

City of Dearborn
Board of Alderman Regular Meeting
December 12, 2022

The Board of Alderman of Dearborn, Missouri met in regular session on December 12, 2022 at 7:00pm in the Robert S. "Bob" Bryan Community Center, Dearborn, Missouri.

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

Citizens and visitors present: Elaine Greer, Trace Stone, Jennifer Green, Stacy Carter, Shelly Morey, Mark Cathcart with Platte County Sheriff.

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

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

Mayor Morey announced he and his family are moving out of town, date is unknown at this time, he will continue to fulfill his duties as Mayor until then.

Audience Comments and Concerns:

Trace Stone questioned why a topic was added to the posted meeting agenda and not re-posted the day of the meeting. Attorney Fowler explained the preliminary agenda has to be posted 24 hours in advance to satisfy the sunshine law and can be subject to amendment.

Elaine Greer questioned how Cole Reed was appointed, she feels it is a conflict of interest that Shelly Morey handles the community center rental calendar, she requested events open to the public be shown as such on the calendar instead of "busy". Board decided that public events can be shown.

Trace Stone asked if Cheer Squad could utilize the center after the seniors and asked to waive the non-profit rental fee if they clean up afterward. Board decided the center could be utilized after the seniors by the Cheer Squad and the fee would be waived if they clean up afterwards.

Shelly Morey stated she will no longer be able to handle rentals for the community center and is resigning as of tonight.

New Business:

Water Connection Fee Increase – Alex informed the board the water connection fee needs to be increased to \$5,000 in order to cover increase in materials. Towns like Weston are \$6,500. Alderman Reed motioned to update the water connection fee from \$3,500 to \$5,000, second by Gaume. Vote was 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Community Center Janitorial – Shelly confirmed that Devlyn Frazier (Aggro Cleaning) will continue cleaning through the holidays. Board reviewed bid notice and packet. Alderman Downing motioned to put notice for Community Center Cleaning Bids in Platte County Citizen, The Landmark and St. Joseph News Press, second by Reed. Vote was 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Audit 2021 & 2022 – Kenny D. Hales, CPA sent an engagement letter to audit 2021 and 2022 for \$5,500. Alderman Reed motioned to approve the engagement letter with Kenny D. Hales to audit 2021 and 2022 at \$5,500, second by Gaume. Vote was 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

2023 Budget – Board reviewed a rough preliminary budget.

No Parking at Corners of 2nd Street at Main Street – Alderman Reed said a vehicle was parked on Y Highway (Main Street) with the back end sitting halfway into 2nd Street, creating a traffic hazard. Discussion of current ordinances in place, Attorney Fowler said Section 355.010 Stopping, Standing or Parking Prohibited addresses the issue.

Old Business:

Relocate Waterline for Bridge Replacement – State has deadline to have waterline relocated is March 2023. Brock is working on the numbers, he suggested boring for a future sewer line while boring machine is here and three new shut off valves. Sewer line needs to be bored no matter which direction the line comes in.

Tornado Sirens – Surveys are complete, they will send both digital and paper copies of the surveys once payment is received.

City Hall Expansion – No information, Morey asked for this item be removed from the agenda.

6th Street - No information, Morey asked for this item be removed from the agenda.

Department Reports:

Public Works – Alex asked to move personnel increases to February instead of March so that he can attend since he is always at the MRWA conference in March. Mayor Morey agreed to move this to February.

Parks and Recreation – No information.

Community Center – Devlyn Frazier (Aggro Cleaning) asked to have the cleaning fee waived for her rental in May because she will clean afterwards, Board decided not to waive the fee. The cleaning invoice for November showed an additional charge to clean and sanitize a second time after a rental because of vomit and fecal matter. Board decided not to return the deposit. Mayor Morey said this rental was the one where the smoke detectors were all going off during part of their event.

Law Enforcement – Mark Cathcart reported they have responded to 19 service calls, no major crimes occurred, a lot of calls were about parking at 3rd and Main Streets. There have been many burglaries in the surrounding area recently. In January the commissioner's will be discussing the future of animal control.

Planning and Zoning – No permits.

Mayor Morey said a tenant at 704 Maple Leaf called and is willing to allow a dangerous building inspection. Attorney Fowler will contact the inspector.

City Clerk – Candidate filing ends December 27th at 5pm, there are two open positions for Alderman. Request for additional street lights on Maple Leaf has not been re-assigned to anyone, Evergy has several employees retiring, request was sent to a supervisor to handle.

Alex said the dealer placed the order for a new truck and the price has increased an additional \$3,000. Alderman Kerns made motion to approve additional \$3,000 for the truck, second motion made by Gaume. Vote was 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

As there was no further business to discuss Alderman Downing made motion to adjourn, second motion made by Kerns. Vote was 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Cindy Atkison, City Clerk

Jamie Morey, Mayor