

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Mayor Pro Tem Petty

OPEN MEETING

Roll Call taken by Mayor Pro Tem Petty

Mark Stewart PRESENT, Franklin Hodges PRESENT, Tim Cooke PRESENT, Ben McMains PRESENT, Kelly Petty PRESENT

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

APPROVE AGENDA.

Motion by Hodges to approve agenda. Second McMains
Stewart AYE, Hodges AYE, Cooke AYE, McMains AYE, Petty AYE

PUBLIC FORUM – May speak on any item on the agenda.

Petty - Members of the public are invited up to the podium to speak about any agenda item. Please know that there will also be a public comment section after each agenda item after board discussion prior to final decision and vote. Each person will have 3 minutes to speak. We just ask that if there is any discussion that the members of the audience please remain professional and pleasant, and carry yourself with the respect that this community deserves.

Old Business

New Business

**APPROVE OR DENY PLANNING AND ZONING RECOMMENDATION FOR
REZONE CASE # RZ25-06-03, 121 AND 139 SADDLE CLUB ROAD FROM R-1 TO C-1**

Discussion

Petty - We have the minutes from the Planning and Zoning Commission meeting where it was unanimously approved to recommend to the Board of Aldermen to rezone these two lots from residential to commercial.

Stewart - And this is just her continuing her vision of improving that?

McMains - She just, I think she wants to do is rezone to commercial so she can merge all three properties. Now being that we did hear from a couple oppositions saying they weren't exactly in favor of it, which were her neighbors, I spoke to one afterwards and he said he wasn't in favor of it. I'm still in favor of just the simple switching it to commercial. I mean, she hasn't got through everything she wants to do yet, but this, it's just rezoning it so.

Petty - And the primary property Legacy Early Learning Academy is already commercial. So her two additional properties, which are adjoining to the daycare property, she's wanting to change those to commercial as well. She eventually wants to get it all rezoned as one. Which I think, you know, could offer her some benefits. But this is the first step in her overall plan to open up a learning, interactive animal learning experience.

Stewart – Cool.

Petty - Cool. Any other discussion up here? Alright. Oh.

Cooke - Tiffany, do you want to add anything to this?

McMains – That you haven't already.

Tiffany Hill – I did talk to some of my neighbors. Oh sorry, I just had eye surgery so I have one eye dilated and the other one not. So I'm not crazy. Yeah. I'm going crazy, but I did talk to them afterwards. There was some legit concerns and I was like well let's see if we can kind of work this together so. And I did assure them that my vision isn't to just make that whole place just become this atrocity of a place. But then I would be willing to like one of the things with the parking and I'm like, you know that's a good the concern. Let's move it behind the house. Then you can't see it and make it a park setting. So I'm willing to work with them. I just want open communication and not posted on Facebook and things like that and so that's what we kind of talked about is that just get some open communication and then you know granted it is my property in the end, but I am willing to work with them on these things. But it's an educational learning farm.

Petty – Thank you!

Public Comment Open

Jeffrey McConnell – You allow animals in a commercial district?

Petty - This is the first of several steps that Miss Hill has to take to be able to pursue this business venture.

McConnell - I didn't make it to the meeting. My apologies but there should have been consideration of the possibility of putting agricultural overlay on this or a conditional use permit so the neighbors know that it will always be the child care as opposed one day 10 years from now it's a supermarket or something. That would have elated the neighbors concerns. I'm sure they're not objecting to childcare. The community needs it but I that was just some of my suggestions. I wish I'd made it to say that. But you might want to consider an agricultural overlay on a conditional use permit. Something to that affect? Thank you.

Hill – I don't remember why but they said they couldn't do agriculture.

McConnell – Overlay!

Hill – I don't know. I checks cause that's where I wanted to go because my taxes would be cheaper and there was something that we couldn't do that.

McMains - Yeah, I can't remember what John, we discussed it at the first meeting I was at.

Hill - Yeah. Something because of the areas around it or something?

McMains - Yeah, I'm not 100%. I can't recall, honestly, but I know we talked about doing the agricultural.

McConnell – With a conditional use.

McMains - I know there were some walls that we ran into and we were discussing it.

McConnell – Just my suggestion.

Public Comment Closed

Motion by Stewart to approve Planning and Zoning's recommendation for Rezone Case # RZ25-06-03, 121 and 139 Saddle Club Road from R-1 to C-1. Seconded by Cooke
Stewart AYE, Hodges AYE, Cooke AYE, McMains AYE, Petty AYE

DISCUSS MAYOR VACANCY

Discussion

Petty – We have one application for Board consideration from Thomas Voorhis, who has expressed interest in being reappointed as the Mayor of Fair Grove.

Thomas Voorhis - I spoke to most of you guys throughout the several weeks about coming back and being mayor. I've also seen you guys over a message prior to tonight's meeting. Hopefully you guys got that. I'll Read it aloud because I am acknowledging of facts as some of my responsibilities that will take action or responsibility for. You know what I believe at the time when I did that my back was against the wall. For that, I'm terribly sorry. I let some of these Council members down and the people who obviously voted for me down. I will take that responsibility. So earlier I messaged each and every one of you guys. My sincere responsibility and my actions of recent events that have taken place when I was Mayor. I've also believed in serving our community with integrity, transparency and commitment to the best interests of all residents of Fair Grove. I want to personally apologize for my actions or decisions that have contributed to the current situation, I take responsibility for my role that the challenges we have faced. My intention has always been to lead with the dedication and represent with the voice of our community and I regret any misunderstanding or misstep along the way. I'm committing to fostering collaborative, respective relationship with the City Council and one that prioritizes open dialogue. I believe that together we can work together with the shared vision to progress Fair Grove forward. I humbly ask for your support and to serve as a Mayor once again. I'm confident that our partnership will overcome the obstacles before and continue to build the community that reflects the values and aspirations of our residents. With that, I'll take any questions from you guys, but I would like to seek the reappointment as mayor. I owe that to my voters. I owe that to the community of Fair Grove to serve out my term to them. So I would ask for the reappointment.

McMains – Didn't you owe it to us not to quit?

Voorhis - And I will take responsibility. You're absolutely right. And that's why I'm seeking a reappointment because I do owe it to the community.

McMains - What's going to say the next time you don't get your back into the wall, you just up and leave?

Voorhis - During that time, Ben, when you weren't here on the Council at the time, I faced many oppositions throughout my year here and I will take responsibility. When this Council flipped over we had some very big decisions among us and I had spoke with many Council Members who had voiced what they were going to do at some point and then it changed. And I felt all the hard work, all the dedication, all the long nights and getting chewed up on social media, out here in a meeting that the Council just flipped on me. And I put in a long, hard year of standing up against people. And when that happened to me, I did, I felt crushed from all the hard work I put in over the year. I, I felt betrayed. And I did. With that, I'll accept that responsibility and I am apologetic to the Community members that I let down. Thank you. That's all I got.

Petty - Any further discussion from the board?

Dayna Ault 133 E. Willow Street – How ya doing? It's fun to see this new board up here and we worked really hard to make some things happen. I guess my thought is concerning the mayor's situation. I think right now you're kind of in a pickle because you're missing also an Alderman and I personally think, I know there's a lot of options. A lot of ways that you can go. You know, choose a mayor, leave Kelly in her position voting twice if needed. You know, there's just there's a lot of different ways to, to scramble the egg. But I would like to see Tommy get back into the mayor position. I feel like he was, his heart is right and I think that he does see, we've had some discussions on the phone, he does see some places that he can can change and make this a better experience for everyone. So that would be my vote. I would like to see and that would free you up to do your job as Alderman and, and not have to carry the weight of both. I think he's going to be much more open to listening to the board and to the community as well, so I'm, you know, I would like to see that happen. I also want to applaud you guys for the the new setup where you take comments on each item. This needed to happen years ago, why did nobody else think of it? Hats off to you. Great idea.

McConnell – You're welcome.

Jeffrey McConnell - This is new to me, but for those who might be sitting on the fence, there's such a thing as appoint for a year or a probationary period, I think you could just appoint for a year or something to that effect. Whatever you have other ideas might come up with because we are short. That's just my suggestion.

McMains – He would be finishing out his term. It would be until next year.

McConnell – Okay. I didn't know that.

Petty - So just to address the concern about my plate, I'm more than happy to serve the dual role until this Council finds somebody to appoint in the mayor position. I'm here to serve and I love doing it? So, thank you for the consideration.

