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Minutes of Board of Aldermen
July 13, 2021

An open meeting of the Board of Aldermen was held on Tuesday, July 13, 2021 in the City of Merriam Woods Complex.

Mayor Rusty Ault called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Mayor: Rusty Ault, Aldermen Ward 1: Sheila Karges, Leah McClain, Alderman Ward 2: Terri Conner, Rhonda Merriman (late 5:40 p.m.)**, Alderman Ward 3: Nikki Hendrick, Louella Kamkar.** All were present.

A Quorum was established for the meeting.

Joe Allen, Interim City Attorney, present
Hank Griffin, City Attorney, present
Karen Greening, City Clerk, taking notes

Minutes:
Terri made a motion to approve minutes from June 8 meeting. Sheila seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Monthly Reports:
Treasurer's Report-Karen reported that the total income for the month of June was $68,748.41. Total expenses were $164,564.30. (Expenditures included purchase of new dump truck and two police cars.) Net Income was -$95,815.89. Karen reported that the fuel tank readings were not in for May or June. Maintenance used 129.5 gallons and the Police Department used 70.1 gallons.
Administration-Louella reported that she, Leah, and Karen interviewed three candidates for the Utility Clerk position. Louella stated that she had one to recommend for hire during the executive session.
Sewer-None reported.
Water-Terri reported the team is doing shut offs and turning on water.
Roads-Terri reported the team is taking the dump truck in to prepare it to be able to use the plow.
Law Enforcement and Court-Chief provided the updated call list for the month of June. He also stated that he has partnered with a company to provide free gun locks and literature to residents. Chief said the police department is trying to be more transparent with calls, by placing them online on the police department website.

Louella made a motion to approve reports. Leah seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

New Business:

- **Taney County Sewer District**—Brad Allbritton, administrator for Taney County Sewer District, provided information and literature to residents and to the Board for the possibility of renewing of the upcoming sewer tax on the ballot for August 3. He provided information on what the tax has been used for in the past and plans for the future use of the money, if the tax passes. He provided information on what would happen if the tax does not pass.
- **Violations for City Ordinances**—What is the process?—Chief explained that there is a maximum number of violations and then the City can place a lien on the property. Each violation can lead to a court summons.
- **Add Chief to Animal Control and Police Department Bank Accounts**—Nikki made a motion to add Chief Nathan Atchison to the Animal Control and Police Department bank accounts. Rhonda seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.
- **Building Inspector**—Karen told the Board that John Whitman has announced that the end of July will be his last week as building inspector.
- **eCode Cost Updates**—Karen provided the Board with a list of costs to upgrade the General Code when and if the Board is ready to do so.
- **Proposed Ordinances and Ordinance Changes (Ordinance for Police Dog, Ordinance 380.070 Unauthorized Plates, Tags, Stickers, Signs, Ordinance 385.055 Towing of Vehicle Costs)**—Joe advised that the City should hold a public meeting to allow input for the suggested ordinance changes and additions, before it is taken to the Board for an approved added/changed ordinance. He also provided the numbers of State Statutes to refer to when writing the Ordinance.
- **Proposed addition of adding a Police Department Evidence bank account**—Terri made a motion to open an additional noninterest bearing bank account for police evidence. Sheila seconded. All in favor. Motion carried. Chief Nathan Atchison and City Clerk Karen Greening will have access to the account.
- **Procedures for Destroying Police Evidence**—Chief said he would like to table this for now. He is still doing research on this project.
- **Approval for Electric Work on Police Chief's Truck**—Due to a need to get immediate work done to the Chief's truck, a phone/in person vote was taken for the $2,264.00 repair for lights/sirens to the truck. Louella, Terri, Sheila, and Nikki voted yes to approve the work. This vote was taken June 16, 2021.
- **Bid for computer system, radios, mobile ticketing, and GIS mapping system for the police department vehicles**—Terri made a motion to approve the bids for the computer system, radios, mobile ticketing, and GIS mapping system for the police department vehicles. Sheila seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.
- **Rusty allowed Public Speaking for Resident on Vaccination Clinic**—A resident stated that she is working with a veterinarian to provide a rabies vaccination ($15.00) clinic for area residents and Merriam Woods dog registration for August 21 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. on the City Parking Lot. Rhonda made a motion to lower the **one day** non spayed/neutered dog registration from $20.00 to $10.00. Nikki seconded. All in favor. Motion carried. The registration of $5.00 will remain the same for the one-day clinic for spayed/neutered dogs.

- **Rusty allowed another resident to state that some road work is needed on Stone Road.**
- **Rusty allowed another resident to speak about her concern of the grinder pump on her rental property. She said she understood a decision was going to be reached this evening. She stated her view of what had occurred. Rusty stated that a Board member would call her after the meeting with an answer. The issue was going to be discussed in a closed session.**

Rhonda made a motion to close the open session. Louella seconded. All in favor. The Open meeting closed at 7:45 p.m.