

**City of Elsberry  
Regular Session  
April 13th, 2021  
Elsberry City Hall**

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Elsberry met on the evening of the above date at Elsberry City Hall, 6:30pm. Mayor Short presided over the meeting. Present were Alderman Taylor, Alderman Davis, Alderman Rockwell, City Attorney Rob Guinness, City Clerk Rachel Reed, City Treasurer Brooke Cerutti, and Police Chief Randy Davis. Also present were Justin Reaves and Ron Smith of Alliance Water Resources. Alderman Harper was unable to attend. Alderman Miller joined the meeting at 6:36.

Mayor Short called the meeting to order. The pledge of Allegiance was said and roll call deemed a quorum present.

**Reading and acting are unapproved minutes from previous meetings**

Alderman Rockwell made motion to approve the unapproved minutes.

Alderman Davis seconded the motion.

AYES – Alderman Taylor, Alderman Davis, Alderman Rockwell, Alderman Robinson

ABSENT-Alderman Harper, Alderman Miller

NAYES-0

Motion carried.

**Reading of unpaid bills approval to pay report**

Alderman Davis made a motion to pay unpaid bills.

Alderman Robinson seconded the motion.

AYES – Alderman Taylor, Alderman Davis, Alderman Rockwell, Alderman Robinson

ABSENT-Alderman Harper, Alderman Miller

NAYES-0

Motion carried.

**Approval of bills paid in March**

Alderman Rockwell made a motion to approve bills that were paid in March due to not having a meeting.

Alderman Davis seconded the motion

AYES – Alderman Taylor, Alderman Davis, Alderman Rockwell, Alderman Robinson

ABSENT-Alderman Harper, Alderman Miller

NAYES-0

Motion carried.

### **Presentation of the Certified Elections Results for Lincoln County**

City Clerk Rachel Reed read the election results.

Ward One had 2 different write in votes.

Steve Wilch-1

Curtissa Kerr-Hunter-1

Ms. Kerr-Hunter was not eligible to hold office.

Mr. Wilch is the ward one Alderman elect.

Ward Two

William “Sonny” Taylor with 82 votes

Ward three

Danielle Rockwell with 53 votes

### **Swearing in of Elected officials**

City Clerk Rachel Reed swears in Steve Wilch, William “Sonny” Taylor and Danielle Rockwell. They take their places on the board and Alderman Brent Rockwell and Alderman Robinson step down.

### **Appointment of City Clerk**

Alderman Wilch makes a motion to appoint Rachel Reed as City Clerk

Alderman Taylor seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote

Alderman Wilch-yes, Alderman Taylor-yes, Alderman Davis-yes, Alderman Rockwell-yes

AYES-5

ABSENT- Alderman Harper and Miller

NAYES-0

Motion carried.

Mayor Short asked to have the agenda amended to add the Appointment of the Judge.

Alderman Taylor made a motion to amend that agenda to add the Appointment of the Judge.

Alderman Davis seconded the motion.

AYES – Alderman Taylor, Alderman Davis, Alderman Rockwell, Alderman Wilch

ABSENT-Alderman Harper, Alderman Miller

NAYES-0

Motion carried.

Mayor Short also asked to amend the agenda to include the MACA Conference for the Court Clerk

Alderman Davis made a motion the amend the agenda to include the MACA Conference for the Court Clerk

Alderman Taylor seconded the motion.

AYES – Alderman Taylor, Alderman Davis, Alderman Rockwell, Alderman Wilch

ABSENT-Alderman Harper, Alderman Miller

NAYES-0

Motion carried.

Alderman Miller arrived at the meeting.

### **Appointment of City Attorney**

Mayor Short would like to appoint Robert Guinness for City Attorney

Alderman Wilch seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote

Alderman Taylor-yes, Alderman Miller-yes, Alderman Davis-yes, Alderman Rockwell- yes,  
Alderman Wilch- yes

AYES-5

ABSENT- Alderman Harper

NAYES-0

Motion carried.

### **Appointment of Police Chief**

Mayor Short would like to appoint Randy Davis as police chief.

Alderman Miller made a motion to approve this appointment.

