

**City of Elsberry  
Regular Session  
July 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 Harper, Alderman Miller, Alderman Davis, Alderman Rockwell, Alderman Wilch, City Attorney Rob Guinness, City Clerk Rachel Reed, City Treasurer Brooke Cerutti, City Treasurer Lisa Grumich and Police Chief Randy Davis. Also present were Justin Reaves, Josh Turner and Ron Smith of Alliance Water Resources. Alderman Wilch was absent.

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

Mayor Short asked to have the agenda amended to the resignation of officer Ryan Parker.

Alderman Miller made a motion to amend the agenda to the resignation of officer Ryan Parker. Alderman Wilch seconded the motion.

Ayes- Alderman Wilch, Alderman Taylor, Alderman Harper, Alderman Miller, Alderman Davis, Alderman Rockwell

Nayes- 0

Motion Carried.

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

Alderman Harper made motion to approve the unapproved minutes.

Alderman Miller seconded the motion.

Ayes- Alderman Wilch, Alderman Taylor, Alderman Harper, Alderman Miller, Alderman Davis, Alderman Rockwell

Nayes- 0

Motion Carried.

Motion Carried

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

Alderman Davis made a motion to pay unpaid bills.

Alderman Harper seconded the motion.

Ayes- Alderman Wilch, Alderman Taylor, Alderman Harper, Alderman Miller, Alderman Davis, Alderman Rockwell

Nayes- 0

Motion Carried.

### **Project updates**

Boonslick- nothing to report

USDA- nothing to report

Meco Engineering- Jim Bensman said that we have concurrence with USDA on the wastewater project. Construction authorization could be as early as July 23<sup>rd</sup>. Ground Breaking could possibly be late fall.

### **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**

Dustin Niffen- City Collector Brooke Cerutti let the board know that Mr. Niffen had a water leak and would like to ask for a payment agreement. His water bill is \$1339.95 before the abatement. The amount after to abatement would go to \$569.27. They have a previous balance of \$458.17 which would leave a total of \$1027.44. The landlord is going to pay some of the bill and Mr. Niffen is going to pay \$250 this month. He would like to ask for a payment agreement to pay \$68.03 per month plus the monthly bill for 6 months.

Alderman Harper made a motion to give abatement and payment plan as presented.

Alderman Wilch seconded the motion.

Ayes- Alderman Wilch, Alderman Taylor, Alderman Harper, Alderman Miller, Alderman Davis, Alderman Rockwell

Nayes- 0

Motion Carried.

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

No Public Hearings

### **ACTING ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no unfinished business.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Resignation to Officer Ryan Parker**

Alderman Davis made a motion to accept the resignation of Officer Ryan Parker effective 7/24/21.

Alderman Miller seconded the motion.

Ayes- Alderman Wilch, Alderman Taylor, Alderman Harper, Alderman Miller, Alderman Davis, Alderman Rockwell

Nayes- 0

Motion Carried.

### **Joint Scouring of water lines**

Mayor Short said that there was a meeting with the Fire Department, Alliance, and the City of Elsberry. Mayor Short said the Fire Department was not responsible for the situation that happened with the water. The issue is the age of the water lines. It would cost roughly 20-25 million dollars to replace the water lines in town. They came up with an aggressive flushing plan to see if it can help with the water until we are able to do more repairs. Alliance and the Fire Department are going to work together to do this flushing. The public will be notified when this flushing is going to be done.

### **Panic Button for City Hall**

Mayor Short said that there have been a lot of problems at City Hall with people yelling and screaming. There is no real security in City Hall. We have some information on panic buttons that would be placed in the Collector's office and the City Clerk's office. There would be a one-time cost of \$139 and then a monthly fee of \$41.50 for the monitoring. This offer is from Federal Protection.

Alderman Wilch made a motion to purchase the Panic Button for City Hall.

Alderman Taylor seconded the motion.

Ayes- Alderman Wilch, Alderman Taylor, Alderman Harper, Alderman Miller, Alderman Davis, Alderman Rockwell

Nayes- 0

Motion Carried.

### **Putting and a payment window in the Collector and Court Clerk's office**

Mayor Short would also like to put in payment window in the Collectors office and then make an opening in between the Collector and Court Clerk's office so they can both access it. Bryan Reed said that he would offer to time and labor to do the work. In his opinion it could be done for less then \$1000.

Alderman Rockwell made a motion to put in the payment window.

Alderman Miller seconded the motion.

Ayes- Alderman Wilch, Alderman Taylor, Alderman Harper, Alderman Miller, Alderman Davis, Alderman Rockwell

Nayes- 0

Motion Carried.

### **Bill from Jackson's Automotive for car 201**

The board approved the pay a bill last month for repair car 201. The approved amount was 1436.78. The bill came and it was \$1800.38.

Alderman Harper made a motion to pay the bill at \$1800.38.

