

Board of Alderman Minutes
81 S. Orchard Blvd.
February 27, 2024
Page 1 of 5

OPEN MEETING

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

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

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

PUBLIC FORUM (Agenda items only)

Old Business

BILL NO. 24-02 AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF FAIR GROVE, MISSOURI TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE CITY OF FAIR GROVE AND THE MISSOURI HIGHWAYS TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION PROVIDING FOR THE INSTALLATION OF SIDEWALKS THROUGH TAP FUNDS FOR THE AWARD YEAR 2024. (Posted 2-2-2024)

Motion by Danderson to have second reading of Bill No. 24-02 by title only. Seconded by Veach
Roe AYE, Icenhower AYE, Danderson AYE, Lord AYE, Beaty AYE, Veach AYE

MAYOR READ BILL NO. 24-02 BY TITLE ONLY

Motion by Danderson to approve the second reading of Bill No. 24-02 by title only and assign it
Ordinance No. 259. Seconded by Veach
Roe AYE, Icenhower AYE, Danderson AYE, Lord AYE, Beaty AYE, Veach AYE

New Business

BILL NO. 24-03 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 125 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF FAIR GROVE, MISSOURI FOR THE PURPOSE OF UPDATING COURT COSTS ORDINANCES (Posted 2-8-2024)

Motion by Danderson to have first reading of Bill No. 24-03 by title only. Seconded by Veach
Roe AYE, Icenhower AYE, Danderson AYE, Lord AYE, Beaty AYE, Veach AYE

MAYOR READ BILL NO. 24-03 BY TITLE ONLY

Motion by Danderson to approve the first reading of Bill No. 24-03 and have the second reading
by title only. Seconded by Veach
Roe AYE, Icenhower AYE, Danderson AYE, Lord AYE, Beaty AYE, Veach AYE

MAYOR READ BILL NO. 24-03 BY TITLE ONLY

Motion by Danderson to approve the second reading of Bill No. 24-03 by title only and assign it
Ordinance No. 260. Seconded by Veach
Roe AYE, Icenhower AYE, Danderson AYE, Lord AYE, Beaty AYE, Veach AYE

BILL NO. 24-04 AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AND ENACTING A NEW CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF FAIR GROVE, COUNTY OF GREENE, STATE OF MISSOURI; ESTABLISHING THE SAME; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF CERTAIN ORDINANCES NOT INCLUDED THEREIN, EXCEPT AS HEREIN EXPRESSLY PROVIDED; PROVIDING FOR THE MANNER OF AMENDING SUCH CODE OF ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF; AND PROVIDING WHEN THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE. (Posted 2-16-2024)

Motion by Danderson to have the first reading of Bill No. 24-04 by title only. Seconded by Veach

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

MAYOR READ BILL NO. 24-04 BY TITLE ONLY

Motion by Danderson to approve the first reading and have the second reading of Bill No. 24-04 by title only. Seconded by Veach

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

MAYOR READ BILL NO. 24-04 BY TITLE ONLY

Motion by Danderson to approve the second reading of Bill No. 24-04 by title only and assign it Ordinance No. 261. Seconded by Veach

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

DISCUSS AND/OR APPROVE SEWER ADJUSTMENT FOR PROPERTY OWNER #1

Motion by Danderson to adjust Property Owner #1's sewer bill downward from \$165.80 to \$21.80, which is their average, due to water leak. Seconded by Veach

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

DISCUSS AND/OR APPROVE DESK BIDS

Roe said he met with Sara and Chandra and went through the bids. The first is from Mosely's for \$ 4,958 second from Staples for \$ 2,773.58 third from Office Depot for \$2,092.44 and Amazon for \$ 2,025.92 The question may come up on why we are getting new office furniture and the answer it's as old as the building and falling apart. Roe asks Clerk where she would like to get the furniture from. Clerk is fine with Office Depot. Sara and Chan are willing to put the furniture together with the help of volunteers.

Motion by Roe to approve desk bid by Office Depot for a total of \$2,092.44 Seconded by Veach
Roe AYE, Icenhower AYE, Danderson AYE, Lord AYE, Beaty AYE, Veach AYE

DISCUSS AND/OR APPROVE CLEANING BIDS

Quality Clean is the company currently cleaning and they gave the bid of \$225 as the cheapest bid but city staff is not happy with them as they have asked them to do other things that they will not do. Lord asks what is it that they aren't doing. Roe says that it has been requested that they clean glass and other things that they have not been doing. They do the bare minimum and leave. Motion by Roe to approve cleaning bid by Grime Scrubbers for a total of \$450 per month.

