

**City of Elsberry
Regular Session
September 9, 2020
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 Davis, Alderman Harper, Alderman Rockwell, Alderman Robinson, City Attorney Rob Guinness, City Clerk Rachel Reed, City Collector Nicole Castleberry and Chief Randy Davis. Also present were Justin Reaves and Ron Smith of Alliance Water Resources

Mayor Short called the meeting to order and led in the pledge to the flag. Roll call deemed a quorum present.

Reading and acting are unapproved minutes from previous meetings

Alderman Harper made motion to approve

Alderman Davis seconded the motion

AYES – Alderman Taylor, Alderman Harper, Alderman Rockwell, Alderman Davis, Alderman Robinson

NAYS – 0 ABSENT – Alderman Miller Motion carried

Reading of unpaid bills

Alderman Davis made a motion to pay unpaid bills

Alderman Harper seconded the motion

AYES – Alderman Taylor, Alderman Harper, Alderman Rockwell, Alderman Davis, Alderman Robinson

NAYS – 0 ABSENT – Alderman Miller Motion carried

Project updates

Boonslick Regional

Mayor Short stated that we had a planning and zoning meeting with Chad Eggen about the comprehensive plan. We are moving forward with the plan.

USDA

Mayor Short stated that Michael Hartman going over a few things that we need to do, and Rob Guinness had the information to get those things done. Rob explained that we are waiting on the insurance company to give us the final details.

MECO Engineering

No representative was present from MECO.

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

Shooter's Saloon request to close alley for a cornhole tournament

City Clerk Rachel Reed stated that Shooter's has canceled the tournament and no longer wish to use the alley.

PUBLIC HEARING A REQUIRED BY LAW OR ORDINANCE

No Public Hearings

ACTING ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS

New roof for city hall

Rachel Reed stated that her husband is a commercial carpenter and he was able to get on the roof and found that the roof is in really good shape. The problem is the around the whirly birds and the vents going through the roof. They all need to be resealed. His guess was that we could fix the roof for around \$200. Justin Reaves said that Alliance would be able to take care of it.

Animal Control

Alderman Harper spoke with S&R Animal Control and they are willing to come back but they will do 5 visits for \$650. Rob Guinness gave Mayor Short some info on Pesky Critters. They could possibly be an option to contact. Alderman Harper offered to call and ask Pesky Critters about their services.

Community Service

Rachel Reed stated that she spoke with the Cities Insurance providers and anyone volunteers would be treated like employees as far as liability concerns. However, worker's comp would not cover volunteers. Alderman Rockwell asked Rob Guinness if the City could be liable if someone got hurt. Rob stated that he would not discuss liability in open session, but we could have waivers they could sign.

NEW BUSINESS

Letter for United Methodist Church to relinquish contract for Community Garden

Rachel Reed stated that the Methodist Church no longer wishes the lease the space known as the community garden. They have sent a letter stating this.

Alderman Taylor made a motion to accept the letter

Alderman Rockwell seconded the motion

AYES – Alderman Taylor, Alderman Harper, Alderman Rockwell, Alderman Davis, Alderman Robinson

NAYS – 0 ABSENT – Alderman Miller Motion carried

Rachel Reed stated that ECGA is interested in leasing the property.

Alderman Rockwell made a motion to reach out to ECGA to see if they are interested in leasing the property.

Alderman Taylor seconded the motion.

Mayor Short said that that offering the contract to ECGA is not on the agenda and we should not have a vote.

Ring Central phone system for the police department

Chief Davis would like to switch phone systems. Ring Central would be about \$40-\$50 cheaper a month.

Alderman Rockwell made a motion to let Chief Davis get bids on Ring Central and check into getting out of the 8x8 contract

Alderman Harper seconded the motion

AYES – Alderman Taylor, Alderman Harper, Alderman Rockwell, Alderman Davis, Alderman Robinson

NAYS – 0 ABSENT – Alderman Miller Motion carried

Cell phone for Chief Davis

Mayor Short asked to have this brought before the board because he does not remember ever having cell phones for department heads. A few months ago, the Chief's personal phone was added to the City's phone plan. Alderman Taylor said that he does not have a problem with this. We used to have phones for the police department but it was stopped because it was being abused. Alderman Rockwell asked for clarification on what exactly we were paying for. Chief Davis said that there was a phone that no one was using so he asked Sue Hogarth to switch the number to his personal number. Mayor Short states that this action was not authorized. Rachel Reed asked why should one department head get a cell phone when the rest of us do not? We all use our personal cell phones for city business. The Police Department can have calls forwarded to personal phones. City Collector Nicole Castleberry suggested issuing a credit for cell phone

usage for city business. Alderman Rockwell suggested tabling until next month to try to come up with something fair for everyone. Mayor Short explained that we need to decide what to do about the current situation. The change was not authorized.

Alderman Rockwell made a motion to table until next month

Alderman Harper seconded the motion

AYES – Alderman Taylor, Alderman Harper, Alderman Rockwell, Alderman Davis, Alderman Robinson

NAYS – 0 ABSENT – Alderman Miller Motion carried

Alderman Taylor would like to come up with a solution the include all company heads.