Jackie Robinson - Hey, guys. You know, my name's Jackie. I'm not gonna give up my address because I really don't want it in the minutes. First of all, let me explain a few things. You're doing a very good job, and there's been a unison here lately it seems like on this board. Not fighting, not arguing. There's no harsh words being said. There's a reason for that, OK? As Mr. Voorhis just said, which I wrote a note, temper is not an excuse. There is no excuse and no reason to have a temper that extreme during the board meeting. The city did not deserve it. You all don't deserve it. There is no excuse for a temper. Second of all. If you can't handle the pressure, you don't need to be in the position. In other words, if you can't handle the heat, don't get in the kitchen. Because obviously he left because there was pressure. Second of all, he said about social media getting ate up on it, he himself has put himself as a victim on social media. He attacked. We all have. I have myself. So that's not even a reason itself. And he made it personal. He didn't keep it professional and his position that he was, it was personal. That's another problem because it's not for the person's personal future here is because you were elected for the people. So April the 1st or April the 7th, excuse me there was talks with the Planning and Zoning about a apartment complex to be built over here on CC. OK, it was purposely said for that reason. The water and sewer was mentioned that it was going to be a strain on it. It was also mentioned that the school was at max capacity. That this is going to affect the school, however, the mayor took it upon himself at that time to motion it to be in motion for the Alderman decisions or the Alderman meeting. Why if there's already a restraint. Then at the meeting on April the 22nd, he said it wasn't the agenda of the property, even though there was blueprints and it had already been discussed in Planning and Zoning. So, it was on the agenda to build an apartment complex. Why was he so strong about this? A mayor is to be a deciding vote if there is a tie. He is not to be promoting something that is for you guys, it is the mayor's job to be a deciding factor. He is not to be doing. It is not a promotional thing for him. Second of all, in the minutes he asked for, on this 22nd, he asked for a closed session and he didn't want the clerk to take the minutes. The clerk has always taken minutes, even in closed session.

Cooke - No.

Robinson - Okay, I stand corrected, but why he requested it personally, why? He wasn't going to give forthright that information. He just said he didn't want her to do it. We as people were wondering why and we never got that answered. Then he, on the 22nd, the mayor wanted to be added on to the safety deposit box. Everybody said no problem. Then when Bell talked about the school attendance, he basically said that it was the school's problem, not us. Well, I'm sorry, that is our problem. Then on May the 13th, it was brought to our attention that there was legal issues of being on the attorney and that we went over our budget. There was personal. Things that he said that he was 90% transparent, you're not 90% transparent. He even said there was things that he talked to the attorney that he did not feel like was needed and was or not city in business.

Petty - Mrs. Robinson

Robinson – I've got the quote from the minutes.

Petty – We're at time. Would you like to make a closing statement?

Robinson – I would like to make a closing statement. Why is he being considered when you all took him off committees on May the 13th? You took him off of all the committees. You took him off the signing of the checks. I can quote you guys if you want. He also stated on that day that this was his meeting. It's not his meeting, it's the city's meeting. Not his. He did everything on personal issues and not professional. I want you to consider that because he left and his exact words was I see where we're going and I see what this what the people, the city wants, and I've got that quote to, so I'm leaving. So if you are listening to what the people want, what the city wants, they applauded when he walked out.

Petty – Thank you, ma'am.

Voorhis – Am I allowed to speak, Mrs. Petty?

Petty – Yes. You will have 3 minutes, Mr. Voorhis.

Voorhis - Just a quick response to to some of that. The city clerk has never been able to sit inside closed session without the permission of the Council. This Council has never operated in that way, so by no form did I ever say that to to keep Miss Davis out of that meeting. The ladies and gentlemen on this Council knew what that closed session was supposed to be about. And if you don't, you do now. Because we spoke about it. What I wanted to talk discuss in that closed session and I thought it was open communicated at first to begin with. I'm sorry if if it wasn't that way for you guys because you know why I intended not to be, uh. Second, she has her opinion. I would like to say the majority of people that came up here and spoke against me is not the majority of that Community of Fair Grove. I have spoke with a lot of the community members and I would ask that I get reinstated. That's up to you guys and once again. I would greatly appreciate that. So thank you.

Robinson – I have a rebuttal on that. Just for a second. There's 1300 people in the city. He did not talk to all 1300 people. He has walked out. He has spoke his say. And as far as the other thing about the meeting, I said I was wrong. So that being said, that's fine, and the other people that spoke that night they are the city, so they have a voice and they should have been understood and heard. Not just because you went and talked somebody that didn't come to the meeting does not mean that they all agree with you or anybody else. The ones that showed up, are the voices that should be heard.

Petty – Thank you.

Robinson – Thank you!

Tyler Kleinlein, 437 S Waterfield - I think to Dayna's point. I think there's an easy decision and there's the right decision and knowing Pro Tem Mayor Petty's opinion on carrying the

responsibility. I chalk it up to. Tommy, it's not personal, I think the professional maturity is not there yet. I think there's a ton of tools and resources out there to better prepare for that. The responsibilities that come with the mayor they need to manage this, the stress and manage the situations. Which, I think someone who's qualified to be in that role wouldn't have been in the fire in the beginning and would have been able to prevent that from happening and got ahead of it. So rather than participating in some of the issues that that developed and created the Facebook combat and whatever the online presence that that was, it was an embarrassment. And you participated in that? So, I'm not saying that you're not qualified to be mayor, I think there needs to be some time and I think you need to learn a little bit about yourself and how to manage stress and be for the city and for the people and not for yourself. Thank you.

Ault - Is there anybody else that has put in?

Petty - Not at this time.

Ault - That just curiosity. Thank you.

Petty - Anybody else like to speak?

Public Comment Closed

Petty - At this point, if the mayor, an interim mayor, can be appointed or recommended, nominated, that's the right word, nominated for appointment to serve through the remainder of this open term until the next election. If there is no nomination then the position will remain open with the Mayor Pro Tem stepping in until someone is appointed or until the next election.

Stewart - Tommy, you did a great job for us for a year and it really nosedived in January. And I think because of that you have a split vote up here. Just to me discussing this with them prior to the meeting. I would like to see us stay as one solid group working together up here, we've worked hard to do that and I think that we're going to have to. But I would like to see us put out on social media and maybe see if we can get some interested parties or somebody else putting in for it. But I do thank you for your service that you did and I think you did great job. And we had the turn of events. And it went downhill. And I wish you wouldn't have walked out that day. I wish you would have stayed up there and we could have worked it out.

Petty - So the social media, I'm sorry, the public relations committee will create a Facebook posting for the mayor position to advertise that this is an open role with the city and instructions and on if they are interested. Of course, they would go through the same process of putting in an application and coming to speak with the board and answer questions from the public.

Stewart - Thank you.

Hodges - Are we going to vote on this? On nominating him.

Petty - At this time, nobody has nominated him.

Hodges – I nominate Tommy, as mayor.

Petty - If you can make that in the form of a motion.

Hodges – How do you do it?

Petty - I motion to. I make a motion for this board to appoint Tommy Voorhis as the Mayor of Fair Grove.

Hodges – I make a motion to make Tommy Voorhis as Mayor of Fair Grove.

Petty – We have a motion on the table by Hodges...

Hodges – I think that, I think what Tommy went through since he's been on the mayor, like I said it's been on my heart very hard. Almost everybody know the what he went through up here, since I became on here and before that, I was here. He got drilled so hard up here that nobody, there ain't nobody sitting here, that could have took what he went through. And I'm embarrassed since I became the City Council member because it was here that we didn't stand up for our mayor for what he is going through and us too. We didn't. I think we should stand up for each one of us when we got people coming up here yelling and screaming at your mayor, or one of us, we didn't do our jobs because that ain't the way our meeting should run. You know, and I like I said, the last month or two or whatever, we've had some peaceful meetings. Joking, kidding, having a good time taking care of business. And I just feel that Tommy deserves a second chance. Because like I said, I think he'll do different this time on things and like I said, that's just my opinion on it. And like I said, we do need to have the Mayor, we don't need. Kelly here to be Mayor Pro Tem. We need to have a Mayor put back in position and go from there. And see where our town goes to. Like I said, it's, just six months or whatever's left in this deal and then he'd have to be voted in then. Again, as Council or mayor and it be done.

Petty - We have a motion on the floor. Opening for second.

Stewart - I'm going to say it again. He did a great job. I hope that you consider putting in again in April. Then so maybe you have the citizens vote again to reelect you into that position. But at this time I don't feel right with the split council I believe we have right now seconding that motion.

Cooke - Three or four of us could put the trust in you, Tommy and I don't think that'd be a problem, but I think at this time the more important thing would be to ensure that the general public is ready to trust you again.

Petty - At this time, motion dies for lack of second.

Hodges – Okay.

