

OPEN MEETING

Roll Call taken by Mayor Stephen Short

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

Call to order at: 6:31 p.m.

APPROVE AGENDA. Motion by Veach to approve agenda. Second Roe.

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

PUBLIC FORUM

Old Business

New Business

HISTORICAL SOCIETY TO DISCUSS SETUP TIME AND FEES FOR FESTIVAL

(Mayor)

Mary Terry with the Historical Society asks that the setup time for the festival be changed to 5:00 p.m. Terry also states that they no longer wish to discuss the fees. Mayor points out that this would change the Ordinance. Terry states they will close the street on Friday at 5:00 p.m. to allow more time for the vendors to setup. Beaty states that people still drive through there but it has worked for the past 5-years. Mayor and Icenhower agree that traffic gets backed up and suggest making it a one-way during vendor setup time. Chief agrees.

Motion by Beaty to change Fall Festival Friday setup time from 6:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Seconded Icenhower.

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

DISCUSS WELLS WITHIN CITY LIMITS. (Roe)

Roe states he has three points he would like to make and get feedback on. Does it make sense to allow wells if water is available to the property. Sewer hookups are required within city limits if property is within 200 feet of sewer and finally for people who have a well and sewer they are billed on sewer based off of the number if people residing in the home. The City sends out well affidavits every year but this form is not always returned, therefore, they might not be billed properly.

Veach states half of her yard used to be a garden. If she had her own well, it wouldn't have cost and arm and leg to water the produce that she was going to use. We are a little town and we shouldn't have a problem with someone drilling their own well.

As far as someone not paying their bill, why should anyone suffer because of one person. You have to look at someone who has a swimming pool or a lot of yard space and that will eliminate usage on the water district. Icenhower asks where does the water come from. Veach says in the ground. Icenhower says that is robbing Peter to pay Paul. Veach says Peter had a well. You

probably won't hit the same water source. Hopefully Fair Grove's well goes deeper. Roe says there are small and large lots. Veach used to have a well and it was pulled before she purchased her home.

Roe says there are people who had a large lot like him and he wanted to be on city water. Veach says that she likes well water.

Danderson says there are pros and cons. I think what got this started was that we had a \$200 sewer bill that we needed to collect on. He has no idea where the water runs and some people down the road may have to put in a well. Once we annex more property in, people will have to dig a well. Icenhower says that the water district runs further then the city. Icenhower says a guy built some houses and he was going to have to run a water main up to the property. By the time he was done putting in a well, he has more money invested into the well. The more wells you get, the less control the city has over the sewer because we have no way of collecting. Danderson says any utility inside the city, with unpaid bills can be sued, and digging one up will be extreme but can be done.

Icenhower says the City or the Water Board is not going to extend any mains and the developer would need to put it in. Danderson says unless they don't want to be on it. Danderson is trying to look at the very broad picture. He doesn't think that we need to change the ordinance and prohibit it. There would be a lot more verbiage then just couldn't allow wells. The cons outweigh the pros in this situation. He sees all points and he is trying to balance it in his head and he is thinking what the people of the Ward would want him to do. Veach agrees.

Icenhower says that Veach and Danderson can collect on any unpaid sewer bills then. Danderson says that there are 12 wells within the city and we have trouble collecting on one.

Roe states that the Water Department is not under the City government and questions if we can even write an Ordinance prohibiting wells.

Icenhower states that prohibiting wells wouldn't be an advantage to the water department. Veach says that she sees it being an advantage to the citizens.

Icenhower says if you do away with a well, then it is a big process and you have to hire someone to take care of getting rid of the well. Danderson thinks it is legal to do by Ordinance but all the case files on prohibiting wells are entities that own the utility. There isn't case file on cities prohibiting wells without owning the utility. He thinks that would have to be verified through the attorney.

Roe says DNR has a lot of requirements about certain amount of wells that are so close. Icenhower says that you couldn't get a permit to drill a well on Main Street. Icenhower says that the school had to jump through hoops to get theirs done.

Karla Lampe (Ozark Mountain Sanitation) asks if they are talking about shutting down existing ones. Danderson said no.