Alderman Taylor seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote

Alderman Miller-yes, Alderman Davis-yes, Alderman Rockwell-yes, Alderman Wilch,  
Alderman Taylor-yes

AYES-5

ABSENT- Alderman Harper

NAYES-0

Motion carried

**Appointment of Judge**

Mayor Short would like to appoint Steve Hilleman.

Alderman Wilch made a motion to approve this appointment.

Alderman Taylor seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote

Alderman Davis-yes, Alderman Rockwell-yes, Alderman Wilch-yes, Alderman Taylor-Yes,  
Alderman Miller-yes

AYES-5

ABSENT- Alderman Harper

NAYES-0

Motion carried.

**Appointment of Mayor Pro Tem**

Alderman Rockwell nominated Steve Wilch to be mayor Pro Tem.

Alderman Taylor seconded the Motion.

Roll Call Vote

Alderman Rockwell-yes, Alderman Wilch-yes, Alderman Taylor-yes, Alderman Miller- yes,  
Alderman Davis- yes

AYES-5

NAYES-0

ABSENT- Alderman Harper

Motion Carried.

**Committee Appointments**

Mayor Short appointed Alderman Taylor, Alderman Davis, and Alderman Rockwell to the Emergency services committee.

Alderman Miller made a motion to accept these appointments.

Alderman Davis seconded the motion.

Roll Call vote

Alderman Wilch-yes, Alderman Taylor-yes, Alderman Miller-yes, Alderman-Davis, Alderman-Rockwell-yes

AYES-5

NAYES-0

ABSENT- Alderman Harper

Motion carried.

Mayor Short would like to appoint Alderman Miller, Alderman Wilch, and Alderman Taylor to the Infrastructure Committee.

Alderman Davis made a motion to accept these appointments.

Alderman Wilch seconded the motion.

Roll call vote.

Alderman Taylor-yes, Alderman Miller-yes, Alderman-Davis, Alderman Rockwell-yes, Alderman Wilch-yes

AYES-5

NAYES-0

ABSENT- Alderman Harper

Motion carried.

Mayor Short would like to appoint Alderman Harper, Alderman Davis, and Alderman Wilch to the Cemetery committee.

Alderman Davis made a motion to accept these appointments.

Alderman Miller seconded the motion.

Roll call vote.

Alderman Miller-yes, Alderman Davis-yes, Alderman Rockwell-yes, Alderman-Wilch,  
Alderman Taylor-yes

AYES-5

NAYES-0

ABSENT-Alderman Harper

Motion carried.

Mayor Short would like to appoint Alderman Rockwell as the Library representative.

Alderman Miller made a motion to accept this appointment.

Alderman Davis seconded the motion.

Alderman Davis-yes, Alderman Rockwell-yes, Alderman Miller-yes, Alderman Taylor-yes,  
Alderman Wilch-yes

AYES-5

NAYES-0

ABSENT-Alderman Harper

Motion carried.

Mayor Short would like to keep planning and zoning the same. Brent Rockwell, Conrad  
Cheatham, Justin Reaves, Adam Dreiseward, Steve Wilch and Mike Short.

Alderman Taylor made a motion to accept these appointments.

Alderman Davis seconded the motion.

Roll call vote.

Alderman Rockwell-yes, Alderman Wilch-yes, Alderman Taylor-yes, Alderman Miller-yes,  
Alderman-Davis

AYES-5

NAYES-0

ABSENT-Alderman Harper

Motion carried.

Mayor Short would like to keep Board of Adjustments the same, Kathy Crank, Jim Jeans, Susan  
Miller, Brian Gnade, and Brant Heitgard

Alderman Wilch made a motion to accept these appointments.

Alderman Taylor seconded the motion.

Roll Call vote.

Alderman Wilch-yes, Alderman Taylor-yes, Alderman Miller-yes, Alderman Davis-yes, Alderman Rockwell-yes.

AYES-5

NAYES-0

ABSENT-Alderman Harper

Motion Carried

Mayor Short would like keep Page Branch Park the same Sarah Hunt, Amy Lowe, JoAnn Cordsiemon, Mike Short, Curtissa Kerr-Hunter, Kimber Cordsiemon, and Angie Toland.

