

City of Merriam Woods

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

Mayor Rusty called the meeting to order at 5:59 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Mayor: Rusty Ault, Ward 1- Jason Criner, Sheila Karges. Ward 2- Terri Conner, Rhonda Merriman. Ward 3- Nikki Hendricks, Vacancy.

A Quorum was established.

City Clerk: Nicole Rodman was present.

Minutes:

Sheila Karges made a motion to approve minutes from June 14 meeting. Nikki Hendricks seconded. All in favor. Motion approved.

Monthly Reports:

Fuel Usage – Nicole Rodman reported total fuel usage for the month of June was 262.99 gal. All used by MWPD. It was also reported that we were without fuel for 2 weeks due to no delivery.

Treasury- Nicole Rodman reported total income for the month of June was \$63,084.74. Total expenses were \$59,025.35 with a net of \$3912.06

Administration-Nicole Rodman reported city hall took in 1353 phone calls, 136 were PD related.

Nicole reported there have been almost 450 new smart meters installed by Public Works and not active in our billing system. Utility clerk Jeanette Pelton had 2 days of training to set our billing system up with the new smart meters. Thank You Jeanette for your patience and hard work.

The City has given away 6 fans to citizens who are without air and many citizens have benefitted from the generosity of others in our food pantry. We would like to say a special thank you to our spaghetti dinner guy- Kurt Grief. Walmart for there snacks they donated and Prosecuting Attorney Anna Morrissey and family for the truck load of donations. If anyone else would like to donate, we are always accepting food donations or new personal items during regular business hours.

City Hall is also giving out free popsicles during regular business hours.

Public Works-Gary reported almost 450 meters have been installed and the guys have been working non-stop to get those in. They have had to halt work on the road waiting for a new tire for our equipment. Gary reported 2 watermain breaks were fixed as well. \$4,061.46 Were spent on road related supplies and cost.

Law Enforcement-Chief Lewis reported 154 total calls for service in the month of June. MWPD answered 121 of them and TCSO answered 33 of them.

Chief Lewis reported they are waiting on a permit from the DNR for the Incinerator and were collaborating with other agencies for pricing.

Chief Lewis is preparing this month for August Audit and that the online reporting is active.

Back to School Movie Night is scheduled for Saturday August 20. We will update the public as more plans are set.

MWPD is still hiring.

Sheila made a motion to approve. Rhonda seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business:

Snow Route Ordinance tabled until August.

New Business:

Anthony Mejia -3043 Driftwood set back lines. Will have public hearing on July 27 at 7:00pm to hear communities' opinion. Then board will vote on what to do.

Board voted that Utility clerk Jeanette is to have anyone water shut off that is showing 50 gal /hr leak or more.

Raintree Disposal's with the city is up – board decided to run add accepting bids for new waste management services after approval from Attorney. This is for trash collection at City Hall, MWPD, and Public Works Building only. Not the entire community.

Cox Rd Auction- The Board decided against participation in the auction, instead wants to focus on other things the city is doing.

Sheila Karges informed the board that her, Terri Conner, and Nicole Rodman have been going to local and State Government meetings to get as much information on grants as possible. We are actively pursuing several different avenues to fix the roads and appreciates the public's understanding that a multi-decade problem doesn't get fixed overnight. We have a board who is pro-active today.

Rhonda Merriam moved to close open meeting. Nikki Hendricks seconded. Open meeting closed at 6:59p.m