Mayor Short asked to have a city phone plan added to October's Agenda

Traffic-Surveillance Camera

Chief Davis would like to place cameras around town to monitor traffic. He would also like to put up a fake camera that they can move around. There are a lot of dark areas in town that are not monitored well. The Chief has a couple areas that he would like to put these cameras. He thinks that cameras would deter people from criminal activity.

Alderman Rockwell made a motion to get pricing and more information

Alderman Taylor seconded the motion

AYES – Alderman Taylor, Alderman Harper, Alderman Rockwell, Alderman Davis, Alderman Robinson

NAYS – 0 ABSENT – Alderman Miller Motion carried

Headstone Repair

Pam Stewart stated that the cemetery committee met and has made list of headstones that need to be leveled. Last year we leveled 25 for the cost of \$1377.52. This year they have made a list of headstones that need to be leveled. The cemetery committee would like to go out for bid to level the headstones.

Alderman Rockwell made a motion to go out for id

Alderman Harper seconded the motion

AYES – Alderman Taylor, Alderman Harper, Alderman Rockwell, Alderman Davis, Alderman Robinson

NAYS – 0 ABSENT – Alderman Miller Motion carried

Limiting the time spent in the cemetery after a service

Pam Stewart states that there is an issue with people spending too much in the cemetery after the service. The cemetery would like to recommend 1 hour after the start the service for the people to be out of the cemetery. If they remain in the cemetery after the 1 hour then \$50 per 1/2 hour will be assessed. Also, no service to start after 3pm. The issue is that when people are in the cemetery to late it causes overtime for the vault company and the Alliance employees.

Alderman Rockwell made a motion to have Rob Guinness draft an ordinance.

Alderman Davis seconded the motion

AYES – Alderman Taylor, Alderman Harper, Alderman Rockwell, Alderman Davis, Alderman Robinson

NAYS – 0 ABSENT – Alderman Miller Motion carried

Picnic Liquor License for ECGA

Rachel Reed stated that ECGA would like a picnic Liquor License for September 26th. They have completed all the necessary paperwork.

Alderman Harper made a motion to approve the license

Alderman Davis seconded the motion

AYES – Alderman Taylor, Alderman Harper, Alderman Rockwell, Alderman Davis, Alderman Robinson

NAYS – 0 ABSENT – Alderman Miller 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

None

REPORTS OF SPECIAL BOARDS AND COMMITEES

Library- nothing to report

Cemetery-Alderman Harper stated that we are having issues with the pond having something growing on it and it is not algae. She has asked Mike Talbot to look at it to see what it is. Justin has found a company called Aquaside. They would like a picture of it and they will send us what it is and how to get rid of it. They do not charge for this service.

Alderman Harper asked about the fence. We are just got the measurements and are working on some numbers.

Infrastructure- Mayor Short asked to have a meeting before the next meeting

Emergency Services- Mayor Short asked to have a meeting before the next meeting

Page Branch Park- Mayor Short said that they will be having a meeting tomorrow night

Old Glory Jubilee- nothing to report

Tree Board- nothing to report

REPORTS OF ALDERMAN AND MAYOR

Mayor Short- Would like to start having budgets meetings. Wish lists need to be turned in. He would also like to thank Alliance for working the water main break.

Alderman Miller- absent

Alderman Taylor- Would like to thank Alliance and the Police department for the work they are doing. He also asked Rob Guinness about the Spies properties. Rachel Reed stated that they properties are in the process of being sold.

Alderman Harper-Would like to thank Bryan Reed for looking are the roof.

Alderman Robinson-nothing to report

Alderman Davis-nothing to report

Alderman Rockwell-nothing to report

REPORTS OF CITY DEPARTMENTS AND OFFICERS

City Attorney Robert Guinness- There will be a request for an administrative warrant for Richard Sadler's house at 204 S 7th to cap sewer at Court on Monday September 14th. Mayor Short asked about the buildings on Broadway. Rob said that he is waiting on bids. Ray Robison is not responding.

Alliance Manager Justin Reaves- He is working with Elsberry Fire Department to do flushing when they need to do their testing. Mayor Short said that Matt Hartley is going to get numbers to the city to work some problems the city has.

Police Chief Randy Davis- nothing to report

City Clerk Rachel Reed- New software is up and running.

City Treasurer Tammy Sharpe- not present

City Collector Nicole Castleberry- 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

-There was no public comment

VOTE TO TAKE UP BUSINESS TO BE CONDUCTED IN CLOSED SESSION

Alderman Rockwell made a motion to go into closed session pursuant to RSMo section 610.021(1) Legal actions, causes of action, litigation, or confidential or privileged communications with it's attorney's

Alderman Harper seconded the motion

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

NAYES-0

Absent-1

Motion Carried

Closed Session started at 7:50 P.M.

Resume Open session

Mayor Short resumed open session at 7:54 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Rockwell made a motion to adjourn.

Alderman Harper seconded that motion.

AYES – Alderman Taylor, Alderman Harper, Alderman Rockwell, Alderman Davis, Alderman Robinson NAYS – 0 ABSENT –Alderman Miller Motion carried

Open session meeting was adjourned at 7:55 P.M.

