

City of Desloge

NOTICE OF OPEN MEETING AND VOTE TO CLOSE PART OF THE MEETING DESLOGE BOARD OF ALDERMEN REGULAR MEETING

Monday, October 8, 2018

7:00 p.m.

Desloge City Hall, 300 North Lincoln

Posted: October 4, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. on the outdoor City Hall bulletin board.

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The tentative agenda for this meeting includes:

- I. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance
- II. Consent Agenda
 - a. Approve or Amend Agenda
 - b. September 10, 2018 Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes
 - c. October 1, 2018 Special Meeting
 - d. Bills for Payment
 - e. Cochran Invoice
 - f. Jokerst Invoice

The items on the Consent Agenda are enacted with one motion. If separate discussion is desired, that item may be removed from the Consent Agenda and placed on the regular Agenda by request of a member of the Board of Aldermen.

- III. Public Comment
- IV. First Net/Emergency Response Priority Phone Use
- V. Cornerstone Insurance Group/Medicare Program for Eligible Employees
- VI. Bids
 - a. Camera Inspection of the Water Tower
 - b. Road Striping
- VII. Discontinuing Recycling
- VIII. Review of Credit Card Payments at the Windows
- IX. Desloge Drive Progress Update
- X. Highly Heights Apartment Property/Street
- XI. Reschedule November Regular Meeting Date/Veteran's Day Holiday
- XII. Mayor and Aldermen's Reports
- XIII. Vote to Close the Meeting Pursuant to RSMo 610.021 – (1) Litigation and (3) Personnel
- XIV. Adjourn

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Linda R. Moore City Clerk

DESLOGE BOARD OF ALDERMEN REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

MONDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2018

7:00 p.m.

DESLOGE CITY HALL, 300 North Lincoln

Members present were Mayor David Kater, Alderman Deion Christopher, Alderman Jason Loughary, Alderman JD Hodge, Alderman Chris Gremminger, Alderman Alvin Sutton and Alderman Jerry Hulsey. Staff present was City Administrator Dan Bryan, City Clerk Linda Moore, Court Clerk Linda Simino, Public Works Supervisor Jason Harris, Police Chief James Bullock, Building Inspector Bryan Cato, Chief Water Operator Roger Phibbs, Fire Chief Larry Gremminger, Deputy Clerk Angie Cato and City Attorney Scott Reid.

Visitors were Jeannette Hagerman, Lisa Roberts, Jacqueline Vayt, Carl Peterson, Stephanie Daffron, Emily Reed, Miranda Black, Justin Sutton, Ron and Sherry Greminger, Don Wetzel, Dan Digby, Ronn Morice and Kevin Jenkins from the Daily Journal.

Call to order

Mayor Kater called the meeting to order and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consent Agenda

- A. Approve or Amend Agenda
- B. September 10, 2018 Regular Meeting
- C. October 1, 2018 Special Meeting
- D. Bills for Payment - \$236,526.79
- E. Cochran Invoice \$2,025.00
- E. Jokerst Invoice \$150,000.00

Approve Consent Agenda

Alderman Sutton made the motion to approve the consent agenda and Alderman Hodge seconded the motion. Hodge – aye; Sutton – aye; Christopher – aye; Loughary – aye; Gremminger – aye; Hulsey – aye. Motion carried.

Public Comment

Sherry Greminger, 112 Briarwood, spoke to the board from a written letter. It is enclosed as Exhibit A.

First Net/Emergency Response Priority Phone Use

Justin Sutton, an AT&T retail sales consultant, spoke to the board about a new network for first responders. During a crisis, this network gets continued service and does not become congested. Currently Potosi, Farmington, Pilot Knob and Arcadia Valley are using the service.

Cornerstone Insurance Group/Medicare program for Eligible Employees

Dan Digby and Frank Morice filled the board in on a program to that allows the employer to reimburse an employee that is paying for Medicare.

Bids

Camera Inspection of the Water Tower

Midco Diving & Marine Services, Inc	\$2,199.00
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US Underwater Services, LLC	\$2,045.00
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Chief water operator Phibbs reported that the standpipe is nine years old and they should be inspected every ten years. This bid is to use a camera to inspect the bottom of the standpipe. He continued that someone still has to climb the tower to inspect the top. A drone would be helpful; however, a closer inspection needs to be done. There is business located in Bonne Terre that the city could contact regarding a climber. Alderman Sutton made the motion to go ahead and do what needs to be done and if need be other options. Alderman Gremminger seconded the motion. Hodge – aye; Sutton – aye; Christopher – aye; Loughary – aye; Gremminger – aye; Hulsey – aye. Motion carried.

Road Striping

Boss	\$19,500.00
STL Asphalt	\$12,726.00

Alderman Gremminger made the motion to use Boss for the striping based on the material being used and prior experience with Boss. Alderman Christopher seconded the motion. Hodge – aye; Sutton – aye; Christopher – aye; Loughary – aye; Gremminger – aye; Hulsey – aye. Motion carried.

Discontinuing Recycling

The transfer station will stop taking recycling October 31. Everything will be straight garbage until another method comes up. Bonne Terre and Park Hills have suspended their recycling. Alderman Gremminger made the motion to suspend the recycling program with October 19 to be the last day for recycling pickup. Alderman Hulsey seconded the motion. Hodge – aye; Sutton – aye; Christopher – aye; Loughary – aye; Gremminger – aye; Hulsey – aye. Motion carried.

Review Credit Card Payments at the Window

There was a request from Alderman Loughary regarding the city's payment program charging a fee for on-line or credit card payments. The program Farmington uses does not charge a convenience fee for credit cards or on-line payments, the city pays for it. The system does not take credit card payments in person. A report showed that for the month of September \$2,456.41 in credit card payments were made in person. The customer pays the fee but not to the city, it goes directly to the software vendor.