DISCUSS BOARD OF ALDERMAN VACANCY

Discussion

Petty - We have two applicants for the Ward 3 Board of Alderman seat to be filled until the next election for Ward 3. First is Eric Boncuk.

Eric Boncuk - We've been residents here for about 3 1/2 years now. The opportunity to presented itself with an Alderman seat to be filled. And I just believe at this time that is something that I would like to step up into. You have the great community here. I never got involved in the first few years we were here. I just now got involved with the PCAC last year. I was instrumental in that and getting that going and getting it to be a thriving the organization. But with looking at time, there wasn't something I would have liked to go farther than that. But I retired last July, and I just feel this would be the time that I would be able to dedicate myself to this.

Petty – How long have you lived in Fair Grove?

Boncuk – 3 ½ years. We relocated down here from Lincoln, Nebraska with Costco because I was a manager at Costco. We came down here to help open that building and get it established and the time time I hit 65 and I'm like yeah, you know, like, you know, I'm going to do this for now.

Petty – Is there any particular area within the city business that you feel passionate about or? Or excited to learn.

Boncuk - A couple of different things I'm interested in. I'm interested in the in the sewers and streets and such like that because I know that becomes a problem having lived in a lot of big cities. I know infrastructure if you don't stay on top of it, it will start to fail. I'm originally from Pittsburgh, PA, and half those bridges are in dire need of repair at this point in life. We moved away from there as a little kid and my wife and I move back there for about four years as adults. So that's always one that's interested in me because again it's very vital you keep those things going. Another area would be in the social media aspect because it's like as we're coming as I've been at some of these meetings recently it seems like the Council is coming into an area where they're starting to see the need for streaming their meetings and things like that. I lived in Vegas for a lot of years and found myself on Monday and Tuesday nights sitting there just watching them. There was one gentleman that spoke on every single thing that came up, whether he had anything to do with it or not. But he was exercising his right to decision, which was awesome to see.

Stewart – I assume you've been warned about the hours?

Boncuk – Oh yeah. I know that there are many hours involved in it and again, having been, I worked in retail my whole life. I worked for three different companies, or very close to work for three companies in the entire time. And two of them were one was Trader Joe's and one was Costco. So I was instrumental in going into new places and setting up new stores in new markets with those companies, so I know about putting long hours in. And then many years ago I was on our board at our church, when we lived in Vegas. So we're members of the big assembly of that

church and what would be considered a mega church nowadays and I was on the board there for a building process of building up you know, 80,000 square foot building and starting a school and all those kind of things. So I know about the hours that can be involved at times.

Petty - You mentioned that you are on the police Citizens Advisory Committee, which I know is kind of new as well. What has been your favorite thing since serving on that committee?

Boncuk - My favorite thing serving on the committee is just seeing something starting from the ground up and just seeing how the fact that was so well received by our Community and that tells me that our community is looking for something like that. To see last year's and I have to preface by saying, because of vacations that were planned, I wasn't there for nightly night, National Night Out, or shop with cop. That again seeing how well they were received seeing the. The fact that this community donated so much, we had a goal for shop with a cop of X amount of dollars and that was fun. We ended up getting from this community five times that amount. So instead of helping 10 or 12 kids, we were able to help 58 kids last year. That just shows that this community comes together for itself. Seeing this past year, the way they come, they come together for that young man Cooper Roy, it's just phenomenal seeing that. So with all the distractions of all the keyboard warriors that like to get going on things, it's nice to see that deep down the heart of this community is let's come together and solve things.

McMains - Are you ready to be a target of that keyboard courage?

Boncuk - So I don't have a Facebook presence. If I have anything like anything we look at for PCAC or in my retirement I work up at Monroe Coffee a couple days a week. So if I need to look anything up on what's going on with it on those I have to go on my wife's account and look and all this. Like, OK, yeah, this is, you know, it's fun and Entertaining, but it's like, really folks, come on. There's but, but you also know that you're going to get that. 50% of people any, any political position we can see that from this level all the way up to our federal level, any political position, 50% of people are going to love you, 50% are going to hate you or 49 are going to hate you. There's gonna be that one in between and if you can make a difference in that one's life then it's going to be a winning situation.

Petty - Do you mind if we open it up for the public to ask you questions if they would like to?

Boncuk - Absolutely. Thanks for the opportunity.

Petty - Does anybody from the public have questions or would like to address Mr. Boncuk about his interest to fill the Ward 3 Alderman?

Chris Robinson - So that I understand, you are fully retired?

Boncuk - I am fully retired except for working for now Caroline because Megan *inaudible*.

Robinson - Well, that's, you know, to me that's an advantage because you have more time than anybody else sitting up there right now to vote. You could do the legwork work more than most

people. I'm retired too recently and I know what it's like to have a little more time to get things done.

Boncuk - Which is kind of why I took the position up there a couple days a week and after several I had had surgery last February on my arm. We went in to get a coffee one day and Anna is like Eric. How you doing? Great. Steph, how are you? So and after 48 years in, in engaging with people you know in retail. I don't know how to sit at home. I don't know how to not talk to people.

Robinson - Kind of figured that's why you were working over there.

Boncuk - Yeah, you can't be a retail 48 years and not enjoy talking to people. A couple weeks ago I talked to this girl for about 15 minutes and it was great talking to her. She's very, I could tell through our conversation that we probably wouldn't agree on a lot of things but we found common ground and she actually ended up leaving a yelp review and Anna was like check this out.

Robinson - I think that's a reason you're a problem solver, not a problem maker.

Boncuk - I'm trying to be that.

Jackie Robinson - Now you're from Ward 3. Have you gone around to talk to any other people?

Boncuk - I have not at this point, no.

Petty - Okay. Thank you, Eric.

Boncuk - You're welcome.

Petty - The second application we have for Ward 3 interim Alderman in Brady Dickens. Which I don't think is here tonight.

McMains - No, he unfortunately had a meeting done in Branson that was at the same time as this one, so.

Petty - Do you wanna read this letter?

McMains - That would be great for our Interim Mayor.

Petty - Alright. He did write a letter, however, to this Council, which I will read now. (Letter attached) Would anybody on the board like to speak on his behalf?

McMains - I would because I, just you know, I brought him here so. I know he, he expressed regret that he couldn't make it here and he understands that if it cost him that seat. I think he'd be very good as a ward three candidate because he is so involved in the school. He has two

businesses here. His wife runs a business and he also owns a business. Other than that, I mean, he's very much part of this community and I think he's level headed. He likes to break everything down and review everything. He's not just going to be somebody that votes for one of us just because we're friends or something like that. He's going to weigh the options and vote for what's right for Fair Grove. That would be where my vote would be.

Petty - Opening consideration for Brady. Dickens up for public comment. I know he's not here to answer questions, but if you know him or would like to speak about considering him for this position you're welcome to come up to the podium.

Public Comment Open

Jackie Robinson - I have a question. To me it sounds like he's got a lot on his plate. He has two businesses, he's on lots of committees. He's not retired. I don't know either one of these gentlemen. I don't. Me personally, I mean, there are issues of availability on a lot of topics lately and in the past I would just be concerned of that. Again, I don't know the man at all. There's more, but availability is my concern for the city.

McMains - And he understood how that looked not being here for this meeting too. So, you know.

Robinson - I know. I get it, you know. We all make a living.

Ault - Is he only interested in interim or is he thinking forward as far as putting in for the next.

McMains - He was going to win the last election, but because of the number of people that were kind of interested in it, he didn't want to split votes and it go one way rather than the other.

Public Comment Closed

Petty - The process for this, for appointing an interim Alderman is the mayor makes the recommendation and the board approves. The mayor makes the recommendation after hearing and considering that that's the feelings that you know the information that the Alderman have compiled before making the recommendation.

Stewart - I'm kind of the same boat. I don't really know either one of these gentlemen, very much. I've asked around a little bit to try to get to know each of them and talked to various people. I'd say that I do kind of lean towards retired side, just because it would be nice to have somebody with a little more availability for us because we're all very busy. I'm going to lean on you a lot.

Boncuk - I will say that in retirement we do take about two to three trips a year. So I will be honest about that moving forward.

McMains - I will say against your statement that having somebody that's involved as much as he is in the community shows, I mean, nothing against Eric, I don't, I don't know from Adam. I only know my guy, right? So I'm going to voice what I want with him and knowing that he's on you

know, boards and the school board and you know, he's very much part of booster clubs and he wants to see this community grow, and he's been here as long as he has his families come from here makes me want to vote for him. Ultimately, you said it's your decision, so.

Petty – Well, it's our decision.

McMains – It is, but it's who you nominate.

Petty – That's just the first step.

