

**City of Elsberry  
Regular Session  
August 13th, 2024  
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 Wilch presided over the meeting. Present were Alderman Hale, Alderman Harper, Alderman Rockwell, Alderman Hunter, Alderman Davis, Alderman Meyer City Clerk Rachel Reed, City Collector Tashua Chiodini, City Treasurer Lisa Grumich and Police Chief Dwayne Lewis. Also present were Taylor Burnett, and Brian Pieper of Alliance Water Resources.

Mayor Wilch 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 Harper seconded the motion.

AYES- Alderman Harper, Alderman Hale, Alderman Rockwell, Alderman Hunter, Alderman Meyer, Alderman Davis

NAYES-0

Motion Carried.

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

Alderman Davis made a motion to pay unpaid bills.

Alderman Rockwell seconded the motion.

AYES- Alderman Harper, Alderman Hale, Alderman Rockwell, Alderman Hunter, Alderman Meyer, Alderman Davis

NAYES-0

Motion Carried.

**Project updates**

Boonslick Regional Planning- Demo Project is moving forward and should get started in the next 30 days

USDA- nothing new to report

Cochran-Very close to going out for bid on the wastewater project.

**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**

Sam Byers- Closing Redwood from 209 Maple to Whispering Pines. Mr. Byers would like to close Redwood for Elsberry night out from 6-8 pm.

Alderman Harper made a motion to approve closing Redwood from 209 Maple to Whispering Pines from 6-8 pm on August 29<sup>th</sup>.

Alderman Hunter seconded the motion.

AYES- Alderman Harper, Alderman Hale, Alderman Rockwell, Alderman Hunter, Alderman Meyer, Alderman Davis

NAYES-0

Motion Carried.

Maureen McKeever-phone numbers to reach Alderman at City Hall. Ms. McKeever would like the board to consider upgrading the phone system to having voice mails for the Alderman.

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

### **ACTING ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

##### **Picnic Liquor License for ECGA**

The ECGA would like a picnic liquor license for October 4<sup>th</sup> 2024.

Alderman Davis made a motion to approve the Picnic Liquor License for the ECGA

Alderman Meyer seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote

Alderman Hale-yes, Alderman Rockwell-yes, Alderman Meyer-yes, Alderman Hunter-yes, Alderman Davis-yes

##### **Alliance Repair Cap**

Alliance would like to request the remaining \$6449.62 of the 2023 repair cap to be paid.

Alderman Rockwell made a motion to pay \$6449.62 to Alliance for the repair cap for 2023.

Alderman Meyer seconded the motion.

Roll Call vote

Alderman Hale-yes, Alderman Rockwell-yes, Alderman Meyer-yes, Alderman Hunter-yes, Alderman Harper-yes

Motion carried.

##### **New Locks for Police Department**

Chief Lewis would like to get new locks for the police department. These locks are biometric fingerprint locks that track who is coming in and out and when. Alderman Harper asked why we

needed to new locks. Mayor Wilch said that the back lock is programmable but we don't have access to change it and the lock to the evidence room is broken.

Alderman Rockwell made a motion to purchase the lock for \$299.99

Alderman Hunter seconded the motion.

Alderman Rockwell-yes, Alderman Meyer-yes, Alderman Hunter-yes, Alderman Davis-yes, Alderman Harper-yes, Alderman Hale-yes

#### Tires for the Police Car

Alderman Harper made a motion to table this to the next meeting.

Alderman Meyer seconded the motion.

AYES- Alderman Harper, Alderman Hale, Alderman Rockwell, Alderman Hunter, Alderman Meyer, Alderman Davis

NAYES-0

Motion Carried.

#### Purchasing Police Car

Chief Lewis reached out the Highway Patrol to see what cars they have. They do have a couple of explorers. Mayor Wilch would like to get the board's approval to spend up to \$35,000 on a car.

Alderman Hunter made a motion to approve spending up to \$35,000 on a police car.

Alderman Rockwell seconded the motion.