Alderman Taylor made a motion to accept these appointments.

Alderman Davis seconded the motion.

Roll Call vote.

Alderman Taylor-yes, Alderman Wilch-yes, Alderman Rockwell-yes, Alderman Miller-yes, Alderman Davis-yes

AYES-5

NAYES-0

ABSENT- Alderman Harper

Motion carried.

### **Project updates**

Boonslick- Chad Eggen gave an update on the water treatment plant. He gave a quick overview of how the process will go. He also gave an update on the demolition project. They are waiting on the State of Missouri to release the project. The comprehensive plan is in the final stages and should be finished shortly. Alderman would like Boonslick to provide a list of grants that are available. Chad also let us know that there are funds available for a worker's program that could help the City with mowing.

USDA- City Clerk Rachel Reed said that Michael Hartman sent a list of things that need to be submitted in order to move the project forward. She will be working on getting this list completed and sent into him.

Meco Engineering Jim Bensman- nothing to report

**PETITIONS, REMONSTRANCES, COMPLAINTS AND REQUESTS AND THE HEARING OF ANY PERSON OR GROUP DESIRING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD, EACH OF WHOM HAVE FILED PRIOR REQUESTS TO BE PLACED ON THE AGENDA IN COMPLIANCE WITH CITY CODE 24.105**

## **PUBLIC HEARING A REQUIRED BY LAW OR ORDINANCE**

No Public Hearings

## **ACTING ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **Purchasing a new police car**

Alderman Wilch made a motion to table this for review.

Motions dies due to no second.

Alderman Taylor made a motion to purchase the 2021 Dodge Durango for \$33917 with lease purchase financing.

Alderman Rockwell seconded the motion.

Alderman Miller-yes, Alderman Davis-yes, Alderman-Rockwell-yes, Alderman Wilch-no, Alderman Taylor-yes

AYES-4

NAYES-1

ABSENT-Alderman Harper

Motion carried.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Building at 314 and 316 Broadway**

Alderman Taylor made a motion to take the legal steps to take down the building and to hire Huenke Engineering to come and inspect the building.

Alderman Davis seconded the motion.

AYES-5

NAYES-0

ABSENT-Alderman Harper

Motion carried.

### **Training for the Police Department**

Chief Davis would like to have some training. The first is an FBI Leadership conference for \$695, the second is Missouri Police Chief Conference for \$350 and the third is called Virtual academy and this would be online training for the entire force in the amount of \$512.

Alderman Wilch made a motion to approve the training.



Alderman Taylor seconded the motion.

AYES-5

NAYES-0

ABSENT-Alderman Harper

Motion carried.

### **Purchasing stop sticks**

Mayor Short asked Chief Davis to get more bids. We would need 2 more bids before the board could consider this purchase.

### **Court Money Payment Processor**

Court Money would take care of our credit and debit card processing. There would be no cost to the City. The fees would be collected directly from the customer when the payment is processed.

Alderman Davis made a motion to make the change to Court Money.

Alderman Wilch seconded the motion.

AYES-5

NAYES-0

ABSENT-Alderman Harper

Motion carried.

### **BNSF Permit**

City Attorney lets the board know that the City needs a permit from BNSF to go under the railroad with a water line for the sewer treatment plant. The cost of this permit is \$3700 plus the required insurance of \$1266.

Alderman Wilch made a motion to approve purchasing the permit.

Alderman Davis

AYES-5

NAYES-0

ABSENT-Alderman Harper

Motion carried.

### **Purchasing 4 new flags**

Mayor Short said that we are on our last flag and we will need to purchase some more. They are \$249.99 per flag.

Alderman Davis made a motion to purchase 4 new flags.

Alderman Taylor seconded the motion.

AYES-5

NAYES-0

ABSENT-Alderman Harper

Motion carried.

### **Vulgar flag on 5<sup>th</sup> Street**

Alderman Taylor would like to do something about the flag on 5<sup>th</sup> Street. The flag is protected by the 1<sup>st</sup> amendment and there is nothing the City can do. Robert Guinness went to the house as a citizen and asked him to take it down and the homeowner said he would think about it. Robert Guinness would like to discuss this in closed session to give legal advice.

