

Board of Alderman Minutes  
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### **OPEN MEETING**

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

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

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

### **PUBLIC FORUM (Only AGENDA items)**

### **Old Business**

### **New Business**

#### **DISCUSS AND/OR APPROVE LETTER TO STATE REPRESENTATIVES (Beaty)**

Mayor thanks Beaty for preparing that letter. It pretty much summarizes our situation but he wonders if the letter needs a little more polishing. Beaty has no objection to that. Beaty says that there are two laws that we can set the park board up under. The one we are set up under is for property taxes and there is one that can be set up under sales tax that would allow members on the board 2 miles outside of the city. Another town has a park set up under the sales tax and they have two park board members outside of the city. Our attorney said that we can't go outside of the city. Beaty already spoke to Bill Owen and Darrin Chappel and they suggested putting it in writing. Mayor suggested the park board review this letter. Beaty would like to dress up the letter and send it to the two representatives and senator. Mayor asks for consensus from the board to have Leon, Mayor and Dennis draft letter for review.

#### **DISCUSS AND/OR APPROVE BACKGROUND CHECK POLICY**

Clerk explains that the background policy needed to be updated and the attorney rewrote it for the board to review.

Motion by Icenhower to approve background check policy. Seconded by Roe  
Veach AYE, Beaty AYE, Lord AYE, Icenhower AYE, Roe AYE

### **Business Meeting**

#### **SEWER AND PUBLIC WORKS REPORT**

#### **FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

Motion by Icenhower to approve November 2023 and December 2023 financial statements as submitted. Second Beaty  
Veach AYE, Beaty AYE, Lord AYE, Icenhower AYE, Roe AYE

#### **PARK BOARD**

Report attached

#### **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

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**POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Interim Police Chief Arnott says that since our last meeting, several abandoned 911 calls, 2 domestics, stealing fuel, bulletins out looking for vehicle involved. Lord asks if anyone has applied for officer positions. Arnott stated they are waiting on birth certificate from one candidate and will put it on indeed next week.

**CITY CLERK**

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Sewer report attached

**APPROVE BOARD OF ALDERMAN MINUTES**

Motion by Beaty to approve Board of Alderman Minutes for December 12, 2023, December 14, 2023 and January 9, 2024. Second Roe  
Veach AYE, Beaty AYE, Lord AYE, Icenhower AYE, Roe AYE

**CLOSED SESSION**

Motion by Veach to go into Closed Session per RSMo 610.021 (3) at 6:48 p.m. Second Roe  
Veach AYE, Beaty AYE, Lord AYE, Icenhower AYE, Roe AYE

Motion by Beaty to go back to open session at 7:51 p.m. Second Roe  
Veach AYE, Beaty AYE, Lord AYE, Icenhower AYE, Roe AYE

**Mayor Report**

**MAYOR RECOMMENDS SCOTIA HOLDSWORTH TO THE PARK BOARD FOR A TERM TO EXPIRE 6/2024**

Motion by Beaty to appoint Scotia Holdsworth to the Park Board for a term to expire 06/2024.  
Seconded by Roe  
Veach AYE, Beaty AYE, Lord AYE, Icenhower ABSTAIN, Roe AYE

**Adjournment**

Motion by Roe to Adjourn at 8:03 p.m. Seconded by Veach  
Veach AYE, Beaty AYE, Lord AYE, Icenhower AYE, Roe AYE

  
Sara Davis, City Clerk

Park Board Update January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024

I apologize for not being in attendance tonight – I am coaching a team for the Park Board.

Basketball is in full swing, and we have 200 participants. The goal was 150. The parking lot was FULL, and the complaints were minimal! The season runs for 6 weeks and ends February 24<sup>th</sup>.

Chairman Icenhower and Park Director Kacie Counterman are meeting with Andrew Novinger Wednesday January 24<sup>th</sup> to discuss moving forward with a Park Plan. Icenhower will provide an update to the Board of Alderman in February.

Flag football and soccer are the next sports we will be planning. Our new Sports Coordinator Shawn Brower is working with Volunteer Brittany Counterman, to ensure we are prepared and organized. I am confident Shawn will be an asset to the Park Board.

Concessions take a lot of time and once we have a full board again, we will be asking/voting to hire someone to run concessions for the remainder of basketball season. We have had minimal volunteers.

Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Respectfully,

Jerra Icenhower

## **Street & Sewer Committee Report, January 23, 2024-corrected**

### **Street**

On Sunday January 21 the committee discuss preparations for the upcoming freezing rain arriving after midnight that day. The agreement was to have Kenny spread salt on the main streets as much as possible for pre-treatment of the freezing rain that was coming after dark. On Monday after the freezing rain arrived it was nearly impossible to safely drive the city truck around the city to spread more salt. Sometime before noon the temperatures had dropped below freezing and ice on the streets started melting.

Also on Sunday afternoon Jan. 21, the committee decided to close City Hall Monday until noon and re-evaluate the conditions before noon. A call was made to Sara and Chandra updating them about the plans. At 11:30 am Monday Jan. 22 the streets had improved some but still icy in many areas. Another call was made to Sara and Chandra to not come in the rest of the day. They both had taken their laptops home and could do work from home and the city hall phone rang to their cell phones.

### **Sewer**

City Hall did receive a check for \$74,588 from the Greene County ARPA County Wide Program for reimbursement of the camera inspection done for much of the city sewer lines. We also received a letter from Greene County on Jan. 17, 2024 that our submittal for reimbursement for much of the cost of the Highway CC Generator project was unfortunately not entered into their database when it should have been. That has been corrected and it's now entered for approvals before a check can be issued to our City for that reimbursement as well.

The new inboard bearing for the rotor in the lower oxidation ditch has arrived. It has not been installed yet. The electric motor on one of our Clarifiers has quit working. After doing some basic inspection and not being able to diagnosis the issue, Trinity our City Electrical Contractor has been called to diagnose the issue.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Roe  
Jeff Danderson  
Richard Icenhower