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Minutes of Board of Aldermen
November 9, 2021

An open meeting of the Board of Aldermen was held on Tuesday, November 9, 2021, in the City of Merriam Woods Complex.

Mayor Rusty Ault called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Mayor: Rusty Ault, Aldermen Ward 1: Sheila Karges, Vacancy, Alderman Ward 2: Terri Conner, Rhonda Merriman, Alderman Ward 3: Nikki Hendrick, Louella Kamkar. Sheila was absent.

A Quorum was established for the meeting.

Joe Allen, City Attorney, present
Karen Greening, City Clerk, present

Minutes:

Rhonda made a motion to approve minutes from October 12 meeting. Nikki seconded. All in favor. Motion approved.

Monthly Reports:

Treasurer's Report-Karen reported the total income for October was \$77,230.53. Total expenses were \$184,530.78. Net income was \$107,300.25. Three large purchases included purchase of the K9 vehicle for PD, a utility truck for maintenance, and replacement of a pump on one of the water wells.

Administration-Louella reported that later in the meeting for safety issues, the Board might consider changing the office hours to 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. for the winter.

Sewer/Water-None

Roads-Gary stated that maintenance wants to keep the yellow trailer for road work, but it will need tires.

Law Enforcement/Animal Control-Chief reported the MWPD answered 104 calls and TCSO answered 40 calls. He stated that the old vehicles have not sold and perhaps need to be advertised in another manner. He is checking into body cameras and updated tasers. He is researching an online report submission system. He plans to sponsor a Community Christmas Decorations Contest. He added that the carport for PD has been ordered.

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

New Business:

- **Taney County Animal Control**—The Board stated that Nicole will take the daytime phone calls and report to Taney County. Chief will set up a line 4 for animal calls and will forward that line to his cell phone after hours.
- **Variance**—Nikki made a motion to grant a variance to place a 1995 Fleetwood mobile home at 4019 Oakwood, provided the owner brings the home up to code. Louella seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business:

- **General Code**—Nikki made a motion to adjust the dollar amount for the new invoice from General Code, estimation is between \$3,669.00 and \$4,213.00.
- **Clarification of Greenway Environmental Contract Definition**—Louella made a motion to return the lift stations maintenance back to MWPW Department. Nikki seconded. All in favor. Motion carried. Terri will talk to Greenway about lowering the price, since they will no longer be doing the lift stations.
- **Budget Approval for 2021/22**—Rhonda made a motion to approve the Budget as amended. Nikki seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

New Business:

- **Approve Danny Spears for Sewer Utility and Cost Service Board Representative**—Terri made a motion to approve Danny Spears as the new representative for the Sewer Utility and Cost Service Board. Nikki seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.
- **Approval of Dog Pound Software**—Rhonda made a motion to table the issue until the next Board meeting. Nikki seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.
- **Winter Hours for City Office**—Rhonda made a motion to change the City Office hours to 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. until the time changes with daylight savings time. Louella seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.
- **Insurance for new Water Meters**—Nikki made a motion to approve the approximate cost of \$1,717.00 for insurance for new water meters. Rhonda seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Nikki made a motion to close the Open Session, pursuant to RSMo 610.021 (1) legal matters and (3) personnel matters. Rhonda seconded. All in favor. Motion carried. The Open Meeting closed at 7:45 p.m.

Rhonda made a motion to reopen the Open Session. Nikki seconded. All in favor. The Open Session reopened at 8:23 p.m.

Employee evaluations/raises and legal matters were discussed during Closed Session.

Rhonda made a motion to adjourn. Nikki seconded. All in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.