Alderman Miller seconded the motion.

Ayes- Alderman Wilch, Alderman Taylor, Alderman Harper, Alderman Miller, Alderman Davis, Alderman Rockwell

Nayes- 0

Motion Carried.

### **Publishing the Financial Statement in The Elsberry Democrat**

Alderman Wilch made a motion to approve putting to financial statement in The Elsberry Democrat.

Alderman Davis seconded the motion.

Ayes- Alderman Wilch, Alderman Taylor, Alderman Harper, Alderman Miller, Alderman Davis, Alderman Rockwell

Nayes- 0

Motion Carried.

### **Closing Alley next to Shooter's Saloon on July 17<sup>th</sup> for anniversary celebration.**

Shooter's Saloon would like to close the alley for their celebration.

Alderman Davis made a motion to approve closing the Alley on July 17<sup>th</sup>.

Alderman Harper seconded the motion.

Ayes- Alderman Wilch, Alderman Taylor, Alderman Harper, Alderman Miller, Alderman Davis, Alderman Rockwell

Nayes- 0

Motion Carried.

### **Changing abatement amount for Gary Anderson**

Alderman Harper made a motion for him to pay \$347.86 and then he will be at a zero balance.

Alderman Davis seconded the motion.

Ayes- Alderman Taylor, Alderman Harper, Alderman Miller, Alderman Davis, Alderman Rockwell

Nayes- Alderman Wilch

Motion Carried.

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

None

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

### **Bill 2021-07-001**

The board considered bill 2021-07-001 to enter into a lease agreement with People's Bank and Trust to purchase a 2021 Dodge Durango Police vehicle.

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

Alderman Harper seconded the motion.

Roll call vote

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

AYES- 6

NAYES-0

Motion Carried.

City Attorney Robert Guinness read bill 2021-07-001 twice but title only.

Alderman Taylor made a motion to adopt.

Alderman Harper seconded the motion.

Roll call vote

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

AYES-5

NAYES-1

Motion Carried.

Mayor Short vetoed Bill 2021-07-001

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

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

**Library**- nothing to report

**Cemetery/Parks**- Mayor Short said the Marvin and Lynn Weakly would like to donate a picnic table to the parks in Elsberry. The board would like to have it put in the City Park.

Alderman Harper made a motion to accept the donation of the picnic table and put it in the City Park.

Alderman Rockwell seconded the motion.

Ayes- Alderman Wilch, Alderman Taylor, Alderman Harper, Alderman Miller, Alderman Davis, Alderman Rockwell

Nayes- 0

Motion Carried.

**Infrastructure**- nothing to report

**Emergency Services**- Alderman Taylor said that they have scheduled a meeting July 21<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 am.

**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 would like to call a special meeting on July 27<sup>th</sup>. He would like to go back and look at all abatements over the last 5 years. He would also like to ask the City Attorney to create a new ordinance to get rid of the abatement process. He would also like to have an ordinance that states all 6 board members must attend. He asked for the City Clerk to go back and see if any employee has cost the City money.

**Alderman Miller**- nothing to report

**Alderman Taylor**- Alderman Taylor wanted to ask about the ordinance that says anyone that has hooks on to City Water must annex into the City.

**Alderman Harper**- Alderman Harper wanted to ask about getting a planning and zoning meeting set up. Mayor Short let her know that the resident needs to request the meeting.

**Alderman Wilch**- Alderman Wilch wanted to thank Alliance and the Fire Department for coming together to find a solution for the water.

**Alderman Davis**-Alderman Davis wanted to ask about the Robison property and why it has not been cleaned up yet. Rachel Reed said she would call and ask Niles when he is going to get started.

**Alderman Rockwell**-nothing to report

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

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

**Alliance Manager Justin Reaves**- nothing to report

**Police Chief Randy Davis**- nothing to report

**City Clerk Rachel Reed**- nothing to report

**City Collector Brooklyn Cerutti**- 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**

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

Alderman Wilch 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. (14)Records that are protected from disclosure by law.

Alderman Miller seconded the motion.

Roll call vote

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

AYES-6

NAYES-0

Motion Carried

Closed Session started at 7:39 P.M.

## **Resume Open session**

Mayor Short resumed open session at 7:52 pm

Alderman Harper made a motion to allow public comment.

Alderman Miller seconded the motion.

Ayes- Alderman Wilch, Alderman Taylor, Alderman Harper, Alderman Miller, Alderman Davis,  
Alderman Rockwell

Nayes- 0

Motion Carried.

Chris Heatherly made a comment about the disconnect fee and how he was not disconnected.  
He also made a comment about the water being discolored when he filled his pool.

Gina Tapley made a comment about the water quality, and she feels there is no transparency.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Alderman Harper made a motion to adjourn.

Alderman Taylor seconded that motion.

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

NAYES-0

Motion carried.

Open session meeting was adjourned at 8:15 P.M.