

**City of Elsberry
Regular Session
January 14th, 2025
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 Rockwell, Alderman Meyer, Alderman Jennifer Hunter, Alderman Nora Hunter, City Clerk Rachel Reed, and City Collector Tashua Chiodini. Also present were Lucas Drullinger, 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 Harper made motion to approve the unapproved minutes.

Alderman Rockwell seconded the motion.

Alderman Harper-yes, Alderman Rockwell-yes, Alderman Hale-yes, Alderman J. Hunter, Alderman Meyer-yes, Alderman N. Hunter-yes

Motion Carried.

Reading of unpaid bills approval to pay report

Alderman Rockwell made motion to approve the unapproved minutes.

Alderman Harper seconded the motion.

Alderman Harper-yes, Alderman Rockwell-yes, Alderman Hale-yes, Alderman J. Hunter-yes, Alderman Meyer-yes, Alderman N. Hunter-yes

Motion Carried.

Project updates

Boonslick Regional Planning- We are moving forward with the WWTF.

USDA- We are moving forward with the WWTF.

Cochran- Mayor Wilch said that they are going to be doing some testing on the wells for PFAS.

This will in an additional cost of \$1394.

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

ACTING ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Snow Removal equipment/possible budget amendments

Mayor Wilch said that Kevin Hailey offered us a used salt spreader for \$750. It needs a couple parts but will get us going in the event of another winter weather event. Taylor with Alliance has 2 bids on the parts that are needed for the spreader. The first bid is from Knaphiede is \$1107.82. The second bid is from E and E Hydraulics is \$ 821.52.

Alderman Meyer made a motion to purchase the parts from E and E Hydraulics.

Alderman J. Hunter seconded the motion.

Roll call vote

Alderman Meyer-yes, Alderman N. Hunter-yes, Alderman J. Hunter-yes, Alderman Harper-yes, Alderman Hale-yes, Alderman Rockwell-yes

Motion carried.

Mayor Wilch said that we need another spreader. There is a used spreader for \$7000. It is only a year old and has only been used a few times. We have 2 other bids one is for \$9635 and the other is \$9173.

This amount is not in the budget but we can amend the budget and move \$7000 from contract labor to supplies and equipment.

Alderman Rockwell made a motion ament the budget as proposed.

Alderman J. Hunter seconded the motion.

Roll call vote

Alderman Meyer-yes, Alderman J. Hunter-yes, Alderman N. Hunter-yes, Alderman Harper-yes, Alderman Hale-yes, Alderman Rockwell-yes

Motion carried.

Location for posting agendas

Alderman Harper would like to post the agenda on the front door.

Alderman Harper made a motion to post the agenda on the front door.

Alderman Rockwell seconded the motion.

Roll call vote

Alderman Rockwell-yes, Alderman Hale-yes, Alderman Harper-yes, N. Hunter-No, Alderman J. Hunter-yes, Alderman Meyer-yes

Treasurer position

Mayor Wilch said that we do not currently have a treasurer and we are having a hard time finding one.

Alderman Harper made a motion to go out for applications for treasurer.

Alderman Rockwell seconded the motion.

Ayes- Harper, Hale, Rockwell, J. Hunter, Meyer, N. Hunter

Nayes-0

Motion carried.

READING OF BILLS REQUIRING ONLY A FINAL READING FOR PASSAGE

None

INTRODUCTION AND READING OF BILLS FOR PASSAGE

2025-01-001

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ELSBERRY CITY CODE BY ADDING A NEW SUBSECTION 110.350.11 TO ELIMINATE THE 2025 SCHEDULED THREE PERCENT INCREASE FOR WATER RATES.

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

SECTION 1: The Elsberry City Code is amended by adding a new Subsection 110.350.12 as follows:

“110.350 USER CHARGE RATES

12. The 3% increase referred to in subsection 4 of Section 110.350 that was scheduled to go into effect on January 1, 2025 for the 2025 year only, shall not be imposed.”

