

**City of Dearborn**  
**Board of Alderman Regular Meeting**  
**April 10, 2023**

The Board of Alderman of Dearborn, Missouri met in regular session on April 10, 2023 at 7:00pm in the Robert S. "Bob" Bryan Community Center, Dearborn, Missouri.

The following officers and city personnel being present: Mayor Pro-Tem Don Kerns, Aldermen Pat Downing, Paul Gaume, Cole Reed, City Attorney Dan Fowler, Public Works Alex Ball and City Clerk Cindy Atkison.

Citizens and visitors present: Steven Coons, Stacy Carter, Elaine Greer and Sgt. Taulbee with Platte County Sheriff.

Mayor Pro-Tem Kerns opened the meeting at 7:00pm.

April 10, 2023 meeting minutes – Motion made by Alderman Gaume to approve, second motion made by Reed. Vote was 4 yea, 0 nay. Motion carried.

April 10, 2023 executive session minutes – Motion made by Alderman Downing to approve, second motion made by Reed. Vote was 4 yea, 0 nay. Motion carried.

Bills, warrants and payroll – Motion made by Alderman Gaume to approve, second motion made by Downing. Vote was 4 yea, 0 nay. Motion carried.

Financial Statement Review – Motion made by Alderman Gaume to approve, second motion made by Reed. Vote was 4 yea, 0 nay. Motion carried.

Oath of office was administered by City Clerk Atkison to incumbents Don Kerns and Paul Gaume who received the majority of votes in the 2023 general election for the two open Alderman-at-Large positions.

**Audience Comments and Concerns:**

Steve Coons was a tenant of Allison Apartments for many years, he recently moved because of the conditions and would like to offer his knowledge about how dangerous the building is. Attorney Fowler said based on his testimony a citation could be issued and asked for Steve's contact information to give the prosecutor.

Elaine Greer questioned whether sales tax on water/sewer for businesses was lawful and other towns do not apply sales tax on water because they want business in town. Attorney Fowler stated the City passed ordinance 214 section 1 in 2003 authorizing sales tax.

**New Business:**

Office Vacancy – Mayor Pro-Tem Kerns said a special meeting needs to be scheduled before the next regular meeting to appoint a mayor. Stacy Carter said she would be interested in filling an alderman position.

Sewer Extension – Alderman Downing and Alex met with Brock Pfost about sewer at Paradise Lake Estates development. Brock was not able to provide figures for the meeting. Discussion about a hydro vacuum for city to pump out and take to lagoon. Alex will

Kelly Parkhurst's property would be the least expensive to cross, someone needs to talk to him again. Discussion had on going through other properties or use MoDot easement along Y

Highway being most costly due to rock. It was decided Alderman Downing will talk to Kelly Parkhurst about crossing his property and see if there are any concessions to entice him. Alex said we have one family living there now and it will need to be pumped a couple times a month.

Street Lighting – City Clerk said it will be \$21.79 per month per pole at 6 poles. Board wants Every to proceed with the project design, they questioned if there any other fees or costs we are unaware of. Clerk inform Every to proceed.

Concession Stand - Alderman Kerns said he wants to give the concession stand and ballfield land to the school and needs the paperwork he wants to discuss this at the next regular meeting. Clerk mentioned the ball association pays for the lights/electricity used during their time period.

Alderman Downing asked if the tornado sirens ready to go up. Alex replied we are waiting on Blue Valley Safety and asked if Alderman Downing would mark the area for the sirens with flags.

### **Old Business:**

Community Center Janitorial – City Clerk informed the board two cleaning bids were received one from Devlyn who is currently cleaning, she would like to continue for \$175 per rental, plus \$225 deep clean and wants to include that multiple rental days would require a second cleaning cost. Devlyn also said renters need to keep to their scheduled times, she has to wait a couple hours for building to be empty. The second bid is from Linda Gaume with Paul Gaume helping. Paul will also take over rental key transactions and inspect building after rentals. The bid is for \$125 per cleaning. Attorney Fowler informed the board not to vote on that bid because of conflict. Discussion whether spouse could be paid,

Alderman Gaume volunteered to handle rental key transfer and inspections.

Alderman Reed motioned to raise Devlyn's rate to her current bid amount of \$175 for cleanings since the bid was received March 16<sup>th</sup>, second by Gaume. Vote was 4 yea, 0 nay. Motion carried. Special meeting to be held Monday, April 17<sup>th</sup> at 7pm for update from Alderman Gaume if Mickie Finch will do cleanings on her own for \$125 per rental.

Dangerous Buildings – Attorney Fowler said he hasn't received any new information since Shawn Allison expressed concern that someone from city will have to sign off with Every in order to restore electric service like previous Mayor Morey has done a couple times. This item can be taken off agenda until further notice.

Maturing Certificate of Deposit – Another CD is maturing May 3<sup>rd</sup>, current rate is .149% and can be changed to an 11-month term at 3%, signors can be updated without penalty. Alderman Gaume made motion to change the maturing CD to a 11-month term at 3% on May 3, 2023, second by Reed. Vote was 4 yea, 0 nay. Motion carried.

Insurance – Clerk reported additional cost for monument is \$23, tornado sirens approximate cost would be \$223 to the premium and new zero turn mower is \$75 additional.

### **Department Reports:**

Public Works – Alex reported the waterline replacement is complete, met with Pat and Brock Pfof about sewer for Paradise Lake. The water tower will need to be inspected and painted in the next 5 years, he is contacting companies to get approximate cost some companies have a maintenance plan which includes painting.

Parks and Recreation – Gravel for parking lot is needed.

Community Center – Already discussed.

Law Enforcement – Sgt. Taulbee reported there were 14 service calls resulting in six reports, no major crimes and six traffic tickets were written.

Planning and Zoning – Taren Stegman, 108 E 2<sup>nd</sup> St., Fence & Variance. Not in attendance, City Clerk said the sale has not closed, they are planning on moving in June 1<sup>st</sup> and want to be prepared to contain dogs and children.

City Clerk – City Clerk Atkison reported KC Water has increased the rate by \$2.76 per ccf. Discussion had on reviewing water rate and need to put \$30,000 debt reserve back into a CD. Digital sign request from Edgerton Masonic Lodge. The Historical Society is having monthly events for the next three months and to run a sign each month. Board approved all sign requests.

Alderman Gaume made motion to adjourn, seconded by Downing. Vote was 4 yea, 0 nay. Motion carried.

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Cindy Atkison, City Clerk

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Don Kerns, Mayor Pro-Tem