

**City of Dearborn  
Board of Alderman Regular Meeting  
April 12, 2021**

The Board of Alderman of Dearborn, Missouri met in regular session on April 12, 2021 at 7:00pm in Robert S. "Bob" Bryan Community Center, Dearborn, Missouri. Masks and social distancing were enforced.

The following officers and city personnel being present: Mayor Jamie Morey, Aldermen Don Kerns, Pat Downing, Cory Hott and Breanna Cheadle. Public Works Alex Ball, City Clerk Cindy Atkison and City Attorney Dan Fowler.

Citizens and visitors present: Shelly Morey, Elaine Greer, Mollie Gramer, Lily Gramer, Zachary Shanks, Don Sams, Dean Krug, Vicki Buckler, Melinda Hott, Charles Loren Reed, Jeffrey Williams, and Mark Cathcart.

Mayor Morey called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

March 8, 2021 Regular Meeting minutes – Alderman Cheadle made motion to approve minutes, Downing seconded the motion. Vote was 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

March 8, 2021 Executive Meeting minutes – Alderman Cheadle made motion to approve minutes, second by Downing. Vote was 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Bills, warrants and payroll – Alderman Kerns made motion to approve bills, warrants and payroll, second by Hott. Vote was 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Financial Statement Review – Alderman Downing made motion to approve financial statement, second by Cheadle. Vote was 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Oath Of Office – City Clerk Atkison read the Oath of Office to incumbents Don Kerns and Cory Hott.

**Audience Comments and Concerns:**

Lily Gramer asked where the money goes the City collects for building permits, Mayor Morey replied it covers the cost of office personnel to handle the permit and for the inspector to look over the site and bring the information to the Board.

Elaine Greer asked if the Board had plans for the land on the hilltop which if developed could bring more people to town. Mayor Morey replied there is no access other than an easement agreement allowing city employees to cross. Alderman Hott mentioned they are planning to open up 6<sup>th</sup> street and will use dirt from the hilltop in that project. Mayor Morey asked for the contract with Platte County Parks and Recreation on the hilltop be brought to the next meeting. The Historical Society is sponsoring a veterans' appreciation day April 17<sup>th</sup> from 10 am – 3 pm.

Don Sams said he is working with Dearborn Betterment Committee on this project and brought a drawing for his idea to move the War Memorial from City Hall to the Community Center, add a granite wall with veterans' names, raise the memorial up 3' and put it on a 10' x 10' concrete pad to make it maintenance free. He has spoken with the Scouts and they will help with landscaping and future maintenance. He plans on raising funds through Nodaway bank to start gofundme, maybe selling spots on the granite wall, there will be concrete benches and three flags depending on funds raised. Alderman Cheadle asked if the current memorial stone will be updated with new conflicts since Desert Storm with this project, he is not sure depends on funds. He is looking for permission to start fundraising, he does not have a good idea on the cost at this time but wants to get it done this summer. Alderman Hott motioned to allow the Dearborn Betterment Committee the use a 10'x 10' area off the southwest side of the Community Center for the memorial, second by Kerns. Vote was 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Jeff Williams with Tree Time Tree Service introduced his company's services and asked if it was something the City could use. Alderman Hott said if we need anything it would be on a one time basis and we would have to put it out for bid.

Loren Reed is still trying to get the sewer connected at 203 W Maple Leaf. They still need to find the t-connection to hook onto. A reminder that back when sewers were installed the City did not bring the connection to the property line at that time it was left on city property next to the road. Alderman Cheadle wanted to make sure the key issue was to

locate the sewer line and then dig down to it. Loren said he thinks line is about 14-15' down under asphalt. Loren mentioned they have never had sewer and have been charged for it in the past. Alderman Cheadle suggested the city and Reeds split the cost of locating equipment 50/50 up to \$1,000 if it's more than \$1,000 the remaining amount will be Reeds responsibility. Loren said he would consider that. Alex will bring cost to rent equipment to locate the line to next meeting at which time Loren can approve the amount.

#### **New Business:**

President of the Board – Alderman Hott made motion to leave Don Kerns as President of the Board, second by Downing. Vote was 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Move Veterans Memorial to Community Center – Discussed in audience comments and concerns.

Tree Service - Discussed in audience comments and concerns.

Tornado Siren Maintenance – Siren was turned back on recently. During the ice storm knocked power out, Evergy disconnected siren to fix outage and did not turn it back on.

#### **Old Business:**

Sewer Line Extension – Mayor Morey said this was taken care of in the special meeting April 10<sup>th</sup>.

Discuss Committee for Planning & Zoning or Healthy Homes – Mayor Morey said this was taken care of in the special meeting April 10<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Department Reports**

Public Works: Alex said got mulch put down in the parks. Alderman Hott suggested something be put down to keep weeds from growing in the smoking areas.

Parks and Recreation: No report.

Community Center: Rentals are increasing. Internet configuration needs to be moved up higher on wall to keep from being hit when moving tables or chairs in storage room, City Clerk to find out cost to move the for next meeting.

Law Enforcement: Deputy Cathcart summarized calls for the month and recent seat belt traffic stop campaign in Dearborn. Alderman Hott said Main Street and Z Highway still has a lot of speeders.

Planning and Zoning: Board reviewed the building permit applications for:

Methodist Church, 106 S June, New Sanctuary – The plans are well within the setbacks. They are planning a new sanctuary upgrade, have a circle drive and have a parking area. Dean Krug confirmed they will be able to go to the existing building lines on both structures. Alderman Downing questioned if the church was on the historical property list, Dean said that to his knowledge it was not. Alderman Hott motioned to approve building permit, second by Cheadle. Vote was 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Perry Patton, 705 Maple Leaf, Deck with Ramp – Alderman Hott said they already started building because it was an emergency so they have wheelchair access, he looked it over before they started and they are well within property lines. Alderman Hott motioned to approve the building permit, second by Cheadle. Vote was 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

City Clerk: Office cleaning is scheduled for April 21<sup>st</sup>. Terry Peterson with Redgate said he is looking at a rate increase and is considering doing either one large one or two 43 cents. The contract is up in December, there is one last option for a three year agreement. We have been with him six years and this is the first rate increase, he plans on being at the meeting next month. The digital sign has been down due to bad antennas, getting voice mail working at city hall took several calls to accomplish. A complaint was received about flag wording on 3<sup>rd</sup> Street. Doing a lot of research on consumption numbers and dollars in order to correct data in order to working on rate increase.

Mayor Morey questioned if Interurban has a small leak close to where the main was broken last October, Alex said there is a small leak they are watching it and plan on fixing.

Request to go into executive session pursuant to RSMo 610-021(1, 3) regarding legal and personnel was made by Mayor Morey. Roll call vote: Alderman Cheadle aye, Alderman Kerns aye, Alderman Downing aye, Alderman Hott aye. Vote was 4 ayes, 0 nays.

As there was no further business to discuss Alderman Cheadle motioned to adjourn, second by Hott. Vote was 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

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Cindy Atkison, City Clerk

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Jamie Morey, Mayor