

**City of Elsberry
Regular Session
February 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 Harper, Alderman Hale, Alderman Meyer, Alderman Davis, City Clerk Rachel Reed, City Collector Tashua Chiodini, City Treasurer Lisa Grumich and Police Chief Randy Davis. Also present was Brian Pieper of Alliance Water Resources. Alderman Rockwell was absent.

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 Harper made motion to approve the unapproved minutes.
Alderman Meyer seconded the motion.

AYES- Alderman Harper, Alderman Meyer, Alderman Hale, Alderman Davis
NAYES-0
Absent- Alderman Rockwell
Motion Carried.

Reading of unpaid bills approval to pay report

Alderman Meyer made a motion to pay unpaid bills.
Alderman Davis seconded the motion.

AYES- Alderman Harper, Alderman Meyer, Alderman Hale, Alderman Davis
NAYES-0
Absent- Alderman Rockwell
Motion Carried.

Project updates

Boonslick Regional Planning- Public Hearing tonight for the demo project. Boonslick is working to get invoices paid for Cochran with the ARPA grant.
USDA- nothing new to report
Cochran-Mayor Wilch said that Cochran is working on a proposal for an engineering report for PFAS.

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

Quentin Laws- Mr. Laws would like to invite the Mayor and board to an elected officials training on how to handle emergency situations. This will be held on March 6th from 6-8 in Troy.

Lincoln County Emergency Services Radio Agreement- Jim Johnson brought an agreement for the board to consider for radios in the police cars. These radios will make it possible to communicate with any law enforcement throughout the entire county. There is an ordinance later in the meeting to approve this agreement.

Richard Sadler- Mr. Sadler would like to ask the board to change his payment plan because he is out of work right now and is having a hard time paying. City Attorney Robert Guinness said this will be addressed in court due to it being a court matter.

Gina Tapley- Mrs. Tapley would like to know who is responsible for the water main break that happened in January. Mayor Wilch said that it was a contractor for Spectrum. Mrs. Tapley would like someone to be held responsible for water that had to be ran and the filters that needed to be changed.

Mrs. Tapley also asked if there was someone who Alliance is supposed to report to or if they just do what they want. Mayor Wilch said that they report to the board.

PUBLIC HEARING A REQUIRED BY LAW OR ORDINANCE

Public Hearing to discuss the upcoming demolition project by the City of Elsberry. The city will be demolishing four blighted properties (314 Broadway, 316 Broadway, 735 Broadway Ext, and 122 Mayes Ave) using Community Development Block Grant (2008-DN-05) funds.

Dawn Mowery with Boonslick regional planning commission said the purpose of the public hearing is to open it up for public comment on the continuation of demo project using a Community Block Grant. This will be to tear down 314 Broadway, 316 Broadway, 735 Broadway Ext, and 122 Mayes Ave.

Mayor Wilch asked if there was anyone in favor of the project. There was no one.

Mayor Wilch asked if there was anyone opposed to the project. There was no one.

Mayor Wilch closed the public hearing.

ACTING ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Library roof

There were two bids to replace the roof on the library the first is from John Beal roofing the total cost without any add-ons is \$25247.00. To upgrade to architectural shingles, it is an additional \$1900 and to ice and water guards it would be an additional \$864 and for new gutters it would be an additional \$6237. The other bid is from Master Elite the also provided some options. The first price is \$34395.03, the second option is \$31567.61 and the last basic option is \$30360.00.

Alderman Hale made a motion to accept the bid from John Beal roofing with the shingle upgrade

and the gutters and down spouts.

Alderman Davis seconded the motion.

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

NAYES-0

Absent- Alderman Rockwell

Motion Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Purchasing 50 MIU Registers, one round meter pit ring 36', 8 22" meter pits and 30 6' antennas

Alderman Davis made a motion approve the purchase.

Alderman Meyer seconded the motion.

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

NAYES-0

Absent- Alderman Rockwell

Motion Carried.

Water not being shut off at 123 Meadowview

Alderman Harper said that the water was supposed to be shut off at 123 Meadowview on January 17 and it wasn't shut off. This caused the residence to flood. Alliance then went and shut it off again but it was not shut off the second time either and the residence flooded a second time.

Alderman Harper would like Alliance to be held responsible. Brian Pieper with Alliance said he will get the owners contact info and file an insurance claim.

Water bills not getting delivered

Alderman Harper started to do some checking into the situation with the bills not getting delivered. She reached out to Alderman Davis who retired from the postal service to look into it further. Alderman Davis said that she spoke with the postmaster and was told all we had to do was get the walk sequence and sort them here and they would stay in the Elsberry post office. Alderman Davis said that she came in and spoke with Tashua and Rachel and Rachel was told by someone higher than the postmaster that it doesn't matter what we do the bills have to go to St. Louis even if we sort them.

