

Board of Alderman Minutes
81 S. Orchard Blvd.
December 12, 2023
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OPEN MEETING

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

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

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

PUBLIC FORUM (May speak on anything)

Closed Session

The tentative agenda of this meeting includes a vote to close part of the meeting pursuant to RSMo 610.021 (1) Legal Advice and 610.021 (3) Hiring, firing, disciplining or promoting particular employees.

Mayor suggests this is moved to the end of the meeting if the Closed Session is needed.

Old Business

DISCUSS AND/OR APPROVE BANK BIDS

Motion by Danderson to approve O'Bannon Bank's bid for a two-year term. Motion dies for lack of Second.

Icenhower doesn't think we need to lock in the bid for two years. Veach thinks that we should accept the bid. Icenhower says it should be bid every year. Danderson says that Icenhower didn't want a bid and now he does. Beaty says he thinks we should lock it in for a year.

Motion by Icenhower to leave at O'Bannon Bank for one year term and revisit it after a year.

Seconded Beaty

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

New Business

RESOLUTION 24-05 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN ENGAGEMENT LETTER WITH LAUBER LAW FIRM

Motion by Icenhower to approve Resolution 24-05. Seconded by Veach

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

DISCUSS AND/OR APPROVE MAYOR'S RECOMMENDATION OF POLICE OFFICER MORRISON

Foin Morrison introduces himself to the Aldermen. He is a candidate for police officer. Foin says that he is 43 years old and has been married for 23 years, two kids. Owns a wedding business going on +9 years. It has been a blessing doing it. Was in law enforcement 22 years ago in Taney County. Was young and didn't know what he was doing. Was CDL instructor for 23 years. He is a Shriner and Shriner brothers talked him into going into law enforcement again. Mayor asked him where he is getting his POST from and he said Drury Academy. Mayor asks what attracted him to Fair Grove. Morrison said he did ride along with Steinmetz and did the Festival. He likes small communities.

Motion by Danderson to table hiring Foin Morrison until we have a closed session on Thursday December 14, 2023. Seconded Icenhower
Veatch AYE, Beaty AYE, Lord AYE, Icenhower AYE, Danderson AYE

DISCUSS AND/OR APPROVE REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS – INSURANCE BROKERS

Icenhower says that there are two deals in there one is local and one isn't. Beaty asked where Higginbotham is located. Clerk explains to Board about the companies. Icenhower stated that there are only a few that they would be able to get a quote from. Beaty and Icenhower prefer to go locally. Icenhower says that they have insurance for the water district through Les Mallard.

Motion by Beaty to approve Mallard Insurance to go out to market for insurance quotes for July 1, 2024 thru June 30, 2025. Seconded by Veatch
Veatch AYE, Beaty AYE, Lord AYE, Icenhower AYE, Danderson AYE

DISCUSS ADDING USE TAX TO 2024 BALLOT (Icenhower)

Icenhower state that we put that on there once before and we didn't work it. Surrounding towns have done this. If he understood it correctly, it's a tax for Amazon and now they ship it in here and we don't get anything. It probably won't be a great sum of money, but some towns get \$10,000 - \$20,000 and the last time it was put on the ballot it was a tie. He thinks it should be put back on the ballot and worked this time.

Motion by Danderson to put Use Tax on April 2024 ballot with the language provided in packet. Seconded by Icenhower
Veatch AYE, Beaty AYE, Lord NAY, Icenhower AYE, Danderson AYE

Business Meeting

SEWER AND PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Financial Statement not ready in time. Will be submitted in January.

PARK BOARD

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Officer McMains has a schedule for the officers. Morrison is on there for the month of January. That was on the schedule at the police department so that is what he was working with. Board thanks McMains.

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CITY CLERK

The last day of court for Fair Grove will be February 15th. The first day of court in Greene County will be April 5, 2024, at 9:00 am. The judge assigned to Fair Grove tickets is Judge Jody Stockard. Icenhower and Danderson thank Court Clerk and City Clerk.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Street Committee – Danderson: All equipment is winterized.

Sewer Committee – Report attached.

APPROVE BOARD OF ALDERMAN MINUTES

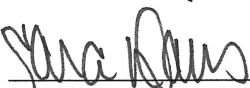
Motion by Danderson to approve Board of Alderman Minutes for November 28, 2023, and December 6, 2023. Second Veach
Veach AYE, Beaty AYE, Lord AYE, Icenhower AYE, Danderson AYE

Mayor Report

We received a thank you letter from Mary Terry for being honored with the Key to the City. Danderson announces that Mayor got Eagle Humanitarian Award. He was very proud to talk of the public works projects happening here at the City and he is proud to be a part of it. Icenhower thought that Mayor did a good job presenting the plaque to Mary Terry.

Adjournment

Motion by Danderson to Adjourn at 6:56p.m. Seconded by Veach
Veach AYE, Beaty AYE, Lord AYE, Roe AYE, Icenhower AYE, Danderson AYE



Sara Davis, City Clerk