

**City of Elsberry
Regular Session
November 9th, 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 Collector Tashua Chiodini, and Police Chief Randy Davis. Also present were Justin Reaves, Josh Turner 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.

Accepting Resignation of City Treasurer Lisa Grumich

Alderman Wilch made a motion to accept the resignation.
Alderman Taylor seconded the motion

AYES- Alderman Taylor, Alderman Harper, Alderman Davis, Alderman Rockwell, Alderman Wilch
NAYES-0
Motion Carried.

Alderman Wilch made a motion to amend the agenda to add Lime pump at the water plant.
Alderman Miller seconded the motion.
AYES-Alderman Miller, Alderman Taylor, Alderman Harper, Alderman Davis, Alderman Rockwell, Alderman Wilch
NAYES-0
Motion Carried.

Reading and acting are unapproved minutes from previous meetings

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

AYES-Alderman Miller, Alderman Taylor, Alderman Harper, Alderman Davis, Alderman Rockwell, Alderman Wilch
NAYES-0
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 Miller, Alderman Taylor, Alderman Harper, Alderman Davis, Alderman Rockwell

NAYES-0

Absent- Alderman Wilch

Motion Carried.

Project updates

Boonslick- Chad Eggen passed on a possible grant opportunity for water lines. Mayor Short has passed this along to Justin Reaves and Rob Guinness to look at.

USDA- nothing to report

Meco Engineering- 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

Julie Rodgers- County wide water and sewer study. Julie let the board know that the county is starting a county wide study to with the current providers to see what the current capacity is.

Cassandra Roberts- water abatement and payment plan. Ms Roberts had a water leak and would like to ask for a payment agreement.

Alderman Harper made a motion to approve a 6-month payment plan at \$65.32 per month plus her monthly bill.

Alderman Rockwell seconded the motion.

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

NAYES-0

Motion Carried.

Sue Beck- LIHWAP program. She doesn't wish to speak about this because it's on the agenda later.

Sue Beck- Vernon Ary water bill. Vernon and Tara Ary addressed the board about their water bill. They said that they felt like no one would help and that they were being harassed by receiving a ticket for no running water. Mayor Short asked when the ticket was written. City attorney Robert Guinness said it was written September 23 which was before this was brought to

the board. Mayor Short went over the bill with them and said that it doesn't look like a meter problem.

Sue Beck- Judy Kisner payments on her water bill. Ms. Kisner was shut off in March and April of 2021. She said that she was not treated fairly by City Clerk Rachel Reed. Rachel Reed said that she never dealt with Ms Kisner and that it was past City Collector Brooke Cerrutti. Mayor Short explained that there was an issue with the bills that showed the double amount during this time. Mayor Short also asked if she was sure that she spoke with Rachel? He said that Brooke Cerutti was the person that she would have talked to about this situation. He asked if her bill was correct as of right now. She said yes. Mayor Short would like to come up with a plan when someone has an issue with their bill.

PUBLIC HEARING A REQUIRED BY LAW OR ORDINANCE

No Public Hearings

ACTING ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS

-Funds for the American Rescue Plan

City Clerk Rachel Reed said that she went to the MWRA conference and they had a section the ARPA funds. She found out that the money must be spent on a project that is State Revolving funds eligible. We will need an engineering report. The money must be obligated by December 31 of 2024 and spent December 31, 2026.

NEW BUSINESS

-Heaters in the water plant

Justin Reaves said that the heaters in the water treatment plant have quit working. Justin had someone from Mid-State come out and look at them. They need to be replaced. The bid from Mid-State is \$6000 to replace the heaters.

Alderman Wilch made a motion to purchase 2 heaters from Mid-State for \$6000.

Alderman Harper seconded the motion.

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

NAYES-0

Motion Carried.

-Lime Pump

Justin said that 2nd lime pump is not working correctly. We had an issue with lime getting everywhere due to a hose malfunctioning. He has a bid from Municipal Equipment for \$4591.00

Alderman Taylor made a motion to purchase the lime pump from Municipal Equipment for \$4591.00

Alderman Rockwell seconded the motion.

AYES-, Alderman Taylor, Alderman Harper, Alderman Davis, Alderman Rockwell, Alderman Wilch

NAYES-Alderman Miller

Motion Carried.