Cooke - I know both of these gentlemen well. To be fair, Eric is my neighbor, I know him very well. I also know Brady. I love Brady to death. Brady's a hell of a guy. My only concern with Brady would be the fact that he had previously put in an application for the Board of Adjustment and withdrew that application at the time Mayor Voorhis had resigned and that that, to me is cause for concern as to why. If he is interested in serving the city, he would withdraw that application with the mayor's resignation.

McMains - He didn't do it the same time the mayor resigned. It was up until a couple meetings ago when we were still discussing it that his application was still in our folders. I believe.

Cooke - OK, I stand corrected. If that's the case.

McMains - Yep. It was a few months later that was. I don't know. I didn't ask him about why he pulled it to. Be honest with you. So, I can't. I don't have an answer to that.

Petty - We have a handful that rescinded their applications by the next meeting, when we talked about board of adjustment appointments. I don't remember the list.

McMains – I think it went from like 12 down to 7.

Petty – It went down pretty quick.

McMains – There are several that pulled out.

Petty - But he did, he did rescind what sequence of events. By the time it got to the point of actually considering the applicants and inviting them to the meetings, he did not come.

McMains - But you also didn't talk to any of the applicants that I know of unless you did it on that one meeting I wasn't here.

Petty – You were not here. There were several that came and talked to us. You weren't here.

McMains – Fine, be that way.

Petty – Franklin?

Hodges – I'm impressed with both of these guys. I'm impressed with both of these guys since I didn't get to see Brady. I read his resume on the back real good, very impressive what he has been involved in and everything? I think both of these candidates are qualified to be here and stuff you know. The one thing impressed me with you, Eric, was you said something that I'm into here in Fair Grove. I'm very deeply into the sewer. Make sure it runs right and our streets. And that impressed me. So. That makes me feel better. And you being retired. You know, because it does take time and I'm retired too I guess you could say and it does take time. Do what? I'm senile and retired. I'll admit to it. Just for her, just for her, you know. But like I said, I'm impressed with you. What you said? I've seen you around Fair Grove, you know. But really don't know you and I don't know this other man. I might know him if he was standing in front of me. But. That's where I'm at with the two of them.

Petty – Thank you! For me, as an Alderman when I was originally sworn on to the board, I was asked and upon creation of the Police Citizens Advisory Committee, the board members kind of talked about who was going to attend those meetings? You know, thinking it would be a good idea to have an Alderman representation there because the mission is really to connect the citizens with our emergency services with our police officers and our now fire department for the shop with a hero, right? So all inclusive really finding the ways that we can help bridge the gap between the city and its residents. I volunteered to be the Ward 2 representative that went to those meetings. In that, this past year plus, I got to see Eric on the committee performing and participating, and he does bring passion and deep care for the city and the mission of that committee. He said he wasn't able to attend the 2 events but he was very instrumental in laying the groundwork for them to be successful. I don't know, Brady. I've never met him, so I don't have any personal experience to share. So, to me it sounds like the majority, I would like to take the majority of the Alderman's recommendation to nominate Eric as Ward 3 Alderman for consideration for the board. So that is as the Mayor Pro Tem, I would like to nominate Eric. And the board would then make the motion and second to appoint him for the remainder of this open term until the next election.

Hodges – I would like to make one more comment.

Petty – Okay.

Hodges – It is okay?

Petty – Yeah.

Hodges - The only concerns I got and I'll just be honest cause I don't want to pull no punches. You've been next door neighbor to him. That's not a good thing, because we don't like this when you guys simply like this. We've seen it in the past. And it's not a good a good thing, you know. One thing I like about this other guys, he lives on the other side of town. You know where he could represent more people you know in that area, nothing against you. But that was just the only concern I had having next door. Not against you. I just want to put it out there.

Petty - Luckily, when you're an Alderman of a ward, you get to represent that whole ward and it is a responsibility of the Alderman to go out and and get to know and represent all of the residents not just in your neighborhood. Which I have seen Mr. Cooke do for that ward. I know that he listens to all neighborhoods and and residents within the ward. So that is that's a responsibility that is, that is worthy of consideration but I do believe that in knowing you, I'm not, I personally am not concerned and believe that you would represent your full ward and ultimately the city of Fair Grove. Not as a not as an argument, but just as a personal observation. But my nomination as Mayor Pro Tem does stand for this board to consider appointing Eric Bonsack.

Motion by Stewart to accept the Mayor Pro Tem's recommendation to accept Eric Boncuk to finish out the term as Ward 3 Alderman until the election in April. Seconded by Cooke
Stewart AYE, Hodges AYE, Cooke AYE, McMains AYE, Petty AYE

BILL NO. 25-18 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE II: PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE; CHAPTER 200 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF FAIR GROVE FOR THE PURPOSE OF AMENDING THE AUTHORITY FOR THE HIRING OF POLICE OFFICERS (Posted 7/14/2025)

Discussion

Stewart - This one was something that we brought up last meeting about the fact that the chief cannot hire his own police officers he has to ask our permission to hire these officers and we hire them. I think it's silly. Like I said, last meeting, I think I joked about it. But and this is basically allowing him to do that. He gets to hire his own cops. Hire his own cops as he sees fit and as our budget allows.

Petty - Basically, trusting our Chief of Police to be the chief of police and make his decisions.
Cooke - Yes, really pretty much, yes.

Petty - He would also take full responsibility for all officers that are under him as far as like making that decision to hire and ramifications with that, but.

Hodges – How do other towns around us do it? Strafford? Willard? Ash Grove?

McMains – Pretty much the police department runs the police department.

Hodges – That's the way they do it then?

Stewart – The Emergency Response Committee has discussed this and we're all unanimously in favor of this.

Hodges - Right. I'm just asking. I didn't know how, I didn't know how the other police departments, but. But is it automatically if he hired somebody and the Board feels we don't want them on there. Do we lose our rights to say no?

Stewart - It's the Chiefs decision on who he hires.

McMains - And the chief is going to be the one that's doing all of the background information of talking to them and all of that. For them to come up here within 15 minutes and talk to the board and say, hey here I am. Here's my resume. I look all pretty on paper but the Chief is the one that's done all of the legwork, and they know whether he's a good candidate for Fair Grove or not. So I put all my faith in the chief's decision making ability.

Hodges - I'm just asking. I'm just wondering how the others do it because in the past, it's been the recommendation of the mayor wasn't or something? Is that how it's been?

McMains - They would bring the officer up to the board and do the whole introduction. Then they would vote on yes or no.

Cooke - And quite frankly, Franklin, and I've said this for for a long time. As we sit here now, there's two of us that might be qualified to determine what's going to make a good police officer. If we've hired the chief and we trust the chief to run this department, we need to put full trust in that chief to run the department. He may have, and I've seen this before, he may have an outstanding candidate that the board may not feel is cool enough or they can't get along with and we may miss out on a good candidate. That chief's gonna know who's going to work for his department way better than any of us will.

Stewart - Yeah. I think we've had past situations where maybe we missed some because of the way it's working with the way it's currently set up.

McMains - We can't be 100% on good employees. There may be that one off...

Hodges - But the chief won't be allowed to fire anyone. It'd have to come before the Board. If somebody is brought up.

Davis - What?

Petty - Does the chief have the power to terminate a police officer?

Davis - No. No, that has to come before the board.

Petty - There's also several things with the officer Bill of Rights that I think, yeah.

Davis - Correct. Yeah. There's a whole thing.

Petty - It's not a simple.

Stewart - This is the wording and this just says the chief of police shall appoint any other police officers found by the chief of police to be necessary for the good governments of the body of the city. So, that has nothing to do with firing, it's just hiring.

Hodges - Sounds good.

Public Comment Open

Public Comment Closed

Motion by Stewart to have the first reading of Bill No. 25-18 by title only. Second McMains
Stewart AYE, Hodges AYE, Cooke AYE, McMains AYE, Petty AYE

MAYOR PRO TEM READ BILL NO. 25-18 BY TITLE ONLY

Motion by Stewart to approve the first reading and have the second reading of Bill No. 25-18 by title only. Second McMains
Stewart AYE, Hodges AYE, Cooke AYE, McMains AYE, Petty AYE

MAYOR PRO TEM READ BILL NO. 25-18 BY TITLE ONLY

Motion by Stewart to approve the second reading of Bill No. 25-18 by title only and assign it Ordinance No. 284. Second McMains
Stewart AYE, Hodges AYE, Cooke AYE, McMains AYE, Petty AYE

PROCLAMATION IN RECOGNITION OF GOOD NEIGHBOR WEEK

Discussion

Petty - So the city of Fair Grove is going to adopt the Proclamation that September 28th through October 4th is recognized as Good Neighbor Week in the city of Fair Grove. In this proclamation, I encourage all residents to take this opportunity to connect with those who live nearby. Introduce yourself. Learn their names. Offer kindness and help build a stronger and more connected neighborhood. I invite residents to visit the Missouri Good Neighbor Week website to nominate engaged neighbors and report acts of neighboring as part of our city's contribution to the statewide neighboring movement. Does this need to be voted on?

