

**City of Elsberry
Regular Session
May 13th, 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 Harper, Alderman Bange, Alderman Claussen, Alderman Hunter, City Clerk Rachel Reed, and City Collector Tammy Ridings. Also present were Lucas Drullinger, Taylor Burnett, and Brian Pieper of Alliance Water Resources. Alderman Rockwell and Meyer were not present.

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 Bange seconded the motion.

Harper-yes, Bange-yes, Claussen-yes, Hunter-yes

Motion Carried.

Reading of unpaid bills approval to pay report

Alderman Harper made motion to approve the unapproved minutes.

Alderman Hunter seconded the motion.

Harper-yes, Bange-yes, Claussen-yes, Hunter-yes

Motion Carried.

Project updates

Boonslick Regional Planning- No new information

USDA- WWTF has started

Cochran- WWTF is going a planned and they have started working on the I&I work. They are looking for locations for the new wells.

**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 AS REQUIRED BY LAW OR ORDINANCE**

Alex Prenger from the state auditor's office introduced himself and stated that the audit had started. He would like residents to reach out with concerns. They will not be able to cover all the concerns but will cover the biggest concerns. Mr. Prenger went over the scope of the audit. Mr. Prenger stated it would take roughly 3 to 4 months to complete this audit however this is a rough estimate.

Rhonda Caswell has some water damage due pipes busting in the basement of her building at 110 S 4th St. She is claiming that the water was not shut off and this is what caused the damage. She would like her damage to be covered by the City. Brian Pieper with Alliance will meet with her to discuss this matter.

Stephan Gore wanted to introduce himself and he is starting a couple new businesses and he would like to speak with anyone who has questions about his business and he would like the rumors to stop.

Gina Tapley would like to see better planning on the City's part when it comes to snow removal and pot holes. She would also like to see the City have a tornado shelter. She would like to see better planning for emergency situations. Mayor Wilch let Mrs. Tapley know that she had reached her time limit.

ACTING ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Purchasing cold patch to fix potholes for \$3278

Alderman Harper made a motion to purchase 20 ton of cold patch for \$3278 from New Frontier materials

Alderman Hunter seconded the motion

Roll call vote

Alderman Harper-yes, Alderman Bange-yes, Alderman Claussen-yes, Alderman Hunter-yes

Motion carried

Lime pump at the water plant

The pump motor in one of the lime pumps has quit working. There are bids in the packet for replacement pumps.

Alderman Harper made a motion to purchase the replacement motor from Cardinal pump for \$1087.

Alderman Bange seconded the motion

Roll call vote

Alderman Bange-yes, Alderman Claussen-yes, Alderman Hunter-yes, Alderman Harper-yes

Motion carried.

Picnic Liquor License for ECGA

The ECGA has applied for picnic liquor for the summer concert series. The dates for the licenses are June 14th, July 5th, and August 1st.

Alderman Harper motion to approve the licenses.

Alderman Hunter seconded the motion.

Roll call vote

Alderman Claussen-yes, Alderman Hunter-yes, Alderman Harper-yes, Alderman Bange-yes

Motion carried.

Accepting Dwayne Lewis's resignation

Alderman Harper made a motion to accept his resignation

Alderman Hunter seconded the motion.

Roll call vote

Alderman Hunter-yes, Alderman Harper-yes, Alderman Bange-yes, Alderman Claussen-yes

Motion carried.

Accepting application for Police Chief

Alderman Hunter made a motion to accept applications for Police Chief.

Alderman Harper seconded the motion

Roll call vote

Alderman Harper-yes, Alderman Bange-yes, Alderman Claussen-yes, Alderman Hunter

Motion carried

Alderman Bange made a motion to accept applications until June 10, 2025.

Alderman Hunter seconded the motion

Roll call vote

Alderman Bange-yes, Alderman Claussen-yes, Alderman Harper-yes, Alderman Hunter-yes

Motion carried.

Approval of Pay request #4 for 465,390.

Alderman Harper made a motion to approve payment of pay request #4 in the amount of \$465,390.

Alderman Hunter seconded the motion.

Roll call vote

Alderman Hunter-yes, Alderman Harper-yes, Alderman Bange-yes, Alderman Claussen-yes
Motion carried.

READING OF BILLS REQUIRING ONLY A FINAL READING FOR PASSAGE

None

INTRODUCTION AND READING OF BILLS FOR PASSAGE

RESOLUTIONS WHICH REQUIRE ACTION OF THE BOARD

REPORTS OF SPECIAL BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Library- nothing to report

Cemetery/Parks- Alderman Claussen asked about the tree that needs to be torn down. She went to look for it and couldn't find it.

Infrastructure- nothing to report until the first committee meeting

Emergency Services- nothing to report until the first committee meeting

Tree Board- nothing to report

REPORTS OF ALDERMAN AND MAYOR

Mayor Wilch- Mayor Wilch would like to help Alliance with the help with getting the tornado siren repaired and the flagpole at the cemetery. He would also like to thank Billy Collins for letting us use the lift to fix the flagpole.

Alderman Harper- nothing to report

Alderman Bange- Alderman Bange reported on the trip the Mayor Wilch and him took to Jefferson City to speak with Representative Chad Perkins. Mr. Perkins was very optimistic about getting the funding for Elsberry. However, earlier today the process has stalled in the Senate.

Alderman Rockwell- absent

Alderman Claussen- nothing to report

Alderman Meyer- absent

Alderman Nora Hunter – nothing to report

REPORTS OF CITY DEPARTMENTS AND OFFICERS

City Attorney Robert Guinness- The date for the transfer of the Municipal court has changed to September 1st. He will have an ordinance for the board's consideration at the next meeting.

Alliance Water Resources – Taylor went over the ops report. He will mark the tree in the cemetery so the board members can find it. He thanked the Mayor for helping fix the cemetery flag pole.

City Clerk Rachel Reed- nothing to report

City Collector Tammy Ridings- 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

Alderman Harper 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 (14) Records which are protected from disclosure by law. (18) Confidential or privileged communications between a public governmental body and its auditor, including auditor work.

Alderman Hunter seconded the motion.

Roll call vote

Alderman Harper-yes, Alderman Bange-yes, Alderman Claussen-yes, Alderman Hunter-yes

Motion carried.

Closes Session began at 7:22 PM

Open Session resumed at 8:01

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Harper made a motion to adjourn.

Alderman Hunter seconded that motion.

Harper-yes, Bange-yes, Claussen-yes, J Hunter-yes

Motion Carried.

Nayes-0

Motion carried.

Open session adjourned at 8:01 pm