### **Liquor License for ECGA summer concert series**

Mayor Short would like to move on from this until City Attorney Robert Guinness can look something up for these licenses.

### **Fireworks Permits Ice House fireworks**

Ice House fireworks had applied for a fireworks permit to sell fireworks. They have provided all the required documents and paid the fee.

Alderman Davis made a motion to approve the fireworks permit.

Alderman Wilch seconded the motion.

AYES-5

NAYES-0

ABSENT-Alderman Harper

Motion carried.

### **Renting roller at \$675 for one week**

Justin Reaves would like to do some road patches to fix potholes. The roller would help make the repairs last longer. We can rent a roller for \$675 for one week.

Alderman Miller made a motion to approve renting a roller for one week at \$675.

Alderman Tayler seconded the motion.

AYES-5

NAYES-0

ABSENT-Alderman Harper

Motion carried.

### **Purchasing Cold Patch**

Justin would like to order 20 tons for \$2500 from Fred Weber.

Alderman Wilch made a motion to purchase 20 tons for \$2500 from Fred Weber.

Alderman Miller seconded the motion.

AYES-5

NAYES-0

ABSENT-Alderman Harper

Motion carried.

### **MACA conference for Court clerk Joan Cherry**

Joan would like to attend the MACA conference. The conference is \$250 plus hotel of \$460.49.

Alderman Taylor made a motion for Joan to attend the MACA conference for \$250 plus hotel.

Alderman Rockwell seconded the motion.

AYES-5

NAYES-0

ABSENT-Alderman Harper

Motion carried.

### **Liquor License for ECGA**

Robert Guinness stated that ECGA is a 501C3 organization so they can do all 5 permits at once but it would be 5 separate permits and they would have to pay a fee for all 5.

The dates are May 8<sup>th</sup>, June 26<sup>th</sup>, July 24<sup>th</sup>, August 28<sup>th</sup>, and September 25<sup>th</sup>.

Alderman Wilch made a motion to approve the Liquor License applications for ECGA.

Alderman Davis seconded the motion.

AYES-5

NAYES-0

ABSENT-Alderman Harper

Motion carried.

### **READING OF BILLS REQUIRING ONLY A FINAL READING FOR PASSAGE**

None

### **INTRODUCTION AND READING OF BILLS FOR PASSAGE**

#### **Bill 2021-04-001**

The board considered bill number 2021-04-001.

Alderman Taylor made a motion to read 2 times by title only.

Alderman Davis seconded the motion.

Roll call vote.

Alderman Wilch-yes, Alderman Taylor-yes, Alderman Miller-yes, Alderman Davis-yes,  
Alderman Rockwell-yes

Motion carried.

City Attorney Robert Guinness read Bill 2021-04-001 twice by title only.

Alderman Wilch made a motion to adopt Bill 2021-04-001

Alderman Taylor seconded the motion.

Roll call vote.

Alderman Taylor-yes, Alderman Miller-yes, Alderman Davis-yes, Alderman Rockwell-yes,  
Alderman Wilch-yes

AYES-5

NAYES-0

ABSENT-Alderman Harper

Motion carried.

#### **Bill 2021-04-002**

The board considered bill number 2021-04-002

Alderman Wilch made a motion to read 2 times by title only.

Alderman Davis seconded the motion.

Roll call vote.

Alderman Rockwell-yes, Alderman Davis-yes, Alderman Miller-yes, Alderman Taylor-yes,  
Alderman Wilch-yes

AYES-5

NAYES-0

ABSENT-Alderman Harper

Motion carried.

City Attorney Robert Guinness read Bill 2021-04-002 twice by title only.

Alderman Taylor made a motion to adopt bill 2021-04-002.

Alderman Davis seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote

Alderman Taylor-yes, Alderman Rockwell-yes, Alderman Wilch-yes, Alderman- Miller,  
Alderman Davis-yes

AYES-5

NAYES-0

ABSENT-Alderman Harper

Motion carried.

### **RESOLUTIONS WHICH REQUIRE ACTION OF THE BOARD**

Opening a new checking account for Show Me Courts with the Court Clerk and the City  
Treasurer as signers.