Davis - No, you guys already voted to adopt it, just mostly for you to sign it.

Petty - Signing this. There you go, signed.

Public Comment Open

Public Comment Closed

DISCUSS AND/OR APPROVE NEW PRINTER QUOTE

Discussion

Davis - I had them get us a quote for everything, especially now that we're doing electronic. So, the top quote is to keep the current one, the second quote is for the police department to take the current device and the city to get a new one. And the bottom one is for the city only to get a new device and us return the current one. Because when I went to them and said that you guys had approved doing that, they came back and said, oh, and there's a \$50 whatever a month

maintenance deal and I said, well, they only approved the printer lease. I've got to take it back and see if they want to still do that.

McMains - How much do we print on a daily basis here?

Davis - Now that we're emailing packets not a whole, whole lot. I mean, we do print, but it's saving it.

McMains - I mean, that's a big thing.

Davis - It's going to save a lot.

Petty - So the the difference is the city keeping what we have right now is \$250 a month.

Davis - Mm-hmm.

Petty - To get another printer and give the old one to the Police Department. It's cheaper. It's \$215.40 a month.

Davis - But that also would vary based off of how much they print because that's unknown. And I know that they don't print very often. Maybe a sheet of month but.

Petty - What?

Sgt. Deckard - Yeah, maybe.

Davis - They don't really print.

Petty - Because the chief hates paper.

Davis - And I don't blame him.

Petty - Or...

Davis - Just get the city a new device.

Petty - What is a new device for \$58 a month?

Davis - No, I'm sorry, that's to keep the current device.

Petty - Keep the current device for \$58 a month.

Davis - And buy it out.

Petty - Buy it out. Get the city a new device for \$250, give the old one to the Police Department and get the city a new device for \$215. It's cheaper to do the two?

Hodges - More or less. It's the same price isn't it. Keeping the old one...

Davis - No.

Hodges - And then getting new one for the \$50.00 a month.

Davis - For whatever reason, keeping the old ones a little more expensive.

Hodges - \$215 plus the \$50 a month.

Davis - I'm sorry?

Hodges - Am I reading it wrong. It's \$215 for the new ones and then \$50...

Davis - \$215 would be for the new one...

Hodges - Right, a month.

Davis - ...and then one for the police, the current one that we have for the Police Department.

Hodges - Right, is \$50.

Davis - But there's an unknown factor there because they don't know how much the Police Department will print.

Hodges - What do you mean? It could cost us more?

Davis - Mmm-hmmm.

Hodges - Without knowing?

Davis - Yeah.

Hodges - It depends on how many sheets we're going to do or something?

Davis - Right.

Cooke - Is this rate accurate? Am I reading that right? One cent per page?

Davis - Yes. And that's for black and white. And then color is the six cents per page.

Cooke - That's a moot point across here, but that's not going to be very much with Mark.

Davis - Mm-hmm. Right.

Hodges - I think it'd be better if they had their own printer, I think. I don't know. I mean, it would be up to them to decide this, you know.

Sgt. Deckard - Have you talked to Riggins as to like what it is that he's wanting to do?

Davis - When this was discussed at the last meeting he said that it really didn't matter to him either way. For what they do print, it would be nice to have, but.

Sgt. Deckard - I know like the printer that we have is extremely outdated and sometimes like working with like Altec, especially like with the fax, I think there's some things that is kind of like required for us to have the fax because it's secure, I guess, a little bit more secure than like possibly e-mail or something along those lines. So there was like a discussion with that. I know that we don't, really print a whole lot. We mostly use it just to kind of scan things in. But I want to say like the maintenance for that, especially when it comes to Altec, sometimes can be a bit difficult. Like when we're having to set stuff up and try to link it to our computers and all of that other stuff.

Petty - Does that cost money?

Davis - No. We have a service agreement with them.

Petty - For free?

Davis - Well, I mean, it costs \$200 bucks a month for all of City Hall and all the Police Department total, so.

Petty - So there would not be a cost savings associated with you getting a new printer through this. They would still have the same service cost for the entire...

Sgt. Deckard - I think just like if you guys went that route with giving us the one that you guys have, I know it's like updated, it's better, probably less complicated in some areas that we use it for.

Petty - Does the city need a new printer?

Davis - No, not necessarily. I mean the one that we have works great. We could do like where we keep it and share it with the Police Department like we've done in the past. Or we can get the city in new one because I don't know. Whatever you guys want to do. It works great.

McMains - We just got a new one like 2-3 years ago?

Davis - Something like that, yeah.

Petty - If you guys are in agreement, I think it's a good way to save some money considering that we have just eliminated 500 of your 600 monthly average pages with going to electronic packets, so we're going to use it a lot less as is. With the Police Department's minimal usage if it helps them, I don't know the distance. If there's any security restrictions with using that printer in place of the one that they have for sole, you know police business. But if it makes sense, I think this could be a good way for the city to have some cost savings and keep the current printer, which works well and we're reducing the usage of, so it should last longer even with the one page a month from the Police Department if that's allowed for confidentiality purposes.

Stewart - So, they'll probably have to print from theirs, but I don't know why they couldn't scan stuff in through yours. If they had to print some paper that had a victim's information on it, they could not print that through the cities. They would have to use their printer. Outside that, I don't see. I can't think of anything, unless you can.

McMains - Not off the top of my head, no.

Stewart - Am I reading this right? \$58 is one of the options and our next lowest option is \$215 and then \$250. Is that pretty much what we're looking at?

Davis - So the way that I read it is if you wanted to buy out the device that we currently have, it's going to be the \$3,280.93 total and then it's \$58 a month for the maintenance of the printer.

Stewart - Gotcha.

Cooke - Yeah. So it would be that \$3,200, then the \$58 a month.

Davis - Yeah.

Stewart - But in order to do Option #2 here it's showing that we own it so it would not also have to buy it out.

Davis -. It would be doing basically a monthly buyout of it.

Petty - It's a spend unknown.

Davis - Yeah, because that's for the Police Department. We don't know what their usage is, that's why I said it could change if they printed a lot.

Hodges - Was the machine used when you got a few years ago?

Davis - No, it's brand new.

Hodges - So you're the one that used and abused it then, nobody else?

Davis - Yeah.

Petty – I need to do some math.

Stewart - That sounds reasonable. Well, how about we just postpone this till next meeting and we can do some research?

Davis - Is that a motion?

Stewart - I'll make a motion to postpone this so that we can figure out a little bit more of what we're looking at here, because clearly, we don't know exactly what this is, and maybe then we can also have Chief Riffin here to weigh in on the discussion.

Motion by Stewart to postpone new printer quote until next meeting.

Hodges – Would a fax machine work?

Seconded by Cooke

Hodges – For you, or you know? That's what I used for years at my trucking company.

McMains – Just an old school one with a phone one it?

Hodges – No, it didn't have a phone. I received faxes and I send faxes and I copied, you know and it worked fine and it was just a couple hundred dollars, you know. I'm just, I'm just throwing it out there.

Public Comment Open

McMains – This has only taken us a month and a half and we're still discussing printers.

Public Comment Closed

Stewart AYE, Hodges AYE, Cooke AYE, McMains AYE, Petty AYE

Business Meeting

SEWER AND PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

Discussion

McMains – How's the new guy working?

Hokanson – Not worth a dang.

McMains – I didn't think so.

Hokanson - You gotta stay on him all the time. Yeah, I've got to switch.

Colton Louthan - Kind of hurts.

Cooke - Who drug him in here, Kennie?

Hokanson - Pardon me.

Cooke – Who drug him in here.

Hokanson - I don't know. I kind of wish I would have thought about it a little more. On the sewer end of everything we had an issue this weekend, Sunday. Lift station in Northview went down. It was a float issue. Had the guys from Fluid Equipment come in and they done all their testing and everything. Found out it was a float, so we got it up and going and the most important thing about it, well naturally we got going, but Colton learned a lot this weekend. He learned how to run the sludge truck and haul the crap. Didn't ya?

Louthan - Yeah.

Hokanson - And he done a fine job at it. And he's taking care of the mowing. It's looking really nice down there. Doing an awesome job. Am I bragging on you?

Louthan - I think so.

