Park Board separate their financials from the city within 90 days. He would also like them to obtain their own liability insurance after the end of this fiscal year.

Danderson asked about the tax monies they get every month. Krystal says it is deposited into their account by the city and Crystal confirmed this. Danderson states it is only required the Park Board provide an annual report in May to the Board of Aldermen and the Board of Aldermen appoints and/or removes Park Board members. Apart from that, the two entities are responsible for their own regulations and finances. Danderson did state the city is willing to assist the park when needed with maintaining or fixing property. Now that the park has a paid employee whose job description requires them to be responsible for the park's financials and payroll, they should be in a good place to take over their own finances permanently. Danderson advised some members of the board spoke with the City Attorney who said this could be done. He suggested the park board reach out to their own attorney (whom he believes is the same as the City's attorney) to answer any questions they have on the legalities of this matter.

Park Board Chair Cindy Long stated she believed they could not separate from the City under Chapters 90, 96, and 93. She was also told by Dana Louderbaugh that the Park could not obtain their own liability insurance and would have to be under the City's insurance.

Krystal stated her job responsibilities did not include payroll. She was only responsible for sport activities, concessions, coaches and volunteers. Danderson asks Krystal where the job description came from which was signed by all members of the park board, as item #13 in the description states her position is responsible for payroll. Krystal said she does not know how to do payroll and did not feel comfortable taking on that responsibility. Krystal said that she told Catrina Avery to bring minutes with her to the Board of Alderman meetings but slacked off on her job.

Krystal says that they would like to put a lockbox up outside of city hall as the current concession stand is not secured. Danderson asked why they do not rent an office until their new concession stand/office is ready. Cindy stated they have a community building which she will allow the park board to utilize. It was agreed; however, that the Park Board could put a lockbox at City Hall until they have a location to relocate it.

SEWER AND PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

Kenny says he has nothing

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Motion by Mallard to Approve Financial Reports. Second Icenhower.
Mallard Aye, Danderson Aye, Icenhower Aye, Roe Aye

PARK BOARD

Park board application received from Regina Cook who is a current volunteer that works with winter wonderland. Krystal provided the application to Crystal to be placed on the next Board of Aldermen meeting. Krystal stated they also spoke with a couple other potential applicants.

Krystal said their basketball season is busier than ever. Soccer is scheduled March to May and baseball from May to June. They dropped the fall soccer as it is too hard on the field.

Krystal advised they are working with their new banker on loan for water pad and concession stand. The paperwork should be completed and they are just waiting for the check to be cut. Icenhower made recommendation to them on possibly doing a lease purchase as it may be a cheaper interest rate. They advised they may look into that.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Ted Wolf advised he is taking a couple classes in March to maintain his certification.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Enderle stated he had to let two officers go as they were not meeting standards. Other officers have been doing great. Department is currently working 20 hours, but once fully staffed he plans on going back to 24-hour coverage. Next fiscal year, he is looking to add a supervisor position to the department which he will address at budget time. He did not have any noted crimes to report.

CITY CLERK

Crystal provided an update on new city treasurer, Rebekah Sanders. Sanders is having some difficulty. Prior treasurer, Leslie Tillman, had serious talk with Sanders this past weekend and Leslie feels Sanders should be given a few more weeks to see if she is up to the job. Crystal feels Sanders should be given to the end of February. Crystal also reported January 31st is her last day with the City of Fair Grove.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Danderson said it came to their attention there was a discrepancy in Crystal's wage. He apologized and said the board wanted to make it right.

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Motion by Danderson to rectify Crystal Warren's wage discrepancy made by the Board of Alderman in the amount of \$1,307.78. Seconded by Roe.
Mallard Aye, Danderson Aye, Icenhower Aye, Roe Aye

SEWER COMMITTEE

The Board holds discussions regarding boring under streets vs. sawing streets.

Two pumps at WWTP Sludge return lift station experienced plugging in impellers. One impeller has hole and other is brittle. Mayor says that he thinks it is an emergency.

Motion by Mallard for emergency purchase of two (2) 10.4HP Homa impeller pumps for \$12,540 due to condition of current impellers. Seconded by Roe
(Discussion)

Mallard Aye Danderson Aye Avery Absent Icenhower Aye Roe Aye

Discussions held regarding the prevailing wage job at the CC Lift Station last year. Mayor was asked to stop bringing it up as he signed checks for contractor to be paid and the State has said we are good to go. Mayor agreed he would let it go.

Approve Board of Alderman minutes

Motion by Danderson to approves Board of Alderman Minutes for January 11, 2022, December 22, 2021 and December 14, 2021. Second Icenhower

Mallard Aye, Danderson Aye, Icenhower Aye
Roe and Avery Absent.

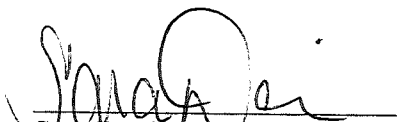
Mayor Report

Staff and Alderman need to be aware of Chapter 135 purchasing. Please work with City Clerk. Working with new contact for Liberty Street Lights.

Think about how we want to go forward with personnel rules regarding the ordinance that was worded wrong. All it does is take it out of the book and off the website. It is in the employee handbook.

Adjournment

Motion by Danderson to adjourn at 8:23 p.m. Second Icenhower


Sara Davis, City Clerk