Seconded by Veach

Board of Alderman Minutes
81 S. Orchard Blvd.
February 27, 2024
Page 3 of 5

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

Business Meeting

SEWER AND PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

Hokanson said he doesn't have a truck right now. Roe says he has it covered on his committee report. Roe thanked Kenny for keeping the snow away.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Roe says that on page 5 in the sewer account, second from bottom is capital expenditures. Larry shows that we spent \$150,358 total. We have spent a little over \$75,000 on generator and a little under \$75,000 on the I and I and that should be moved. Roe would like to speak with him but he won't be in until next week. He is ok with approving it and will speak to Larry about correcting it.

Motion by Roe to approve January 2024 financial statement as a incorrect entry on capital expenditures to be fixed. Second Veach

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

PARK BOARD

Jerra Icenhower apologizes for not being here for the last few meetings. Basketball is wrapped up. Had over 250 players. Had a volunteer run the program. Very successful. No complaints. Had volunteers for concessions. Last night they approved hiring someone for the concession stand. She worked on the job description today. She will hopefully get that to Sara to get posted by 3:00 tomorrow. They will also be hiring seasonal help for Craig as well. Met with Andy Engineer to get plans for the park. Hopefully will have those plans by March. Thanks the Aldermen and Mayor for sending letter to state representatives. They will be losing a member on Friday as they are moving. She will be reaching out to Chappel as well. Partnering with Chamber for Easter. Raised registration fees to \$40. But have scholarships as well. They will be overlapping sports this year. Flag football in the spring, soccer and cheer. They are going to try baseball for the summer. They will cancel games if it is too hot. Sports Director put together a calendar for the rest of the year. They have a new treasurer. Kimberly is working on everything and hopes to come to the board with their suggested budget.

Mayor recommends Cheryl Winder be appointed to the Park Board for term to expire 6/2025

Motion by Danderson to accept Mayor's recommendation to appoint Cheryl Winder to the Park Board for a term to expire 06/2025. Seconded by Beaty.

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

Icenhower asks if Andy is getting site plan together. Jerra said that they are working with Own Engineering on that and Carter is the one actually working on it. The park has given them a lot of ideas. Jerra did give them a deadline. They would love to see a building go up in order to have basketball at the park. Would be a community center with basketball courts. Splash pad, theater seating, batting cages. Really looking at expanding out.

Beaty asks if the small park has been discussed. Jerra says that they have considered putting a pickle ball court there and would like to get a walkway for the library and do a community garden.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Kris Bone said they are doing a huge social media push. Greene County contacted her during the last snow storm for updates on roads in Fair Grove. Last week AT&T went down and that was even 911 systems. Sometime soon, they will be doing storm siren maintenance. They will notify the public when that happens. Craig with the park wanted to make sure any construction with the park wouldn't mess with the sirens. She plans on getting with the siren maintenance crew to make sure it won't. Lord wants to be made aware of meeting so that he can attend.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Arnott wanted to get a closed session on the agenda. Sara will set up a meeting. Suggests that there is a public forum for citizens to ask the candidates questions. Have 3 chiefs he would like to put forward. Have one officer candidate. Other 5 didn't pass the background check. The sheriff's department is getting more applicants as they offer more benefits. Suggests that the board allow take home cars. We would be able to recruit a little better. It would be nice to start adding that.

Still have Castleberry working at the school. He is working extra for the city. Has one reserve working on Saturdays and deputies have covered the rest.

1 assault
1 vandalism
1 check wellbeing
1 motor vehicle accident
3 alarms
1 harassment
1 domestic

Lord asks if Arnott has spoken to Lexipol. Previous chief only reviewed 3 policies. Lexipol knows situation. Thought that would be a great job for the new police chief. We are operating on the old policy. If the one applicant that we have is good enough, then we will get him hired.

Arnott asks about coyote situation on the hill. Roe said that it is improving.