Hokanson - Man, that's not where I was headed with it, but oh well. Today CopperState came in. I don't know if you were aware, we had a bearing that when we put the gear drives in, we put non greasable bearings in it so you don't mess with them. When they put that one in right off the bat it froze up. I had a bearing there that was a greasable bearing so we put it in to get me by. They went to the factory or the people they got it from that packed the bearing, got another bearing, got it back and put it in today. So, we're back up and everything's like we paid for it starting off. Of course, it with no charge fest for that because you know they had to *inaudible* on that deal. But that's about it on the sewer side and I've been around town one time with the mower and fixing to start it again. So yeah.

Petty - Just to continuous loop?

Hokanson – Yeah. Well, it's the people on Cottonwood that I worry about the most.

Cooke – Yeah, that's the rough side town.

Stewart - It is.

Hokanson – It is the rough side of town over there? Yeah.

Stewart - Yeah, it's crazy over there.

Hokanson - I think that's all I got unless anybody's got any questions?

Petty - Would you like to introduce Colton to the Board?

Hokanson - Yeah, I think I would. Colton, would you stand up and take a bow, please?

Louthan - What's up everybody?

McMains – What was that?

Louthan – I said what's up everybody? Sorry, kind of nervous? What's up? Anybody got any questions?

Petty - No, just...

Hokanson – You didn't introduce who you was.

Louthan – Oh, sorry. I'm Colton Louthan, 1321 Old Mill Circle. I've been in Fair Grove pretty much my entire life. I think I'm fourth generation, maybe fifth. You would know better than I would.

Hokanson – Fifth.

Louthan - Fifth generation so.

Petty - You guys have the same facial hair.

Louthan - We ain't related.

Hokanson - No, we're not.

Louthan - No, I just happened to live by him most my life.

Hokanson - And I regretted it the whole time.

Cooke – Kennie, does Josh know he has a younger brother?

Hokanson - He doesn't.

Cooke - How ya liking it, Colton?

Hokanson - Not too bad. It's kind of nice just going after to mow. Just throwing my air pods and listening to Joe Rogan experience podcast.

Cooke - I'm with you all, man.

Louthan - And just get after it. Yes, Sir. And then he caught me right before I got to A Highway going to go grocery shopping when my girlfriend. He called me and said I need help. I said can I go grocery shopping first? No. Turn right around. But you know, he threw me in the sludge truck

and said you know how to drive a 2-speed rear end? I said nope. He said okay, good. Threw it into high gear and told me to go.

Petty - Oh, this is Sunday.

Louthan - Yeah, this was Sunday. Yeah, Sunday.

Petty - Thank you. So for both of you thank you so much for responding on Sunday for the emergency. We had a resident who has had previously experienced with problems with her sewer? And so she has contacts, her contacts that she has is Kennie and Dennis Roe, our former Alderman. So when she noticed a problem, she reached out to Dennis because that's the number that she had.

Hokanson - She tried to call me first, but. I didn't have my phone with me at that time.

Petty - You were doing personal work.

Hokanson - Yeah. I do have a life outside Fair Grove.

Petty - He does have a life, but Dennis was gracious enough to answer and then to connect the problem to our current board. He called Kennie. He called me. He called Tim and then I think Tim looped in Franklin. So we kind of had an all hands on deck on Sunday. So thank you so much for going in taking care of business. Getting Colton exposed to all new experiences, so thank you, Colton, for just hopping in. And welcome. We had your interview last week, no two weeks ago. Overall, I think both Tim and I were very impressed with you. So thank you, Kennie, for recruiting Colton. Super excited to have you on board. I look forward to seeing your potential growth into becoming a wastewater treatment plant operator. Maybe if that's what you're interested in, the city looks forward to supporting that whenever you're ready.

Louthan - Yeah, I'm putting a lot of thought into it. Just trying to, you know, choose when the times, right.

Petty - No pressure.

Hokanson - Right.

Cooke - No pressure from us.

Louthan - I get a phone call from him every day.

Stewart - Welcome aboard.

Petty - Yes, absolutely.

Stewart - If you need me to take care of Kennie, give me a call?

Louthan - Yes, yes.

Hodges – Kennie, did you find out why it didn't alarm you?

Hokanson - Yeah and Colton cleaned that up. There was a bunch of, it was a grease mat on top of the water and the alarm float was laying flat. We checked all the floats whenever we was there after we got it all pumped down and it just didn't come up high enough for it to read. The reason that it didn't call basically was is because of that. Now it does alarm on high water. That's when the second pump kicks in, but that will just be a text is what that is. It's not an emergency. It's just alarming me that there's a high water level. I didn't get that one till the second time. I haven't talked with them yet to see what the deal was but whenever we was testing it, it did call me then.

Hodges - The one guy I can't remember. His name is 2 houses up. He said it used to have some kind of like a sirene on it. Did it have sirene to warn people around?

Hokanson - Yeah, it's got sirene, yeah.

Hodges – Does it go off for them then when there's a problem?

Hokanson - The emergency float that sounds that was laying flat.

Hodges – Okay. So it wouldn't activate it?

Hokanson – There ya go.

Hodges – Alright.

Cooke - We may have spoken of this, Kennie, forgive me if we have. Have you or do you plan to order some shirts for him?

Hokanson - Yes, I'm going to, yeah.

Louthan - Yeah, make me official.

Hokanson – Yeah, I'll make him official. And we'll get some shirts and maybe a necklace? Some Earrings.

Louthan – I was gonna say some earrings, yeah.

Petty -Thank you guys.

[Public Comment Open](#)

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT
Discussion

Public Comment Open

Public Comment Closed

Petty - Now we need the motion to accept.

Cooke - Accept what?

Petty - The financial statement as submitted.

Hodges – Where's it at?

Petty – It's in the packet.

Hodges – Did I miss it?

Cooke - There was not one in the packet.

Petty – It was sent later.

Hodges – I didn't get it.

McMains – It was sent separately.

Davis - I thought I stuck it in his pocket before he came and picked it up. Did I not?

Hodges – Did you send it? I don't think I did. Unless I just passed over it.

Davis - It should have been...

McMains – It's several pages.

Hodges – Let me see. What's on this one? Was it stapled to this?

Davis - No, I'm sorry, Franklin. I thought I had it in there.

Petty - So we have the financial statement for the year end close for fiscal year 25 and we have the month end for June 2025.

Davis - Say that again.

Petty - We have the financial statement. We have the profit and loss cost breakdown for the entire fiscal year FY25 and we have the financial statement for June 2025 in the packet.

Stewart - Sounds like you and I are going to be the only ones who have actually laid eyes on this. Did you get it?

McMains – I got it.

Stewart – Okay, so Ben’s got it.

Cooke - Sara did send it to me. I just missed it. I'm just now seeing it. But she did get it to me.

Motion by Stewart to approve financial statement as submitted. Second McMains
Stewart AYE, Hodges I vote NO because I haven’t gotten to read it yet, Cooke AYE, McMains AYE, Petty AYE

PARK BOARD

Discussion

Public Comment Open

Public Comment Closed

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Discussion

Greg Porter – So, happy to report that Tom has completed his IS 2200 which was one of the requirements for us continuing to receive by EMPG funding. I completed it a little bit earlier in the year. We both now. We have 24 months to do the IS 2300, so we are now searching to find it's like a four day course. We're trying to find something close that we don't have to travel across the state or anything like that to cut cost. And I think there's times that they do it online as well so just trying to get that so we can continue to receive those funds. Quarter 4 has been turned in and has been paid by the state. So 24-25 Grant has been submitted, paid and closed, which is a great thing. Earlier, in the month of July, Tom and I went to the SWMSO meeting that I reported last time. Just kind of kind of filling in on some of the things that they filled us in on and one of the cool things I think, especially with some of the flooding and things that we have here in the state is they're coming out with a new or, they're trying to come up with a new MWS flood map. Which is going to, it's going to be like a situational map. So as the forecast comes in they will be able to determine and say there's going to be a sprinkle, so we know CC's going to flood. But at 1/2 inch we need to start monitoring so we can start putting some situational awareness type stuff in for the potential of flooding in the area.

Petty - So it predicts the level of flood and the location of the flood severity based off of the weather forecast?

