

# City of Merriam Woods

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May 10, 2022

An open meeting of the Board of Alderman was held on Tuesday, May 10, 2022, in the City of Merriam Woods Municipal Complex.

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call:

Mayor Rusty Ault, present

Alderman Ward 1: Sheila Karges, present

- Jason Criner, present

Alderman Ward 2: Rhonda Merriman was absent,

- Terri Conner, present

Alderman Ward 3: Nikki Hendrick, present

- Louella Kamkar was absent.

A Quorum was established for the meeting.

City Attorney, Joe Allen, present via conference.

City Clerk, Nicole Rodman, absent.

Chief of Police, Nathan Lewis, taking notes.

## **PREVIOUS MINUTES:**

Nikki Hendrick made a motion to approve minutes from April 12, 2022, meeting. Terri Conner seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion approved.

## **MONTHLY REPORTS:**

**Fuel Usage Report:** Chief Lewis reported total fuel used in April was 179.4 gal. 146.3 used by P.D and 17 by P.W., 16.1 gallon variance.

**Treasury Report:** Chief Lewis reported total income for April was \$54,547.15. Total expenses: \$136,450.35 (\$67,950.35). Net income was \$-79,654.80 (\$13,403.20).

**Road Fund:** \$95,934.92 Road related Supplies Spent: \$85,136.48

**Administration Report:** Chief Lewis reported City Hall answered 697 calls. 128 were P.D related.

- Thank you, residents, for taking care of the pantry

- 2 Notaries available now at City Hall
- Network project completed between City Hall and Public Works Building – Suddenlink for Public Works cancelled
- Recommend looking for another financial firm. Poor experience with Stone Financial recently
- Tornado Siren maintenance completed – Siren functioning again, last serviced in 2015. Should be serviced ever 3-4 years.

**Public Works:** Gary reported 3 water installs.

- Behind on roads due to rain.
  - Reminding everyone roads take time, over 26 miles of road to cover.

**Law Enforcement Report:** Chief Lewis reported 140 calls for service. 111 were handled by MWPD and 29 by TCSO.

- DEA Drug Take Back Event resulted in around 9lbs of prescriptions turned in for destruction
- Dropbox available in City Hall Lobby now
- Autism Awareness Theme Patches available for \$10 each at City Hall
- Benefits Barnabas Prep
- Acquired \$82,000 Generator for Police Station for free
- Online Reporting for minor crimes and public works requests to go live later this month

Nikki Hendrick made a motion to approve Department Reports. Sheila seconded it. All in favor. Motion carried.

**Unfinished Business:**

**Snow Route Ordinance:** Roads added to proposed ordinance for Snow Routes as follows:

Stone, Oakwood, Driftwood, Spruce, Old Trail, Maybe Lake, Cedarwood

- Snow Route Tabled for final draft for June meeting

Nikki Hendrick made motion to table until June meeting. Sheila seconded. All in favor Motion carried.

**MWPD Request to Purchase Incinerator:** Incinerator further discussed.

Nikki Hendrick made motion to purchase incinerator. Terri Conner seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

**New Business:**

**The Board welcomed newly elected Ward 1 Alderman, Jason Criner.**

**Donald Mitchel:** No Show

**David Casaletto:** Mr. Casaletto expressed that he wanted to see disbursements for how funds were being spent from the Road Fund. Mr. Casaletto was advised that bank statements for the Road Account are available online. Aldermen also explained the cost of having existing Public Works employees fix the roads vs cost of outsourcing to another company. Other residents asked questions on how long it was believed to be able to do sections of road and if Orchard would eventually be one of the roads completed as well. Gary explained why one road was selected to be done first and that was due to a

resident personally donating money toward that road. Also explained why others were selected and were due to being main traveled streets that connect the inner city to the Highway.

**New Ordinance – Water Service / Annexing into City Limits:** Mayor explained and presented new ordinance to require annexing into City Limits if wanting water from the City. The title for the proposed ordinance required correcting and needed to be sent to City Attorney prior to next meeting.

**Cities legal recourse for rental properties without Annual Inspection/Occupancy Certificate:** recommended to table for next meeting in order to consult with City Attorney in person

Nikki Hendrick made a motion to table until June meeting. Jason Criner seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

**Adoption of Taney County Hazard Mitigation Plan:** Plan needed to be adopted so that City can receive funding for disaster relief.

Nikki made a motion to adopt the Taney County Hazard Mitigation Plan. Sheila Karges seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

**Authorization of signers for closing procedures for sold City Properties:** Terri Conner and Nikki Hendrick volunteered to be available for closing procedures and to sign for the City.

Shelia made a motion to authorize Terri and Nikki to sign at closing proceedings for the City. Jason seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

**Add Terri Conner as signer to bank accounts except PD related accounts. Remove Louella Kamkar from bank accounts:**

Nikki Hendrick made a motion to add Terri Conner as a signer to City Bank Accounts (except PD related accounts) and to remove Louella Kamkar from City Bank Accounts. Sheila seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

**Nikki Hendrick made a motion to adjourn the May 10, 2022 Meeting. Terri Conner seconded. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 6:41 pm.**