

**City of Elsberry
Regular Session
May 11th, 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 Wilch, Alderman Taylor, Alderman Harper, Alderman Miller, Alderman Davis, Alderman Rockwell, City Attorney Rob Guinness, City Clerk Rachel Reed, City Treasurer Brooke Cerutti, City Treasurer Rebecca Miller and Police Chief Randy Davis. Also present were Justin Reaves and Ron Smith of Alliance Water Resources.

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 Wilch made motion to approve the unapproved minutes.

Alderman Taylor seconded the motion.

AYES – Alderman Taylor, Alderman Davis, Alderman Rockwell, Alderman Wilch, 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 Rockwell seconded the motion.

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

NAYES-0

Motion carried.

Project updates

Boonslick- nothing to report

USDA- nothing to report

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

Joe Shipman- request to have his connection fees partially waived due to trouble locating the main.

Mr. Shipman came into City Hall and asked if the board would consider reducing his connection fees by \$1000 because his contractor Matt Hartley had to locate the main. Justin Reaves said that there was nothing different about how they found the main. He also said that they did a little more then what they normally do in this situation. This matter dies due to no action from the board.

PUBLIC HEARING A REQUIRED BY LAW OR ORDINANCE

No Public Hearings

ACTING ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Changing Water Rates

Alderman Miller said that the infrastructure committee would like to leave the rates the way that they are. Matter dies due to no motion.

NEW BUSINESS

Alderman Wilch would like to amend the agenda to include tree removal at the cemetery.

Alderman Taylor seconded the motion.

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

NAYES-0

Motion carried.

Tree Removal at the cemetery

There are a few trees at the cemetery that need to be taken down. Kelly Skaggs will remove the trees for \$600.

Alderman Wilch made a motion to have Kelly Skaggs remove the trees for \$600.

Alderman Taylor seconded the motion.

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

NAYES-0

Motion carried.

Mobile Ticketing

The Emergency Services committee is making a recommendation to start using mobile ticketing. There would be a one-time cost of \$945 a yearly fee of \$2860 and then \$.50 per ticket.

Alderman Taylor made a motion for Chief Davis to get the needed paperwork together before the next meeting.

Alderman Harper seconded the motion.

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

NAYES-0

Motion carried.

Brooksher lift station

Justin does not have the numbers back yet on this.

Alderman Taylor made a motion to table this until next meeting.

Alderman Harper seconded the motion.

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

NAYES-0

Motion carried.

Acid wash for well and lowering pump

Justin let the board know that the well #3 will need to have an acid wash done. This treatment could help with the level of the water and we might not have to lower the pump. The cost for this treatment is \$12196 from Flynn Drilling. The cost of a new pump would start at \$7500 and that does not include the wire that would be needed or the casing for the wiring.

Alderman Harper made a motion to approve doing the acid wash.

Alderman Wilch seconded the motion.

City Attorney said that we would need to go out for bids for this. Justin said that we have a contract with Flynn drilling for maintenance items.

Alderman Harper asked to have her motion withdrawn with the consent of the person making the second. Alderman Wilch said he was fine with withdrawing the motion.

Mayor Short gave a directive for Justin to get bids from other companies.

Ceremony for the 20th Anniversary of September 11th 2001

Mayor Short would like to have a ceremony for the 20th Anniversary of Sept. 11th. He would like to form a committee to see if there is any interest in having a ceremony.

Alderman Wilch made a motion to create a committee for the ceremony.

Alderman Taylor seconded the motion.

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

NAYES-0

Motion carried.

City Clerk Rachel Reed volunteered to chair the committee. Mayor Short appointed Rachel Reed to the chairman of the committee.

Going out for bids for engineering company

Alderman Wilch would like to start looking for a new engineering firm to have on retainer for future projects.

Alderman Wilch would like to go out for requests for qualifications for engineering companies.

Alderman Taylor seconded the motion.

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

NAYES-0

Motion carried.

READING OF BILLS REQUIRING ONLY A FINAL READING FOR PASSAGE

None

INTRODUCTION AND READING OF BILLS FOR PASSAGE

None

RESOLUTIONS WHICH REQUIRE ACTION OF THE BOARD

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- Page Branch Park is planning a paint with a splash fund raiser.

Old Glory Jubilee- nothing to report

Tree Board- nothing to report

REPORTS OF ALDERMAN AND MAYOR

Mayor Short- Mayor Short welcomed Alderman Harper back.

Alderman Miller- nothing to report

Alderman Taylor- Alderman Taylor had a complaint about the side walks on Broadway and she said that the new sidewalks were supposed to go all the way to 7th st. Mayor Short asked to do some research on what happened.

Alderman Harper- Alderman Harper would like to lot sizes added to the agenda next month and what people can and can't do on them. Mayor Short would like to have planning and zoning committee meeting about this.

Alderman Wilch- Alderman Wilch would like to remind all department heads that purchase orders are needed for everything. It doesn't matter how much it cost. He also asked about the light being down at the Flag.

Alderman Davis-nothing to report

Alderman Rockwell-Alderman Rockwell asked about getting headstones set. Mayor Short let her know that this has been taken care of.

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- Chief Davis gave an overview of what happened in the month of April

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

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.

Alderman Harper seconded the motion.

Roll call vote

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

AYES-6

NAYES-0

Motion Carried

Closed Session started at 7:26 P.M.

Resume Open session

Mayor Short resumed open session at 7:45 pm

Alderman Wilch made a motion to go out for bids to clean up Robison property.

Alderman Harper seconded the motion.

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

NAYES-0

Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Miller made a motion to adjourn.

Alderman Davis seconded that motion.

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

NAYES-0

Motion carried.

Open session meeting was adjourned at 7:46 P.M.