Porter - Yes, and it's it's basically given us, hey, this is the forecast, this is what you can expect. This is the potential threat or by picture these are the roads that you can be thinking that maybe flooding and whatever based on this forecast. So with that, I know Tim that you like to go out

and you like to take pictures and all of that good stuff. So one of the things that they are asking for is getting, I guess there's a free apps out there, timestamp where you can take a picture. It will GPS coordinate on that picture along with the exact time so they can go back and monitor and you can say okay, this is flooding at this point. They can go back and time that to what the radar has indicated the amount of rain that we've had at that point and they can start piecing some of this stuff together to say hey this is a 4 inch rain. This is what we were showing by. This is the levels of things of that nature, so it's some pretty cool stuff that they're working on. *Inaudible* which would be great. We are to the trials and you know in the beta form and all that good stuff now. But if you think of it or anybody else that wants to present any pictures try to do that time stamp so we can help them help us so we can make better decisions.

Petty - Do you plan on like publicizing this on social media to see if you can get more community members involved in snapping these pictures?

Porter - I can. I haven't. They're kind of in the beta, so they're kind of just trying to piece it all together. So until they kind of branch it out, that's the reason I'm just kind of just bringing it to you guys to let you know what's I thought that was kind of cool and be great situational awareness for us. Also. During that I also learned a new organization that I had never heard of that might be something that could be beneficial to our community and it's called Crisis Cleanup. And what that is is basically it's a non for profit organization that vets and I guess they do background work on people who want to go and do storm cleanup. So if a storm or a storm comes through and we have lots of damage the residents of our community can go on and register on this site and then organizations go to these people and they send people out to start doing clean up so.

Petty - For free.

Porter - It's kind of a cool. Yeah, it's. But here is the information just so you guys can have it kind of look over it. They go to anywhere. They go around the country and they're just coming into Missouri from the way I understand it.

Hodges - So it's not going on right now in Springfield area?

Porter - Yeah, it's a free service. They vet, they get these organizations, I know like whenever the storm came through Greene County and we got hit not too long ago there was the Baptist Foundation contacted and was looking for places to go and I'm like well Springfield got hit a whole lot harder than what we did. So you know. I think for what everybody was telling me, we were good here but like I said, it's a great, great resource for the community. To be able to go on and say hey, we need we need help in this area and these organizations go in there and they can look and start dispatching people up to serve. And then the other thing that we needed to because we got a lot of new people, several years ago, we adopted an ordinance and I know some people. So our our tornado sirens are an outdoor warning system. They're not a tornado warning system. They're an outdoor warning system for any threats that could be and it's for events that are outdoors not necessarily indoors. So I just wanted to bring your all's attention that several communities in the last few storms that we've had have been activating the storm sirens and we signed the ordinance. It was kind of a Region D coordinated thing that any storm that can

produce 70 plus mile an hour winds and there is an outdoor event we could activate the sirens. To let the Community know, hey, there's a threat go indoors, shut down the event. So football game, the festival, something like that. We've got a big event and and a thunderstorm that is producing 70+ miles per hour winds, we could activate. Which was put in ordinance. It was back whenever I was in put in Emergency Management before coming back on. They just kind of wanted us to reiterate because some communities got very upset that they were setting off the sirens but there was no tornado. But it's an outdoor warning system not a tornado warning system. So just bringing that to your all's attention, if that event does arise and they're activated you guys kind of know and can answer some of those questions or whatever and then.

Petty - That could be a good information.

Cooke - Yeah. That's what I was thinking.

Porter - And then the last thing is on October the 1st is our next meeting that they are inviting the Mayors to come to. We're doing a tabletop exercise to...

Petty - Tabletop exercise?

Porter - Yeah, and it's going to do a walk through of a disaster in Fair Grove and it's going to do a walk through on what it would take to, not necessarily Fair Grove. We're supposed to get together as our own community created disaster. And then they're going to walk through of what it takes to get a FEMA disaster declaration to receive those federal funds. So I think some of these communities are getting hit, but they're not leaving that threshold and they're not receiving federal dollars and they're getting upset that they're not getting these federal dollars. So they want to do a tabletop so it's kind of getting you guys prepared or getting the information. It lets you guys kind of know what it takes, how it goes through the process and all. That stuff. So.

Petty - Would it be helpful to also have like the chair of our Emergency Services Committee there as well?

Porter - That'd be great.

Petty - Good. I look forward to participating.

Porter - Awesome. But outside of that, that's all I've got for Emergency Management.

Petty - Thank you so much. All this is really exciting stuff.

Porter - Awesome. Thank you.

Public Comment Open

Public Comment Closed

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Discussion

Sgt. Deckard – So Riggins is out. He's at a Mirra conference for the rest of this week. I did ask him if he had anything that he wanted to add or just, you know, for me to present or anything today. He said no. Just kind of want to throw out a reminder that we do have like the National Night Out on August 5th from 4:00 to 8:00. It appears as if we have some additional stuff that we've added in this year. And I want to say that that Flyer has probably been sent out. Possibly on like the Facebook page I believe. Or not yet? Maybe.

Cooke - There it is there and there's some hard fires out too.

Deckard - Yeah. Perfect. And so it might be a good time for maybe the board and Mayor to maybe participate so we would definitely welcome that.

Petty - I'm on the dunk tank list, so the line up. Am I on there twice for Alderman and mayor?

Cooke – You can be.

Petty - I don't want to.

Hodges – I've got \$50 and we'll going to come over to the dunk tank.

Petty - Good deal is Franklin also on the list. Is Franklin also on the list?

Cooke – Franklin is not on the list.

Petty - Dang.

Hodges – Ain't got enough water. Splash it out.

Deckard – I think I was volun-told for that one, so I'm on that list. But other than that. I think that's the only thing. Our department seems to be running pretty smooth in my opinion. We're definitely using Lexipole. I'm constantly getting emails about updates and new policies and I know that he's working away on that and he's very much enjoying it so.

Petty - You hired a new officer for Reserve? Reserve Officer Jennifer?

Deckard - Yes, Jennifer Stephens. I know that we've been in communication with her, trying to set an appointment for her to come in so we can get like paperwork and all that stuff filled out. Don't know exactly where that process is so.

Petty - I see. Did she accept the position? Oh, we don't know. Okay. Great.

Deckard - So I know that there's things with that probably soon, but I'll let Keeper again speak on that. Nothing negative obviously. But so. Do you guys have any questions for me?

Petty - Thank you so much.

Hodges – Nope. You done a good job.

Public Comment Open

Petty - Yes, Eric?

Boncuk – Just so everybody knows, I saw the first commercial for the city of Springfield National Night Out and it has the same, Our flyer has the same.

Petty - Did they steal ours?

Boncuk – Huh?

Petty - Did they steal our design?

Cooke - No National Night Out is a nationwide thing and they are all pretty much uniform. Same logo, same design.

Boncuk - But hopefully our some of our people will see that on TV too and see that and go Oh, Okay, cool. That's kind of we're up here also and connect it.

Petty - Is it always the same night like it's this?

Stewart - National

Cooke - National nationwide.

Petty - Makes sense? Thank you, Eric.

Public Comment Closed

CITY CLERK

Discussion

Davis - Only thing I have is do I also need a consensus to contact the attorney of the board?

Petty - No. The ordinance states that the city clerk can contact the attorney like on behalf of the city.

Davis – Okay because we have a floodplain ordinance that I need changed so I didn't know if I needed y'all's permission to do that.

Petty - For the ordinance as stated, says that the city attorney can conduct business with the city clerk on behalf of the city, so if there's.

Davis – Okay.

Petty - Unless this board would like to change that, I mean. I'm under the impression that the expectation is that you are contacting the attorney to only conduct city business.

Davis - Right.

Petty - As directed by your work or upon request by a consensus of the Board of Alderman if it's outside of what you would have normally contacted them for.

Davis – Okay. That's it.

Stewart - Yeah, that's normally just CC for the president of the board and the mayor. If you have both.

Petty - And to include the printed copies of that communication in our package. Which is happening.

Petty - Thank you, Sara.

Davis - Thank you.

Public Comment Open

Public Comment Closed

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Discussion

Emergency Services

Petty - Mark. Anything to report out?

Stewart – Nope.

Public Relations

Petty – Tim?

Cooke - The only thing I'll kind of put out there is our Facebook presence is doing really well. As of 7:00 tonight, I checked, we had 73 members on the page and we have begin utilizing that for the purpose of publishing the agendas, bid requests for various things. Plumbing. Snow removal heavy equipment. Not, not exclusively, but along those lines, so.

McMains – I'm gonna jump in really quick on that one.

Cooke - You bet.

McMains - A lot of people say they can't find it. So if you could put it in like one of the other community pages to where so they can like it or join it or whatever. I just had several people say they can't find it and they've looked.

Cooke - I'll make note of that.

McMains - I don't know.

Cooke - Thank you.

Hodges - There's three pages on Facebook that I use for Fair Grove. Fair Grove Community, Fair Grove Missouri, Fair Grove Uncensored I think. That's where I post everything. Have a good response.