Alderman Miller made a motion to approve opening the new checking account.

Alderman Davis seconded the motion.

Roll call vote.

Alderman Davis- yes, Alderman Taylor-yes, Alderman Wilch-yes, Alderman Rockwell-yes,  
Alderman Miller-yes

AYES-5

NAYES-0

ABSENT-Alderman Harper

Motion carried.

## **REPORTS OF SPECIAL BOARDS AND COMMITTEES**

**Library**- nothing to report

**Cemetery**-nothing to report

**Infrastructure**- nothing to report

**Emergency Services**- nothing to report

**Page Branch Park**- nothing to report

**Old Glory Jubilee**- nothing to report

**Tree Board**- nothing to report

## **REPORTS OF ALDERMAN AND MAYOR**

**Mayor Short**- Mayor Short wanted to thank Alderman Brent Rockwell and Alderman Rita Robinson for their time on the board. He also asked that everyone keep Alderman Harper in their thoughts and prayers for a speedy recovery

**Alderman Miller**- nothing to report

**Alderman Taylor**- has had several complaints about potholes and water and sewer bills

**Alderman Harper**- absent

**Alderman Davis**- would like to know about the situation on Straight St. Chief Davis said that there have been tickets written. She also had a question about the camper parked on N 5<sup>th</sup> St and if we can do anything to get it moved. She also asked about changing the water rates to be billed for every 100 gallons instead of 1000 gallons. This will be discussed at in infrastructure meeting.

**Alderman Rockwell**-nothing to report

**Alderman Wilch**-asked if Mayor Short would like to schedule an infrastructure meeting now. Mayor Short said let's wait until we have talked to Michael Hartman about the rates.

## **REPORTS OF CITY DEPARTMENTS AND OFFICERS**

**City Attorney Robert Guinness**- nothing for open session

**Alliance Manager Justin Reaves**- wanted to let everyone know that that GIS equipment has arrived and they has training last week on how to us it.

**Police Chief Randy Davis**- Chief Davis said that we have everything that we need for digital ticketing. He has a special guest that he would like to introduce. Chief Davis presents a certificate of accommodation to officer Kevin Schell for his help in catching 2 murder suspects.

**City Clerk Rachel Reed**- nothing

**City Collector Brooklyn Cerutti-** nothing

**City Treasurer Rebecca Miller-**nothing

**MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

None

**PUBLIC COMMENT BY ANY PERSON OR GROUP DESIRING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD WHO HAS NOT FILED A PRIOR REQUEST TO BE PLACED ON THE AGENDA IN COMPLIANCE WITH CITY CODE 24.105**

None

**VOTE TO TAKE UP BUSINESS TO BE CONDUCTED IN CLOSED SESSION**

Alderman Taylor made a motion to go into closed session pursuant to RSMo section 610.021021 (1) Legal actions, causes of action, litigation, or confidential or privileged communications with its attorneys, (3) Hiring, firing, disciplining, or promoting of particular employees. (11) Specifications for competitive bidding, until either the specifications are officially approved by the public governmental body or the specifications are published for bid;(12) Sealed bids and related documents, until the bids are opened; and sealed proposals and related documents or any documents related to a negotiated contract until a contract is executed, or all proposals are rejected(13) Individually identifiable personnel records, performance ratings or records pertaining to employees or applicants for employment, and (14) Records which are protected from disclosure by law.

Alderman Wilch seconded the motion.

Roll call vote

Alderman Wilch-yes, Alderman Rockwell-yes, Alderman Taylor-yes, Alderman Davis -yes  
Alderman Miller-yes

AYES-5

NAYES-0

Alderman Harper- Absent

Motion Carried

Closed Session started at 8:09 P.M.

**Resume Open session**

Mayor Short resumed open session at 8:52 pm

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Alderman Wilch made a motion to adjourn.

Alderman Taylor seconded that motion.

AYES – Alderman Taylor, Alderman Wilch, Alderman Davis, Alderman Rockwell, Alderman Miller

ABSENT-Alderman Harper

NAYES-0

Motion carried.

Open session meeting was adjourned at 8:53 P.M.