

**City of Dearborn
Board of Alderman Regular Meeting
December 13, 2021**

The Board of Alderman of Dearborn, Missouri met in regular session on December 13, 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, Alderman Don Kerns, Pat Downing, Breanna Cheadle. Public Works Alex Ball, City Clerk Cindy Atkison and City Attorney Dan Fowler. Alderman Hott was absent.

Citizens and visitors present: Elaine Greer, Shelly Morey, Karen Sams, Don Sams, Mitch Sturke, Stacy Carter, Donald Swanstone, Jr. and Deputy Isaac Ray.

October 11, 2021 Regular meeting minutes – Alderman Cheadle asked for syntax correction of second sentence in Farmland Lease. Alderman Cheadle made motion to approve minutes with correction, second motion made by Downing. Vote was 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Bills, warrants and payroll – Motion made by Alderman Cheadle to approve minutes, second motion made by Kerns. Vote was 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Financial Statement Review – Motion made by Alderman Downing to approve minutes, second motion made by Cheadle. Vote was 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Audience Comments and Concerns:

Mitch Sturke said there are numerous power outages in town, he asked if City was able to do something about issue. Mayor Morey replied a complaint letter was sent to Evergy a few months ago and we have not had a reply.

Elaine Greer with the Betterment Committee asked if the Board would consider designs instead of colors on the fire hydrants, such as an Uncle Sam design.

Mayor Morey said we have a complaint about a couple dogs running town and we have owners name and address. Complaint was referred to the Sheriff's department.

New Business:

Bill 365 Ordinance 355 Approving Settlement with Alfra Communications – Mayor Morey read for a first time by title only Bill 365 Ordinance 355 an ordinance approving settlement with Alfra Communications. Alderman Cheadle made motion to approve, second motion made by Downing. Vote was 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried. Alderman Kerns read for a second time by title only Bill 365 Ordinance 355 an ordinance approving settlement with Alfra Communications. Alderman Cheadle made motion to accept, second motion made by Kerns. Alderman Downing asked if this covers all expenses. Attorney Fowler said it covers most but not all and if more explanation is needed it needs to be done in executive session. Alderman Downing requested more information in executive session.

Old Business:

None.

Department Reports:

Public Works: Talked to Roy Adams with Bryants Pump and his engineer about getting a second aerator for the lagoon. Engineer fee for a DNR permit fee is \$1,500, a build permit cost roughly \$1,300 and work

will cost about \$170,000. Brock Pfof is also getting us a bid. DNR has lowered our standards and the aerator will need to be done in the near future. Anderson Ford has work trucks in stock. Dodge has to be ordered and will cost more.

Parks and Recreation: No report.

Community Center: Alex said Cintas is leaving product every time they service the center and we need to return several cases. Cintas clothing will cost \$15.92 and \$29.92 every two weeks.

Law Enforcement: Deputy Ray reported there were 23 calls for service and 21 were traffic stops. Tip a Cop event supporting Special Olympics will be November 12th at Roxanne's.

Planning and Zoning:

Don Sams, 704 Maple Leaf, Rezone – to be completed next month.

Verizon, Water Tower Antenna Modification – Clerk received email today that price negotiation per antenna has been put on hold however, they want to know when permit will be approved. Attorney Fowler suggested this be tabled

City Clerk: DNR primacy fee will increase \$1.36 for residential users, some commercial users will increase \$9.04. There is no benefit to change primacy fee reporting periods due to our size. Chart to explain increase was reviewed by the Board, it was decided to put a short notice on water bills instead of mailing individual notices. Unisom Site management offered a lump sum of money to buy the lease for the water tower, which would give them right to add other carriers to the tower and give city a percentage. Clerk told them now was not a good time as we were in negotiations with Verizon. Water construction loan has been paid off. Alex suggested putting that money aside to paint the water tower, which will need it in the next five years. Reminder that candidate filing for office begins December 7th at 8am and ends December 28th at 5pm.

Elaine Greer asked about the deadline for the Parks and Recreation grant and if the used playground equipment cost anything. Alex replied grant deadline is January 18th at 5pm and that we have not heard back from Health Department on playground cost. She also asked what has been done with the property at 206 S Main that used to be a church, she thought a letter was sent. Attorney Fowler asked if it was still designated as a church, Elaine replied it hasn't been a church for several years and the city should get taxes for it. The information she has is the mother who inherited the property gave it to a daughter who lives in Kansas City and they are not very approachable. Oct 16th was a very good meeting about the Fox Hunt ground, the land is deeded to the Buchanan County and Platte County Fox Hunters Association who do not hold meetings regularly. She said the county informed her if something happens to their members the land will go into probate. She wondered if the City would be interested in the land if they are disbanding the Fox Hunters associations. Christmas in Dearborn is December 4th, there will be a lighting parade.

Discussion on tornado siren placement, one at the Methodist Church and Alderman Downing suggested the second siren on property across from TrexMart, he will contact Ronnie Foster to see if he will allow siren placement. If siren goes in alley by Methodist Church it will be in City's easement.

Request to go into executive session pursuant to RSMo 610-021(1) to confer with City Attorney was made by Alderman Downing. Roll call vote: Alderman Cheadle aye, Alderman Kerns aye, Alderman Downing aye. Vote was 3 ayes, 0 nays.

Mayor Morey said no votes were taken in executive session.

Bill 365 Ordinance 355 Approving Settlement with Alfra Communications – With the fact that Alderman Cheadle had made motion to accept second reading and second motion was made by Kerns. Alderman

Downing voted aye. Vote was 3 ayes 0 nays. Alderman Downing motioned to adopt, second motion made by Kerns. Vote was 3 ayes 0 nays. Motion carried.

Mayor Morey said an eagle scout would like re-do the three entrance signs for the city as his scout project. His suggestion is to have a metal cut out sign set in landscape blocks. Board decided to provide some material for project.

As there was no further business to discuss Alderman Cheadle motioned to adjourn, second by Downing. Vote was 3 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Cindy Atkison, City Clerk

Jamie Morey, Mayor