Desloge Drive Progress Update

The city is still waiting for an award to come from the state.

Highley Heights Apartment Property/Street

Carl Peterson of the Highley Heights Apartments has been taking care of a platted city road that dead ends in his complex. He is asking the city to pave at \$15,000 or grant the road to him and he will take care of it. Alderman Gremminger made the motion to give Administrator Bryan the authority to make necessary arrangements to vacate after making sure of utility easements. Alderman Loughary seconded the motion. Hodge – aye; Sutton – aye; Christopher – aye; Loughary – aye; Gremminger – aye; Hulsey – aye. Motion carried.

Reschedule November Regular Meeting Date/Veteran's Day Holiday

Alderman Gremminger made the motion to move the November meeting to Monday, November 5 and Alderman Hodge seconded the motion. Hodge – aye; Sutton – aye; Christopher – aye; Loughary – aye; Gremminger – aye; Hulsey – aye. Motion carried.

Mayor and Aldermen Reports

Alderman Hulsey asked if a catch basin in front of the Greminger's would stop the water.

Alderman Hodge had nothing to report.

Alderman Loughary had nothing to report.

Alderman Gremminger apologized to the Gremingers. Hats off to all of the departments, especially the ones that are shorthanded. The fire department is looking for volunteer fire fighters.

Alderman Sutton asked when paving is scheduled for Chestnut Street in front of the middle school. They are waiting for a day when the schools are closed.

Alderman Christopher was glad to see the library back to magazines.

Mayor Kater, the city has hired two new officers for the police department, David Orr and Nicholas Basinger. He asked that those who plan to attend the MML Regional Meeting in Jackson, October 25, at 5:30 p.m. contact Dan.

Vote to Close the Meeting

Alderman Hodge moved to close the meeting pursuant RSMo 610.021 (1) & (3) Personnel. Alderman Loughary seconded the motion. Hodge – aye; Sutton – aye; Christopher – aye; Loughary – aye; Gremminger – aye; Hulsey – ay. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION BEGAN
8:15 p.m.
RETURNED TO OPEN SESSION
9:45 p.m.

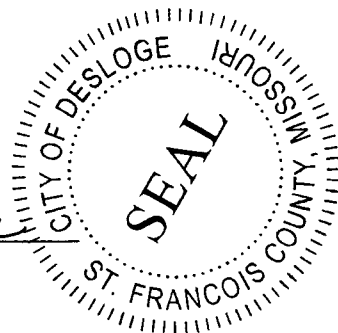
Adjourn

Alderman Christopher moved to adjourn and Alderman Gremminger seconded. Gremminger – aye; Hulsey – aye; Hodge – aye; Sutton – aye; Christopher – aye; Loughary – aye. Motion carried.

MEETING ADJOURNED
: p.m.

ATTEST:

Linda R. Moore
Linda R. Moore CMC, MRCC
City Clerk



David Kater
David Kater, Mayor

October 8, 2018

Exhibit A

Thank you for listening to my concerns again. In June we were hear speaking about rock, communication and our water problems. I have been told that part of my concerns were met with the addition of phone numbers for elected officials being paced on the city's web site. I haven't seen them myself, so I don't know if that is correct. I have also been told that our concerns about our water problem will not be corrected..

I have made my living in communication – studying it in college, teaching it and then working as a journalist and editor for more than 30 years. I think the reason I chose this field was a lesson my parents taught me and that was when you tell a person you are going to do something, then you are left with two choices You either do it or you contact the person and tell them you are not going to do it and give them the truthful reason for not doing it.

Some of those calls are not pleasant I have called a judge and told him we were writing a story about him being picked up by the highway patrol for driving the wrong way on Hwy. 67 while under the influence. I have called two state representatives and a former Desloge city administrator telling them we were doing a story on them being ticketed for DWI. I've called two police chiefs telling them we were doing stories on preconceived misconduct on their part. The list goes on. They were not easy calls to make and they were not happy. Several of those people still blame me for the stories which led some to resign and others to just go on with their lives.

When we left this meeting in June, the last words we heard from you were “ A problem with your water has been identified assomething that needs fixing and we have a plan to fix it” When I asked when, I was told, “when the workers get the time to do it.”

There have been several times since then that we have experienced the same drainage problem, but I just assumed that here just hadn't been time for you to fix it.

On August 20 following heavy rain, we made calls to the city administrator seeking an answer as to when work would begin. We couldn't get through to him. We made contact with others and were told he was on a conference call and couldn't take any calls.

About 30 minutes later, a street department worker came to our door and told us that the city had made the decision to not remedy the problem. He said he did not know the reason.

Shortly after that, Jason Harris called and told us that the aldermen had voted to not address our problem. He said there was not a reason given, they just voted to not do it during the alderman's report.

I was confused because at least two aldermen had assured us that the work would be done, just as the city administrator said as we left the June meeting.

I was later told by another person that the matter had been questioned by one of the aldermen and he had asked if we had been contacted and when he asked why the work was not being done, he was told that other residents on the other side of the street felt like that would cause problems for them.

He assumed the city had contacted the residents on the other side of the street. Well, the city didn't check with the neighbors, but I did and no one said the city had contacted them about any street work.

So, here's the problem. Someone is not telling the truth. Do what you want with the street. You will anyway. However, we call you out on honesty

Remember, a person is only as good as his word and someone's word is an untruth. We ask you once again to go ahead with a problem you have already identified and already have a solution to remedy, and fix our drainage problem.

Sherry Steminger