Lampe asks if the sewer usage on commercial properties based off of water usage, they said yes. Lampe states that they wash their trucks and their sewer bill is pretty high but the water is going in the ground and not down the sewer. Beaty says that she can put a deduct meter on an outside faucet. It's a \$55 deposit for the meter. It is a water meter and you put it where you would put a hose and you will get that deducted on your sewer bill.

Beaty asks how big a problem is it to go after someone that isn't paying their bill. Danderson says it depends on the problem. Currently, after the City Clerk sends out a letter, we do receive payment. The water department has written off bills and so has the City. It isn't generally a dramatic amount of money.

Richard thinks it could get worse if everyone figured it out. Danderson says that's pages of Ordinances.

Roe appreciates the feedback.

Icenhower says you can average your bill on residential but commercial you have to pay actual usage. Roe asks Lampe if she is washing trucks during winter she says only nice days.

DISCUSS AND/OR APPROVE AMENDING 2022-2023 FISCAL BUDGET (Icenhower)

Icenhower says treasurer called Roe and him up to discuss the current budget. We have \$80,000 in I & I and Treasurer suggests that we reduce that line item to \$10,000. Beaty asks where the \$70,000 will go and Roe states that it would just come out. Roe says that we applied for a DNR grant for \$4.8 million. We had to put up \$48,000 match and that would come out of I&I but we didn't get that grant.

Motion by Veach to amend 2022-2023 Budget by removing \$70,000 out of the I&I item. Second by Beaty.

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

Business Meeting

SEWER AND PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

PARK BOARD

Hughes states they did do Winter Wonderland last weekend. On Friday they had about 50 cars and on Saturday they had anywhere from 600 to 800. Getting ready to start basketball. Will be closing the Tara playground to mulch with rubber mulch.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Sgt. Bridges doesn't have a lot. Got an estimate on replacing surge protector. Labor for installation and travel time is \$1,400, the part is \$146 bringing it to \$1550. Trinity Electric gave a number that they wouldn't go over of \$900 but expect it to be around \$300. Trinity will be out

tomorrow once they get a part number off of it, we will have an exact number. Lord says Trinity is familiar with it and they do those repairs all the time. They can get it fixed no problem.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Enderle says that a few things have happened the last few months. A few thefts have occurred. Due to team work, they have been able to identify some suspects and made an arrest. Officer Witt will have surgery Thursday and will be down about 6 weeks. He will be on light duty when released by the doctor.

CITY CLERK

COMMITTEE REPORTS

APPROVE BOARD OF ALDERMAN MINUTES

Motion by Veach to approve Board of Alderman Minutes for November 22, 2022. Second Ike Danderson, Roe, Icenhower, Lord, Veach, Beaty
ALL AYES Roe Abstains

Mayor Report

Key to the City presented to Mrs. Terry Smith and three grandchildren. They were very appreciative and thanks to Fair Grove Historical and Preservation Society for live streaming so that Terry could observe. In contact with first MoDot TAP Grant property owners.

Danderson asks if Mayor has had a second conversation with Teal. Mayor says he has not but Andy (City Engineer) would like to be present before he does talk to her. He has been in contact with all three. Mayor says that they had a meeting last week with the old Kum and Go owners for a drive thru issue. They would like to realign some culverts on 125 and eliminate another culvert. Icenhower asks who attended this meeting and who called this meeting. Mayor states he did and Icenhower says he does not have that authority. Mayor disagrees. Icenhower says that protocol was not followed. Danderson asks if a question was asked that couldn't be answered. Darra said if she had more information, Hokanson would have been there, possibly Andy and possibly MoDot. After all was said and done, it was a preconstruction meeting.

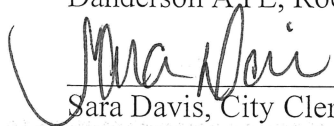
Darra gave the builder Kenny's information. Darra says building inspector answered a lot of questions. Darra said she grilled the Mayor and he said they contacted him and wanted the meeting. When they showed up, they had no site plan. If he would have directed them to City Hall, she could have asked them some more questions and could have the right people there. Mayor says that they asked for the building inspector to be there. Icenhower reiterates that the Mayor doesn't have the authority to schedule the meeting. Mayor thanked everyone for their opinion.

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Adjournment

Motion by Danderson to Adjourn at 7:28 p.m. Seconded by Veach

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


Sara Davis, City Clerk

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