Cooke - So having trouble finding page. Okay. Kelly and I can look into that. But other than that. I don't have anything else on it, unless you do.

Petty - Thanks Tim.

Planning and Zoning

McMains - Don't have anything new. We just completed the one thing that we had last meeting so.

Davis - You have another one coming up.

McMains - I saw that. I'm sure it's already gotten so little bit of heat on Facebook about it. I look forward to seeing the next meeting. What's gonna happen.

Petty - I look forward to it.

Park Board

Cooke - The only thing I really got on Park board is I've been in contact with Cheryl and they're doing really well with their movie in the park events that they're doing. I don't know what kind of numbers they're drawing, but I know the one that got coming up there will be dining options food trucks. I think they're doing some sort of softball game prior to the movie. So it's it's really kind of become pretty big deal and that's something I could see them making a regular summer activity.

Hodges - What did they find out why that Counterman girl got shocked up there? What was wrong?

Cooke - I have no clue.

Stewart - It was an electrical issue in the box and they...

Hodges - I know. Would they say what happened?

Cooke - She got electrocuted.

Hodges - I know. But did we ever go out and get it fixed?

Stewart - It's it's we have hired somebody to fix it.

Hodges - Okay. They didn't say what caused problem then.

Stewart - I would have to go pull up the bid to know exactly to see...

Hodges - Just curious. We could have lost her that night or day. Whenever she got shocked cause it was bad.

Stewart - I did. I did not dig into it.

Hodges - Alright.

Stewart - Exactly what happened. I just know that we have hired a professional to fix it.

Hodges - Everything then?

Stewart - Yeah. And they're going make it right so that doesn't ever happen again.

Hodges - Oh yeah, that was bad.

Human Resources

Stewart - Do we have something?

Petty - No.

Finance

Petty - I have nothing to report.

Community Outreach

Hodges - Nope.

McMains - Franklin did do a...

Hodges - Wait a second. OK, go ahead. Go ahead.

McMains - I was gonna say.

Hodges - Yeah, I didn't do very good there.

McMains - You did a food drive just the other day. I wasn't there, so I can't really say how many came through and stuff like that.

Hodges - 300 plus families here in Fair Grove, Fair Grove area.

Petty - Wonderful.

McMains - And he's planning on doing another one Friday?

Hodges - Yes. We're shooting for Friday evening at 5:30 for volunteers to come. Expect to see you all there to help unload the truck. Give out food. We're going to try to give the food away by 6:00 to 6:30. We're hoping trying to do it when it's cool. Saturday was miserable when we was there. I mean, it wasn't good. So we're going to try to do it Friday evening. We've done it later at night before and it worked out OK. But we've doubled and tripled who we used to give to. We never had three 400 people come out before and then we helped support another food place over in Marshfield. So there was probably around 600 people we got helped you know between who we give food to there and around here. I'm sorry. I didn't know that was part of my deal.

Petty - Thank you.

Public Works

Petty - So just a few updates for the board, as far as progress on some of the work that we are doing. I and I grant money from two years ago, we still have about \$65,000 of that grant money that we need to spend by the end of this year. We already have a contract with LaFollette to to start that work. The the first portion of that work was the camera work that you've heard the previous board talk about. And we are already under contract with La Follette to continue some of the I and I work already identified on their contract that was from that study by the end of this year. As a continuation of that, we know that part of the general obligation bond will be used to cover additional I and I work. We have our first meeting with the bond company/bond attorney on August 7th to talk through what accessing that money looks like. What are the next steps for the city? Basically, all of the the next steps to get that money so that we can start working on the projects. One of the top priority projects is getting the culvert on South Main St. replaced to widen that area so that phase two of the sidewalk project can be completed by the end of the year. We have biweekly meetings with Morgan Neal with OWN construction. He is working with Modot to move that project through. There are several steps still left to take place before we can actually put out for bids. Once Modot approves the preliminary drawings, then we're looking for right of way approvals from MoDot and and the third party company that they contract through. We will then be talking to actual homeowners to hopefully get them to sign for the easements that we would need to be able to install those sidewalks. So that is where the sidewalk project is. We have until the end of this calendar year to complete Phase 2 Sidewalk project, which is why we have the biweekly meetings with Morgan to ensure that those are moving. We have a little longer for phase three. Ideally we could get it all done concurrently.

Stewart - Are we on time? We feel like we're on time where we.

Petty - I believe that we are doing everything we can to ensure that we get it completed on time.

Stewart – Okay.

Petty - That is an update on where we are with Public Works/ infrastructure. Overall, the things that we are working on at our meetings as well as communications with our with our engineers and our support systems outside of the city. Questions for public works?

Public Comment Open

Sgt. Deckard - Whenever they do with bridge, how long will that range be out for?

Petty – Kenny?

Hokanson - You know, it could be 3 weeks. Maybe it might be longer. They may be able to whip it in, whip it out but it will take a little bit.

Cooke – There's a lot of variables in that.

Hokanson - Yeah, there is. I don't know what they're going to get into. That bridge has been there, I think it's goes back to probably the 40s.

Petty - Are you talking about the one right before Saddle Club or the one on South Main or the one at the bottom of the hill?

Hokanson - We're going to do both but which one are you concerned the most about?

Deckard – Are you doing it at the same time?

Hokanson - No.

Petty - It would be. There's 4.

Deckard - I'm just. I'm just thinking of routes.

Hokanson - Yeah.

Petty - Thank you. Any other public comment?

Cooke - Which I believe we said the one closest to Saddle Club would be first on the list, correct?

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Petty - That one would be first and then. second next, pretty high priority is the one on Main Street at the bottom of the hill. Then we have Cottonwood and we have Maple

Hokanson - Right.

Cooke - That's right.

Public Comment Closed

APPROVE BOARD OF ALDERMAN MINUTES

Discussion

McMains – So I know that we record these, do you use a program to have it typed out?

Davis - I'm trying the new one now, yes.

McMains - I just noticed that through some of it doesn't, it changes my some words that I say just because either...

Davis - Did it?

McMains - Yeah. And can't find it right now, but I'm trying to. But it's just a certain ones where it doesn't, it's not what I said. It's some other weird words so.

Davis - I record it on the city phone as well to try to double check it.

McMains – Sometimes it's me...

Davis - Sometimes you guys get real low over there, so it's hard to catch but.

Hodges – What are you looking at me for?

Petty – She put this one here to try to pick it up better. Is there a specific, we don't have to approve these tonight if we if you want to...

McMains - I know I'm trying to find it. I found it when I went through it the first time and I can't find now. I mean, I don't look like that that much of an idiot.

Stewart - I also noticed there were a few times where like sentences. I don't remember somebody saying incorrect words in a sentence. It's soundalike words that you know, AI or something could float around in there. That's like, well, I know what that was supposed to say. You know it's it's the gist of it's there but I did notice a few word swaps in there myself.

Davis - I did listen to the recording as I went through it all and...

Stewart – Did you?

Davis - ...and tried to make sure that it was all correct, but.

Petty - It's a very manual process.

Stewart – There's a lot there.

Davis - Mm-hmm.

Petty - But that's why we review and approve them. So if those changes, we want to make then we absolutely can.

Hodges - Have we done this at the end before?

Petty - Yes.

Hodges – Okay. I always thought we did it at the beginning.

Petty - No. It's always at the end of the business meeting.

Hodges - So we're talking about approving what happened last meeting?

Petty - We're talking about the minutes from June 24th and July 8th. Those are the minutes that we have in our packets to approve.

Hodges – I noticed I had two deals of minutes in there and I was wondering why.

McMains – We just hadn't approved the..

Hodges – Right. So that's what your wanting to approve?

McMains – Yeah, the ones that are in your packet.

Hodges – Right, okay.

McMains – I say we don't approve it yet, like I said, until we correct it. And I will go through it again and just send you what I found.

Davis – Okay.

Petty – Then you will send those updated minutes to us and we'll approve them at the next business meeting?

Davis – Yeah. The next business meeting.

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Petty – Okay. Do you want a motion to amend or to postpone? Or just just move on.

Davis - No.

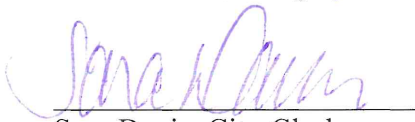
Petty – Just move on? Okay.

Public Comment Closed

Mayor Report

Adjournment

Motion by Stewart to Adjourn at 8:18 p.m. Seconded by McMains
Stewart AYE, Hodges AYE, Cooke AYE, McMains AYE, Petty AYE



Sara Davis, City Clerk