

City of Dearborn
Board of Alderman Regular Meeting
May 13, 2024

The Board of Alderman of Dearborn, Missouri met in regular session on May 13, 2024 at 7:00pm in the Robert S. "Bob" Bryan Community Center, Dearborn, Missouri.

The following officers and city personnel being present: Mayor Paul Gaume, Aldermen Don Kerns, Pat Downing, Cole Reed and Stacey Carter. City Attorney Dan Fowler and City Clerk Cindy Atkison.

Citizens and visitors present: Joel Dudley, Bill & Mary Ann God, Matt Meyers, Pete Munzel with Maguire, William Halley, George Simmons, Michelle Cook, Dana Carpenter, Gary & Tammy Wright.

Mayor Gaume opened the meeting at 7:02pm.

April 4, 2024 special meeting minutes – Motion made by Alderman Downing to approve, second motion made by Reed. Vote was 4 aye, 0 nay. Motion carried.

April 4, 2024 special meeting executive session minutes – Motion made by Alderman Kerns to approve, second motion made by Downing. Vote was 4 aye, 0 nay. Motion carried.

April 8, 2024 regular meeting minutes – Motion made by Alderman Reed to approve, second motion made by Carter. Vote was 4 aye, 0 nay. Motion carried.

April 8, 2024 executive session minutes – Motion made by Alderman Reed to approve, second motion made by Carter. Vote was 4 aye, 0 nay. Motion carried.

Bills, warrants and payroll – Motion made by Alderman Reed to approve, second motion made by Carter. Vote was 4 aye, 0 nay. Motion carried.

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

Audience Comments and Concerns:

George Simmons asked if a fifth wheel trailer could be parked on private property and lived in. It would be on property Loren Reed has next to Allison trailers. Board agreed the fifth wheeler could be parked on private property however, no one can live in it. Alderman Reed suggested the new trailer park in Edgerton could be a good place to look.

Bill Halley wanted to know why Allison Trailers has been putting additional trailers on their property, he has understood that no new trailers could be brought in per the County. Attorney Fowler replied that it has been looked into and there is nothing that can be done.

New Business:

106 S July – Joel Dudley, Deacon of the Dearborn Baptist Church, informed the board the church is being sold. They want to be sure the property is zoned residential and not commercial for the new owners. Zoning map shows the church is in a residential zoned area.

Rate Increase – Alex presented rate increase options which would cover the cost of a 10-year loan to paint the tower and includes KC Water's rate increase. Discussion about not wanting to pass on the cost to the customers to paint the water tower.

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Another option presented by Cindy was either a 16% increase or a 20% increase to water and a 10% increase on sewer. The water minimum would increase either \$6.40 based on 16% or \$8 based on 20%. Sewer minimum would increase \$1.43 based on \$10%.

Alderman Reed made motion to raise sewer minimum \$1.75, second motion made by Downing. Vote was 4 aye, 0 nay. Motion carried. Alderman Downing made motion to raise the water minimum \$7.00, second motion made by Kerns. Vote was 4 aye, 0 nay. Motion carried.

Discussion had on effective date of increase, Alderman Kerns made motion to make the rate increase effective on June 17, 2024, second by Carter. Vote was 4 aye, 0 nay. Motion carried. Discussion had on applying the increases to the over add rates, Board agreed the increase applies to the over add rates.

Old Business:

Water Tower – Peter Munzel said in order to go with the vibrant yellow and purple, it will need two coats of paint to cover properly, which costs an additional \$20,000. Using three panthers will also be an additional cost of \$6,000 per panther. The additional coat of paint could extend the live another 5 years.

Alderman Downing made motion to go with the current blue color with the same logos, second motion made by Reed.

Alderman Reed made motion to reconsider the previous vote, second motion made by Kerns. Vote was 2 ayes and 2 nays by Carter and Downing. Mayor Gaume broke the tie with aye. Motion carried to reconsider.