Danderson asks about a closed session meeting this week. Arnott says he dropped the ball on having the meeting. He will call in and get that figured out but can do about any day. Danderson doesn't have anything this week. Arnott asks the attorney if he can pass out the backgrounds and the Board can look at them. They can decide what they want to do. If they would like to eliminate one. Review it and maybe by the end of the meeting they can say if there is one that they want to eliminate. Passed out the background checks. Each Board member emailed their suggestions to Arnott.

Board of Alderman Minutes
81 S. Orchard Blvd.
February 27, 2024
Page 5 of 5

CITY CLERK

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Works report attached.

Mayor said that we also had problems with police cars and we had the very same issue with them. Danderson says the issue is do you repair or replace the motor. There was a lot of metal and the cam was worn. Danderson doesn't think we need to buy a new truck for \$60,000 but thinks it was a smart move to replace.

APPROVE BOARD OF ALDERMAN MINUTES

Motion by Roe to approve Board of Alderman Minutes for January 23, 2024, February 6, 2024 and February 13, 2024. Second Veach

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

Mayor Report

Statement by Board and Mayor attached.

House Bill 2237 sponsored by Donnie Brown and co-sponsored by Darrin Chappel. Would allow the Mayor to appoint someone outside of the city to be appointed to the boards in the city. If this passes, we would be able to get the park board fully staffed. The Mayor wrote a personal note to our representative thanking him. It has been discussed with our representative and he thinks this is a great step in having dedicated park board members.

Beaty says the problem with the bill is that all four requirements must be met.

We need to let everyone know and our state senator know.

Mayor said last year there were over 200 bills and only 60 got passed. MML supports this HB2237.

City Attorney says that the section that Beaty is talking about is specific to utilities. That requirement would only apply to utility boards and not park boards.

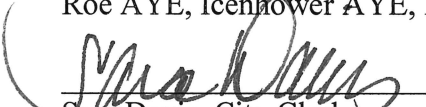
Danderson labeled the backgrounds of one, two and three. City attorney recommends that they email the Sheriff separately.

Arnott said if they want to eliminate one, to let him know. Plan on having the candidates at the March 12th meeting.

Adjournment

Motion by Danderson to Adjourn at 7:21 p.m. Seconded by Veach

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


Sara Davis, City Clerk

The Board of Alderman and the Mayor would like to take a moment to address some of the concerns from the Community in regards to our Police Department. We acknowledge that we are responsible for all decisions made and that mistakes were made in the past. We have already updated our background review process to include having the Sheriff's Dept. and/or Highway Patrol do their in-depth background checks on all potential Chief and Police Officer candidates. That information will be passed on to the Board & Mayor for us to review and to make a decision. We understand your frustration and we want our community to know that your concerns have not gone unnoticed. We, along with Sheriff Arnott, are working diligently to get a Police Dept. that this community can be proud of.

The Board of Alderman and Mayor

Street & Sewer Committee Report, February 27, 2024

Street

This past month a heavy ticking noise started in the engine of the 2013 Dodge Ram 3500 HD city truck that Kenny uses. This vehicle has just under 82,000 miles on it. On February 21, 2024 Premier Automotive disassembled & removed the cylinder heads to access the camshaft & lifters for inspection. The inspection found the #7 cam lobe to be worn & lifter damage. The oil pan was full of metal shavings as well.

The recommendation was to do an engine replacement. An estimate for a new engine installed with an installation kit of new water pump and other misc. parts came in just under \$9,100.00. This engine will have a warranty of 18 months/36,000 miles. If it was a private owner the warranty would be double this. An emergency decision was made by the street committee to purchase/install a new engine. The new engine arrived February 23, 2024. Completion is expected by March 1, 2024.

Phase 1 of 3 sidewalk projects with grants from MODOT is currently in the bidding process. This sidewalk is along Old Mill Rd from Main St to Orchard Blvd and on Orchard Blvd to City Hall/Library. Bid opening will be this Thursday, Feb. 29 at 11:00 am at City Hall Court Room.

Sewer

City Hall received a check for \$60,000 from Greene County ARPA County Wide Program for the new Stand-by Generator recently installed at the Hwy CC lift station. To-date the City has received a total of \$144,778 reimbursements from the Total of \$210,000 for 2 grants awarded to the City of Fair Grove in April, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Roe
Jeff Danderson
Richard Icenhower