



August 9, 2022

Minutes of Board of Alderman

An open meeting of the Board of Alderman was held on Tuesday, August 9, 2022, 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: Ward 1- Sheila Karges, Jason Criner (arrived @ 6:17pm). Ward 2- Terri Conner, Rhonda Merriman. Ward 3- Nikki Hendrick.

Mayor Rusty Ault-present

Attorney Joe Allen- present on the phone

City Clerk- Nicole Rodman -present

A Quorum was established for the meeting.

Minutes:

Sheila Karges made a motion to approve minutes from July 12, 2022. Rhonda Merriman seconded it. All in favor. Motioned approved.

Monthly Reports:

Fuel Usage report-Nicole Rodman reported 223.7 gallons total fuel for July 2022, 23 gallons by MWPW and 195 gallons by MWPD.

Treasury Report: Nicole Rodman reported total income was \$65,035.55 for the month of July, 2022. Total expenses were \$64,505.83, leaving a net amount of \$529.72.

Road Fund for July of 2022 > \$111,765.95 > \$589.95 spent on road related supplies and costs.

City Hall: Nicole Rodman reported there were 1052 total phone calls taken in July of 2022. 109 of those were for MWPD.

*Thank you to those keeping the food pantry going!

*We also gave out 7 box fans to those without air.

Public Works: Gary Linnegar reported they installed 4 or 5 new meters bringing the total to almost 500 new smart meters installed. There were 3 water-main breaks/issues on Westgate that had to be fixed. MWPW moved the watermain 98ft into a better location. They did more work on Spruce Rd, and cleared off a garage that a resident paid the city to remove.

*Thank you to the residents in Ward 1 for their patience thru the many hours without water, and for future emergency please sign up with NIXLE to get mass alerts and notifications.

Gary Lininger informed board that we needed to order a breaker for the John Deer. He said it will be around \$18,000. Attorney Joe Allen said we need to seek bids or advertise for anything over \$12,000. City Clerk Nicole will advertise for this.

City Clerk Nicole Rodman informed board that she had talk to First Community Bank about the cities c.d. The loan officer she spoke with assured her the city could borrow against the c.d and more. The city was in very good standing with the bank and money is available if we find a fund matching grant for roads.

*AARPA Funds are not a good option for a fund matching road grant.

The City of Merriam Woods, Corporal Dustman, and Nicole Rodman presented Chief Nathan Lewis with the Purple Heart and several other bars and awards that Chief Lewis has earned either here or in the previous community he served. The Purple Heart was earned when Chief Lewis almost lost his life while on duty in St.Louis. It shows incredible courage that he continues to serve in the community in spite of the injuries he suffered while on duty. The City of Merriam Woods wanted to take the opportunity to honor Chief Lewis and thank him for his continued courageous service.

*Some residence who live on Stone Rd expressed frustration over the condition of there road and board assured we understood and were looking for long term solution.

Rhonda Merriman made a motion to close open meeting. Nikki Hendricks seconded the motion. All in favor. Open meeting closed at 7:55 P.m.