Roll call vote

Alderman Hunter-yes, Alderman Davis-yes, Alderman Meyer-yes, Alderman Harper-yes, Alderman Hale, Alderman Rockwell-yes

#### Street Drains

Mayor Wilch said that he wanted to rebid the street drains.

Alderman Hale made a motion to go out for sealed bids to repair 10 storm sewer street drains.

Alderman Harper seconded the motion.

Roll call vote

Alderman Davis-yes, Alderman Harper-yes, Alderman Hale-yes, Alderman Rockwell-yes, Alderman Meyer-yes, Alderman Hunter-yes

Motion carried.

### Getting City Hall property surveyed

Mayor Wilch would like to get City Hall property surveyed. The property in the back has been trashed and he believes it is the City's property.

Alderman Harper made a motion to get the City Hall Property surveyed.

Alderman Meyer seconded the motion.

Roll Call vote

Alderman Harper-yes, Alderman Hale-yes, Alderman Rockwell-yes, Alderman Meyer-yes, Alderman Hunter-yes, Alderman Davis-yes

Motion Carried.

### Audit Letter

The City has received a letter saying that a performance audit will be carried out by the state. The estimated cost is \$55,000 to \$80,000. This will end up costing each household roughly \$100.

### Accepting Lisa Grumich's resignation

Alderman Harper made a motion to accept the resignation from Lisa Grumich

Alderman Meyer seconded the motion.

AYES- Alderman Harper, Alderman Hale, Alderman Rockwell, Alderman Hunter, Alderman Meyer, Alderman Davis

NAYES-0

Motion Carried.

### Going out for applications for Treasurer

Alderman Meyer made a motion to go out or applications for Treasurer.

Alderman Davis seconded the motion

AYES- Alderman Harper, Alderman Hale, Alderman Rockwell, Alderman Hunter, Alderman Meyer, Alderman Davis

NAYES-0

Motion Carried.

### Water bill minimum for businesses

Alderman Hale would like to consider changing the minimum water bill for businesses. He said that a \$100 water bill is hard on small businesses. Tashua explained the minimum bill and what it covers. Changing the water to a lower amount would not make a big change in the total bill.

The sewer rate cannot be changed at this time and the bonds must stay on the bill until the bond is paid off. There was no action taken on the agenda item.

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

None

**INTRODUCTION AND READING OF BILLS FOR PASSAGE**

Bill 2024-08-001

The board considered bill 2024-08-001

Alderman Meyer made a motion to read bill 2024-08-001 2 times by title only.

Alderman Davis seconded the motion

Roll Call vote

Alderman Harper-yes, Alderman Hale-yes, Alderman Rockwell-yes, Alderman Meyer-yes, Alderman Hunter-yes, Alderman Davis-yes

Motion carried.

City Attorney Robert Guinness read bill 2024-08-001

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ELSBERRY, MISSOURI, TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO, AND TO EXECUTE, ON BEHALF OF THE CITY, A CONTRACT WITH MID-RIVER ASPHALT, INC. FOR STREET MILLING, OVERLAY, PAVING, AND RELATED SERVICES.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF ELSBERRY, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

**SECTION 1.** The Mayor of the City of Elsberry is authorized to enter into, and to execute, on behalf of the City, a contract with Mid-River Asphalt, Inc. for street milling, overlay, paving, and related services. The Mayor is also authorized to carry out and perform the terms of this agreement on behalf of the City, including executing all necessary authorizations and other documents required to carry out the terms of the agreement. A copy of the contract is attached to this Ordinance

**SECTION 2. Effective Upon Passage**

This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after the date of its passage.

Read two times and passed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of August \_\_\_\_, 2024.

Alderman Rockwell made a motion to adopt bill 2024-08-001

Alderman Meyer seconded the motion.

Roll Call vote

Alderman Davis-yes, Alderman Harper-yes, Alderman Hale-yes, Alderman Rockwell-yes, Alderman Hunter-yes

Motion carried.