Water bill for Jim Heitman at AJ's Tex-Mex

Alderman Davis made a motion to abate the sewer portion of the bill.

Alderman Meyer seconded the motion.

AYES- Alderman Harper, Alderman Meyer, Alderman Davis

NAYES-Alderman Hale

Absent- Alderman Rockwell

Motion Carried.

Alderman Hale made a motion to abate half the water to make the amount owed is \$1642.
Alderman Harper seconded the motion.

Roll Call vote

Alderman Davis-No, Alderman Harper-yes, Alderman Hale-yes, Alderman Meyer-yes
Motion carried.

Tractor Renewal

Alderman Harper made a motion to not renew the lease for the tractor.

Alderman Hales seconded the motion.

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

NAYES-0

Absent- Alderman Rockwell

Motion Carried.

Selling brush hog

Alderman Hale made a motion to sell the brush hog

Alderman Harper seconded the motion.

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

NAYES-0

Absent- Alderman Rockwell

Motion Carried.

READING OF BILLS REQUIRING ONLY A FINAL READING FOR PASSAGE

None

INTRODUCTION AND READING OF BILLS FOR PASSAGE

The board considered bill 2024-02-001

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 THE MISSOURI HIGHWAY AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION PROVIDING FOR THE EXTENSION AND ENHANCEMENT OF PEDESTRIAN SURFACE TRANSPORTATION ADJACENT TO MISSOURI STATE HIGHWAY 79; AND TO EXECUTE REQUIRED DOCUMENTS.

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 a contract with the Missouri Highway and Transportation Commission providing for enhancement and extension of pedestrian surface transportation adjacent to Missouri State Highway 79. 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 to carry out the terms of the contract. The terms of

the Contract are 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 February, 2024.

Alderman Davis made a motion to read bill 2024-02-001 2 times by title only.

Alderman Meyer seconded the motion.

Roll Call vote

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

Motion carried.

City Attorney Robert Guinness read bill 2024-02-001 2 times by title only.

Alderman Harper made a motion to adopt bill 2024-02-001.

Alderman Davis seconded the motion.

Roll call vote.

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

Motion carried.

Bill 2024-02-002

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 THE LINCOLN COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICES BOARD TO PROVIDE THE CITY WITH SUBSCRIBER RADIOS AND SYSTEMS FOR COUNTY WIDE EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS; AND TO EXECUTE REQUIRED DOCUMENTS.

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 a contract with the Lincoln County Emergency Services Board to provide the City with Subscriber Radios and Systems for county wide emergency communications. 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 to carry out the terms of the contract. The terms of the Contract are 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 February, 2024.

Alderman Hale made a motion to read bill 2024-02-002 2 times by title only.

Alderman Davis seconded the motion.

Roll call vote

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

Motion carried.

City Attorney Robert Guinness read bill 2024-02-002 2 times by title only.

Alderman Meyer made a motion to adopt bill 2024-02-002.

Alderman Davis seconded the motion.

Roll Call vote

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

Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS WHICH REQUIRE ACTION OF THE BOARD

REPORTS OF SPECIAL BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Library- nothing to report

Cemetery/Parks- nothing to report

Infrastructure- nothing to report

Emergency Services- nothing to report

Tree Board- nothing to report

REPORTS OF ALDERMAN AND MAYOR

Mayor Wilch- Mayor Wilch would like to thank the fire department for working hard to make sure that we were covered due to the water main break that we had.

Alderman Harper- Alderman Harper is happy that the work is done on 5th st.

Alderman Hale- Alderman Hale is happy with the work at N 5th.

Alderman Rockwell- nothing to report

Alderman Meyer-Alderman Meyer is still concerned about the dog around the school and asked Chief Davis if anything has been done. Chief Davis said that the owner has been cited and the dog is no longer here.

Alderman Davis- Alderman asked about the street lights at N and S 3rd.

REPORTS OF CITY DEPARTMENTS AND OFFICERS

City Attorney Robert Guinness- nothing to report

Alliance Manager Luke Drullinger- Luke went over his ops reports.

Police Chief Randy Davis- Chief Davis went over his reports and scheduling.

City Clerk Rachel Reed- nothing to report

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

Gina Tapley asked what the purpose of the rounding up on the bills was. Mayor Wilch said that most water companies round up.

Sue Beck asked if there has to be an ordinance for a stop sign to be placed. She also asked about the batwing mower and how it will be sold. Mayor Wilch said that it will be with sealed bids.

Alderman Davis 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 Meyer seconded the motion.

Roll call vote

Alderman Harper-yes, Alderman Hale-yes, Alderman Meyer-yes, Alderman Davis-yes
Motion carried.

Closed session began at 7:47 pm

Open session resumed at 8:28 pm

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Meyer made a motion to adjourn.

Alderman Hale seconded that motion.

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

NAYES-0

Absent- Alderman Rockwell

Motion Carried.

Open session adjourned at 8:28 pm