SECTION 2: Severability.

The provisions of this Ordinance shall be severable. In the event that any provision of this Ordinance is found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional, the remaining provisions of this Ordinance are valid unless the Court finds the valid provisions of this ordinance are so essentially and inseparably connected with, and so dependent upon, the void provision that it cannot be presumed that the Board of Aldermen would have enacted the valid provisions without the void ones or unless the Court finds that the valid provisions, standing alone, are incomplete and incapable of being executed in accordance with the legislative intent.

SECTION 3: Effective Upon Passage

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

SECTION 4: Incorporation into the Municipal Code

The City Clerk shall incorporate the terms of this Ordinance into the official City of Elsberry Municipal Code with all due dispatch.

Alderman Harper made a motion to read bill 2025-01-001 2 times by title only.

Alderman Rockwell seconded the motion.

Roll call vote

Alderman Meyer-yes, Alderman J, Hunter-yes, Alderman N. Hunter-yes, Alderman Hale-yes, Alderman Rockwell-yes

City Attorney read bill 2025-01-001 2 times by title only

Alderman Rockwell made a motion to adopt bill 2025-01-001

Alderman Harper seconded the motion

Roll call vote

Alderman Hale-yes, Alderman Rockwell-yes, Alderman Meyer-yes, Alderman J. Hunter-yes, Alderman N. Hunter- yes, Alderman Harper-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 wanted to thank the Elsberry Special Rd district for loaning us salt. We also had to hire an outside contractor to spread salt so we could get salt down and get the streets cleaned up. He would also like to thank Kevin Hailey for offering the salt spreader.

Alderman Harper- Alderman Harper thinks that we should plow the alleys when the people are not allowed to park on the street. They are not able to get out when we get a big snow. Mayor Wilch said that we don't maintain alleys and if we do it for one we would have to do all the alley's.

Alderman Hale- Alderman Hale asked how many salt spreader and snowplow trucks we have. Taylor said that we have three trucks but only one is working right now. The other 2 are having mechanical issues that are being looked at right now. Mayor Wilch wanted to thank Steve Keiser for clearing snow in front of the businesses on Broadway.

Alderman Rockwell- nothing to report

Alderman Jen Hunter- nothing to report

Alderman Meyer- Alderman Meyer asked if the equipment was checked before we needed it? Taylor said yes, it was all checked and was used before this storm. Everything was working. She is still getting complaints about the streets that need to be done. Alderman Meyer asked

about the Chief and what is going on with him. City Clerk Rachel Reed said that he was injured.

Alderman Nora Hunter – nothing to report

REPORTS OF CITY DEPARTMENTS AND OFFICERS

City Attorney Robert Guinness- Nothing for open session.

Alliance Water Resources – Taylor went over the ops report. Alderman Harper said that when you are hired to do a job you get that job done no matter what.

Police Chief Dwayne Lewis-nothing to report

City Clerk Rachel Reed- The phone bill is going way up. It was over \$1000. After calling AT&T it was explained that they are getting rid of the old land lines and are transitioning to internet lines. The only way we can get a lower bill is to switch the lines to internet. The bill will go from \$1000 to under \$200.

Alderman J. Hunter made a motion to keep the appointment on Friday and switch to the internet phones with the \$150 one time install and \$193 per month phone bill.

Alderman Meyer seconded the motion.

Roll call vote

Alderman Meyer-yes, Alderman J. Hunter-yes, Alderman N. Hunter-yes, Alderman Harper-yes, Alderman Hale-yes, Alderman Rockwell-yes

Motion carried.

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

none

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Rockwell made a motion to adjourn.

Alderman Meyer seconded that motion.

AYES- Rockwell, Hale, N. Hunter, Harper, Meyer, J. Hunter

NAYES-0

Motion carried.

Open session adjourned at 7:23 pm

