

City of Merriam Woods

P.O. Box 238
4417 State Hwy 176
Merriam Woods, MO 65740
Phone: 417-561-4341 Fax: 417-561-5601



April 12, 2022

An open meeting of the Board of Alderman was held on Tuesday, April 12, 2022, in the city of Merriam Woods Complex.

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

Pledge of Allegiance.

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

A Quorum was established for the meeting.

City Attorney, Joe Allen present by phone
City Clerk, Nicole Rodman present.

Minutes:

Sheila Karges made a motion to approve minutes from March 8, 2022, meeting. Rhonda Merriman seconded. All in favor. Motion approved.

Monthly Reports:

Fuel Usage Report – Chief Lewis Reported the total fuel usage was 255.9 gallons. 241.4 by MWPD and 14.5 by MWPW.

Treasury Report- Chief Lewis reported total income: \$59,174.73. Total expenses \$81,841.62. Net income was \$-22,666.89. Road fund: \$173,454.96 as of 3-31-2022.

*we are still up by \$30,000 for the fiscal year.

*City Clerk Nicole Rodman will be taking over QuickBooks.

Unfinished Business:

*Sheila Karges stepped out.

Mayor Rusty Ault informed the board all the lots bid on by Mike Karges, except Cedarwood, can be sold for \$300/ea. Terri Conner made a motion to sell all the lots but Cedarwood, for \$300/ea. Nikki Hendrick seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

*Sheila Karges re-joined meeting.

Snow Routes: Rhonda Merriman made a motion to table until Gary can get routes done for Mays meeting. Sheila Karges seconded. All in Favor. Motioned passed.

New Business:

The City of Merriam Woods welcomed new Utility Clerk Jeanette Pelton.

David Casaletto expressed concern over the previously passed road tax from August of 2021. Mr. Casaletto asked if we're going to pay professionals to do it. The board explained what the road tax included and that our Public Works employees will begin paving roads with the new paver the city purchased, with Federal Stimulus Money the City received. The Board invited Mr. Casaletto to all future Board Meetings to help stay informed on future decisions for the City.

Susan Jones expressed concern over trash being burned in her neighborhood that contained a large amount of plastic. The plastic burning was causing some breathing issues for her and some of her neighbors. Chief Lewis said she can write a nuisance complaint in the future so MWPD can help regulate that.

*Chief Lewis suggested the City re-implement a burning trash ordinance.

Rhonda Merriman made a motion to vote Danny Spears in as S.U.C.S representative. Sheila Karges seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

The Caretakers of The Community Center brought the lease showing the agreement of \$1 per year for 99yrs. Copies were made. The caretakers believe \$20.00 was paid at the time of signing in 2003, Mayor Rusty Ault agreed to look for receipt of this transaction.

It was determined that Allison Construction is doing business on a residentially zoned street. After many complaints Chief Lewis searched property records that did show Sunrise is zoned residential. Chief Lewis will issue them a zoning violation. City Attorney will be sent ordinance after the meeting.