

City of Merriam Woods

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Minutes of Board of Alderman

An open meeting of the Board of Alderman was held on Tuesday, October 11, 2022, in the city of Merriam Woods Complex.

Mayor Rusty Ault called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Ward 1-Sheila Karges, Mike Robertson. Ward 2- Terri Conner, Rhonda Merriman. Ward 3- Louella Kamkar, Nikki Hendricks.

Mayor Rusty Ault- Present

City Clerk Nicole Rodman-Present taking notes.

A Quorum was established for the meeting.

Minutes:

Rhonda Merriman made a motion for minutes to be corrected and approved at the next meeting, due to roll call being entered incorrectly. Nikki Hendricks seconded. All in favor. Minutes tables until November's meeting.

Monthly Reports:

Fuel Usage-Nicole Rodman reported 254.1 gallons of fuel used in September. All used by MWPD.

Treasury- Nicole Rodman reported Total income for September was \$68,300.35. Total expense was \$94,887.74 with a net of-\$26,587.39. Road Fund was \$115,363.45 with \$2,166.55 being spent on road related supplies and cost.

City Hall-Nicole Rodman reported City Hall took 886 total phone calls, 117 of those calls being MWPD related.

Public Works-Gary Lininger reported they started paving Old Trail used 5 tons of cold patch. He reported all went well but they learned on this one and may do Spruce a little different, which is next on the list. Gary also reported one new install & 1032 Campground is still being cleaned up as it was a huge mess.

- Gary Lininger welcomed new Public Works employee Cody Payne to the team!

Law Enforcement-Chief Lewis reported 61 total calls for service in September. MWPD is still hiring and needs 3 more people to have a full staff, allowing for 24/7 officers on duty. Chief also reported on a FEMA trailer that he acquired free will help officers be able to work 48hrs at a time. Some of the other equipment that Chief Lewis acquired free was used by Forsyth is the Harvest Festival.

*Chief Lewis reported that MWPD will be working with Fire Department for this years trunk or treat to be held on October 28. Candy donation's can be dropped off at City Hall.

Unfinished Business:

None

New Business

Nikki Hendrick made a motion to table reading of the Adoption Ordinance until next month so it can be posted for 2 weeks. Louella Kamkar seconded. Motion passed.

Board voted on variance for Ronald Rine. Nikki Hendricks made a motion to approve the variance. Rhonda Merriman seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Tonya Friend came before the board to discuss concern over the snow routes and her ability to get to work on days that we have snow ice. Tonya lives on Cedarwood. Gary explained people not parking on snow routes during bad weather will help the city to keep roads clear. Rhonda told her that we cant get to roads to clear them or to put salt down if people were parked on them. Snow routes will help the city keep roads salted and cleared if possible, which will help people get to work and store etc.. It was also mentioned that the parking lots and MWPD parking lot were available in emergency for parking.

Chief Lewis asked the board to vote on purchasing a new police garage to protect to the police vehicles and equipment when not in use. Chief Lewis reported there was \$75000 left in the budget and the garage was estimated about \$30,000. Rhonda Merriman asked if there would be any more cost like security cameras ect. Chief reported the quote was for structure only. Chief reported this did fall under Capital Improvements in budget. Nikki Hendricks made a motion that the board pass on this feeling like its not in the budget this year. Sheila Karges seconded. Motion passed.

Gary Lininger asked board permission to buy salt for the year while we can. We are expecting bad winter weather this year and Gary feels the city needs to be ready. Gary said its 2000lbs for \$550. Rhonda Merriman made a motion to purchase up to 4 tons of salt. Louella Kamkar seconded it. All in favor. Motioned passed.

Rhonda Merriman made a motion to close open meeting and Shelia Karges seconded. All in favor. Open meeting closed at 7:04 p.m