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

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

**Library-** Alderman Harper wanted to let the board know that the trust at the library is going run out soon. They do not have any idea how much money is left. They have asked to see the trust information but no one will let them see it.

**Cemetery/Parks-** Alderman Davis said the roads are getting pretty bad at the cemetery. The committee set a meeting for August 21<sup>st</sup> at 6pm.

**Infrastructure-** Alderman Hale would like to get some no skateboarding and bikes on the sidewalks.

**Emergency Services-** nothing to report

**Tree Board-** nothing to report

### **REPORTS OF ALDERMAN AND MAYOR**

**Mayor Wilch-** Mayor Wilch would like to congratulate the legion boys for winning state. The roads will be getting done very soon. He also wanted to say that Lisa is not resigning because of the audit, she gave her notice well before we got the letter.

**Alderman Harper-** Alderman Harper wanted to thank Alliance for helping with a water leak at her daughter's house. She also asked about going into closed session and how she can get items put on the agenda for it. She would like to have a special meeting to discuss some items. Rob Guinness suggested a workshop.

**Alderman Hale-** Alderman Hale discussed the property next to the ball field and that we are supposed to be maintaining it. He would like the City to maintain it. Rob is going to look at the paperwork that was provided and get back to Alderman Hale about it. Alderman Hale asked about a hydrant on Broadway extension that is covered with brush. Alliance is going to take care of it.

**Alderman Rockwell-** Absent

**Alderman Hunter-**Alderman Hunter said that the ball fields are not in the city limits. She is concerned that the Elsberry officers have no jurisdiction. Chief Lewis said that they could go there if the county asked for assistance until they can get there.

**Alderman Meyer-** Alderman Meyer said that there is a stop sign at Lincoln and David is not visible and the bushes need to be cut back.

**Alderman Davis** – nothing to report

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

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

**Alliance Water Resources** – Brian went over the ops report

**Police Chief Dwayne Lewis-**Chief Lewis said he needs to know ahead of time if you need to visit the police department. The highway patrol said that anyone that comes in will need a background check. He is also working on getting the Facebook page back. Alderman Meyer

noticed that he asked for 2 locks. The board only approved one.  
Alderman Rockwell made a motion to purchase 2<sup>nd</sup> lock for police department.  
Alderman Meyer seconded the motion.

Roll call vote

Alderman Harper-yes, Alderman Hale-yes, Alderman Rockwell-yes, Alderman Meyer-yes,  
Alderman Hunter-yes, Alderman Davis-yes

**City Clerk Rachel Reed**- The Brownsmill tower will be drained and inspected on Thursday.

**City Collector Tashua Chiodini**- nothing to report

**City Treasurer Lisa Grumich**-nothing to report

**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**

Sue Beck asked about the PFAS and where the engineers are doing. She doesn't think things are moving fast enough.

Gina Tapley asked if we are still using the safer well. She asked about the things that are inoperable and why the board isn't interested. It was explained that these things are not testing or cleaning equipment and there are insurance claims in the work the repair them.

Alderman Meyer made a motion to close the meeting pursuant to RSMo Section 610.021 (1) Legal actions, causes of action, litigation, or confidential or privileged communications with its attorneys(3) Hiring , Firing, disciplining or promoting of particular employees(14) Records which are protected from disclosure by law.

Alderman Rockwell seconded the motion.

Roll call vote

Alderman Rockwell-yes, Alderman Meyer-yes, Alderman Hunter-yes, Alderman Davis-yes,  
Alderman Harper-yes,

Closed session started at 8:05 pm

Open session resumes at 8:32 pm

**ADJOURNMENT**

Alderman Rockwell made a motion to adjourn.

Alderman Meyer seconded that motion.

AYES-Alderman Rockwell, Alderman Hunter, Alderman Hale, Alderman Davis, Alderman Harper, Alderman Meyer

Nayes-0

Motion carried.

Open session adjourned at 8:32 pm