Discussion on options and costs, if it makes sense to spend the additional money for vibrant colors that will stand out and match the original drawing. Alderman Kerns made motion to go with the original cost to paint the tower at \$145,000.00 with the same logos and color, second motion made by Downing. Vote was 3 aye, 1 nay by Reed. Motion carried.

Alex presented a bid from Tomcat Consultants for storage tanks while the tower is down. Bid is for two hydro-pneumatic tanks to store 10,000 gallons for 30 days at \$10,605.00. Alderman Reed made motion to accept the bid, second motion made by Downing. Vote was 4 aye, 0 nay. Motion carried.

Bill 369 Ordinance 362 Authorizing Settlement Agreement – Item moved to executive session.

Department Reports:

Public Works – Alex informed the Board Tim Otto has agreed to mow for \$1,000 a month. There has been some damage at the park and concession stand recently, he talked with the school about using their WIFI so we can run camera's and they agreed to that. He has looked over tough book tablets and can't justify spending the additional \$3-4,000 for one. He is going to order the dell tablet for \$2,600.

Alex said White Cloud has finished all four cul-de-sacs and he has inspected them. He understands streets are going in at Paradise Lake and said we should wait to take those over.

Parks and Recreation – Discussed above.

Community Center – Mayor Gaume said Yutemia Finch, the cleaning lady is going to give her notice soon and has agreed to continue until we find someone else. Notice will go on the website and the Mayor will post on Facebook.

Law Enforcement – No Sheriff's Deputy present.

Planning and Zoning –

- Brett & Karen Foster, 106 N August, Deck – Alderman Kerns made motion to approve the permit, second motion made by Reed. Vote was 4 aye, 0 nay. Motion carried.
- Tammy & Gary Wright, 103 Wagers Circle, Fence – Mayor Gaume has inspected the site and there are no issues. Alderman Reed made motion to approve the building permit, second motion made by Kerns. Vote was 4 aye, 0 nay. Motion carried.
- Tony & Mona Brimeyer, 104 Troutman Circle, Fence – Mayor Gaume has inspected the site and there are no issues. Alderman Reed made motion to approve the building permit, second motion made by Kerns. Vote was 4 aye, 0 nay. Motion carried.

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City Clerk – Ice machine at the community center has been cleaned. Media controller part for the sign has been ordered and should be here in this week to be installed. Alex thinks the sign might have been struck by lightning. ARPA reporting is complete, we need to select an alderman to be listed on their program since Breanna Cheadle is no longer on the board. Audit on work compensation is in progress, the city's part has been submitted and waiting on response. Met with insurance adjuster at the concession stand, he will submit report in about a week.

Alderman Downing made motion to go into executive session pursuant to 610.021(1) privileged communications. Mayor Gaume asked for a roll call vote: Ayes - Downing, Carter, Kerns. Nays – none.

Board returned from executive session.

Bill 369 Ordinance 362 Authorizing Settlement Agreement was read by title only, for a first time by Attorney Fowler. Alderman Carter made motion to accept, second motion made by Downing. Vote was 4 ayes, 0 nay. Motion carried.

Second reading of Bill 369 Ordinance 362 Authorizing Settlement Agreement was read by title only by Attorney Fowler. Alderman Carter made motion to approve, second motion made by Downing. Vote was 4 ayes, 0 nay. Motion carried.

Alderman Downing made motion to approve Bill 369 as Ordinance 362 Authorizing Settlement Agreement, second motion made by Reed. Vote was 4 ayes, 0 nay. Motion carried.

Alderman Downing made motion to purchase a sickle bar for \$3,000, second motion was made by Reed. Vote was 4 ayes, 0 nay. Motion carried.

Discussion about Ryan Cook's request to have sewer cost adjusted when they use the inground sprinkler to water their lawn. Board again said no adjustments on sewer for sprinklers or pools.

Mayor Gaume suggested other board members be present for the brush drop off and clean up days. Discussion on hiring a tree company to take the brush and put it through a chipper.

Alderman Kerns made motion to adjourn, second by Reed. Vote was 4 aye, 0 nay. Motion carried.


Cindy Atkison, City Clerk


Paul Gaume, Mayor