-Review of bids for Abatement Inspection and Demo Inspection.

City Clerk Rachel Reed said that we need to have an asbestos abatement and demo inspection done before we can move forward with the Demo Project. We received one bid for each one. The asbestos abatement bid from St John Environmental is \$5000 which is \$1000 for each residence. The Demo Inspection bid is \$425 per structure from Boonslick. Chuck Eichmeyer from Boonslick recommends that the board award the bids pending the approval letter from CBDG.

Alderman Taylor made a motion to award the bids pending approval letter from CBDG.

Alderman Davis seconded the motion.

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

NAYES-0

Motion Carried.

-Cameras in City Hall and board room

City Clerk Rachel Reed has 3 different proposals from cameras. The first is from Vivint and it would cost \$2440.59 for seven cameras and a monthly monitoring fee of \$76.47. There are 2 options in the bid from Federal Protection. The first is an 8-channel recorder with 8 cameras. It would \$1481.77 and then \$163 monthly for monitoring. The 2nd option is a 16-channel recorder which is a lot more expensive.

Chief Davis said that he uses Night Owl Cameras at the Police Station and they don't pay a monthly fee.

Alderman Miller made a motion to table this to infrastructure meeting.

Alderman Taylor seconded the motion.

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

NAYES-0

Motion Carried.

-Holiday Tree Lighting and Santa Visit.

City Clerk Rachel Reed and City Collector Tashua Chiodini would like to have a Christmas event in the park/Santa visit in the park. PTO would also like to join us with their craft fair and

they would handle the vendors. Forrest Keeling is going to donate a tree that can be used for future tree lighting ceremonies. Tashua has offered to cut down trees from her property until the new tree is tall enough for us to use. The board decided on December 4th.

READING OF BILLS REQUIRING ONLY A FINAL READING FOR PASSAGE

None

INTRODUCTION AND READING OF BILLS FOR PASSAGE

The board considered Bill 2021-11-001

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ELSBERRY, MISSOURI, TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY TO ENTER INTO, AND THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE ON BEHALF OF THE CITY, A LOW INCOME HOUSEHOLD WATER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM SUPPLIER AGREEMENT WITH THE MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES FAMILY SUPPORT DIVISION.

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

SECTION 1. The City of Elsberry hereby enters into, and the Mayor of the City of Elsberry is authorized to execute on behalf of the City of Elsberry, a low income household water assistance program supplier agreement with the Missouri Department of Social Services Family Support Division. The terms of the Agreement are attached to this Ordinance.

The Mayor and the City Clerk (at the direction of the Mayor) are also authorized to carry out and perform the terms of this agreement on behalf of the City including executing all necessary authorizations and other documents required to carry out the terms of the agreement.

SECTION 2. Effective Upon Passage

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

Alderman Davis made a motion to read 2 times by title only.

Alderman Miller seconded the motion.

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

Nayes-0

Motion carried.

Alderman Taylor made a motion to adopt bill 2021-11-001

Alderman Harper seconded the motion.

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

Nayes-0

Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS WHICH REQUIRE ACTION OF THE BOARD

None

REPORTS OF SPECIAL BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Library- Alderman Rockwell said that the light that was installed behind the library was not bright enough. Robert Guinness said that he purchased a camera and was going to install it this weekend.

Cemetery/Parks- nothing to report

Infrastructure- Alderman Miller would like to thank Rachel and Tashua for helping get the water bills back in order.

Emergency Services- Need to schedule a meeting for budgets

Page Branch Park- nothing to report

Old Glory Jubilee- nothing to report

Tree Board- nothing to report

REPORTS OF ALDERMAN AND MAYOR

Mayor Short- Need to get budgets done.

Alderman Miller- nothing to report

Alderman Taylor- nothing to report

Alderman Harper- nothing to report

Alderman Wilch- nothing to report

Alderman Davis-nothing to report

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- Our cleaning person has quit coming and we are probably going to need to look for someone else.

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

No public comment

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Miller made a motion to adjourn.

Alderman Harper seconded that motion.

AYES-6

NAYES-0

Motion Carried.

Open session meeting was adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

