**CITY OF ELSBERRY**

**SPECIAL SESSION**

**BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING**

**MONDAY JUNE 26, 2023, AT 6:00PM**

**ELSBERRY CITY HALL**

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Elsberry met on the evening of the above date at Elsberry City Hall at 5:30 pm. Mayor Short presided over the meeting. Present were Alderman Harper, Alderman Hale, Alderman Rockwell, Alderman Wilch, Alderman Meyer, Alderman Davis, City Attorney Robert Guinness, and City Clerk Rachel Reed. Also Present was Police Randy Davis

Mayor Short called the meeting to order.

Roll call deemed there was a quorum present.

**Appointment of Police Chief**

Mayor Short said that he asked Randy Davis and Ed Smith to be here so the board could interview and meet Mr. Smith.

Mr. Smith introduced himself and went over his qualifications. Alderman Harper asked Mr. Smith is he ever served in the military. He said no. She also asked Mr. Smith is he was ever questioned about his service when he worked for the City of O’fallon. He said he went in the Marine Corp but he was released and they have all of that on file. Alderman Hale asked what his goals were for Elsberry. He said he doesn’t know a lot about Elsberry but he is all about community policing. Alderman Davis asked Mr. Smith why is wants to come work in Elsberry. He said that his wife is from Oklahoma and he likes the small-town feel. Alderman Harper asked if he is a sworn police officer in his current position. He said no but he is post certified and can be sworn in at any time. Alderman Hale asked if he had any legal issues from other places that you worked or people who have filed charges against him. Mr. Smith said he does have a lawsuit with the City of O’fallon and they asked him to be dishonest. Alderman Rockwell asked about the current situation with the low number of officers. He said it would be a challenge but it doesn’t scare him off.

Chief Davis said he is happy here and would love to stay. He is big on community policing and he is always available to the public. He has given his personal cell phone out the everyone. He went over the accomplishments that he made while here in Elsberry and the trust that he has built with the community. He is hoping to have his masters by the end of next summer. Mayor Short asked Chief Davis if he called Mr. Smith before this meeting. Chief Davis said no he did not that Mr. Smith called him. Mr. Smith said that he had several missed called from an Elsberry number and he called it back. It was Chief Davis. Chief Davis said that he did not call him.

Mayor Short appointed Ed Smith as Police Chief of Elsberry for a one-year term that will end in April of 2024.

Alderman Wilch made a motion to approve this appointment.

Alderman Meyer 2nd the motion.

Roll call vote

Alderman Meyer-yes, Alderman Rockwell-no, Alderman Davis-no, Alderman Hale-no, Alderman Harper-no, Alderman Wilch-yes

Motion failed.

Alderman Wilch made a motion to adjourn.

Alderman Meyer seconded the motion.

Ayes- Alderman Harper, Alderman Hale, Alderman Rockwell, Alderman Wilch, Alderman Meyer, Alderman Davis.

Nayes-0

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:25 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Rachel Reed

City Clerk

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