

**City of Dearborn
Board of Alderman Regular Meeting
November 13, 2023**

The Board of Alderman of Dearborn, Missouri met in regular session on November 13, 2023 at 7:10pm 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, Public Works Alex Ball and City Clerk Cindy Atkison.

Citizens and visitors present: Trace Stone, Elaine Greer, Michelle Fleshman and Sgt. Cathcart.

Mayor Gaume opened the meeting at 7:00pm.

October 9, 2023 meeting minutes – Motion made by Alderman Downing to approve, second motion made by Reed. Vote was 4 aye, 0 nay. Motion carried.

October 9, 2023 executive minutes – Motion made by Alderman Reed to approve, second motion made by Downing. Vote was 4 aye, 0 nay. Motion carried.

October 17, 2023 special session meeting minutes – Motion made by Alderman Kerns to approve, second motion made by Reed. Vote was 4 aye, 0 nay. Motion carried.

October 17, 2023 executive minutes special session – Attorney Fowler said this is a closed record.

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

Financial Statement Review – Alderman Downing questioned the street equity fund balance, this was tabled for more information.

Audience Comments and Concerns:

Elaine Greer asked for an update on new street lights along Maple Leaf, Cindy responded that the city is waiting on Evergy.

New Business:

Rental Inspection & Business License – Mayor Gaume suggested looking into a program where landlords would pay a fee and that fee would allow the city to inspect rental units, this would be for residential rentals not commercial. Discussion on what would be inspected, increasing the cost for landlords and how to handle multiple units per landlord. No action taken.

Street Transportation Tax Renewal – Current agreement with Platte County is up for renewal new period will be for 10 years, no other changes. Mayor Gaume asked for a motion to approve Resolution #2301 authorizing renewal of Platte County Street Transportation Tax for 2023 -2033, motion made by Alderman Downing, second by Kerns. Vote was 4 aye, 0 nay. Motion carried.

Semi-Truck Parking on City Streets – Mayor Gaume has not been able to locate the semi and will continue watching in order to speak to them. It was mentioned about the house on Main Street with cones and tape needs to be checked on by the Sheriff.



Old Business:

Code Enforcement – Cindy said the address was received last week and the letter can now be sent.

Public Works Open Position – Mayor Gaume talked with the school about a student intern position with the city.

Generators – Alex provided quotes from CM Mose and Generators for Sale quotes are for City Hall, Community Center and the Wastewater Plant. Discussion had whether there is a real need for them. Board decided generators are not needed at this time.

Water Tower Maintenance – Cindy said that Rural Development can not provide financing for a maintenance project. Through our MRWA membership the National Rural Water Association has a loan program that includes maintenance and can loan up to \$200,000. The NRWA representative is on vacation and will be back next week.

Tornado Siren – No updates.

Department Reports:

Public Works – Tim's last day will be October 10th. Alex said Bob Wagers has the new back-up generators and is ready for the city to take over sewer, streets and lights. Sewers should be done by the deadline and not sure when they will be turned on.

Parks and Recreation – No information.

Community Center – Mayor Gaume informed the board funding for the senior programs at the community center through Platte County have stopped because there were no funds for the last months of the year. The seniors who constantly attend have banded together to pay the current instructor to keep exercising and will continue the other programs themselves.

Mayor Gaume said people ask to be let in the center to set up the night before their event and recently a renter offered to pay a fee to set up early, he thought it was a good idea to establish an early let in fee. It was decided this could only be done a few days before the rental not a month before. Alderman Kerns made motion to allow people to take possession of the center after 5pm the night before for a fee of \$100, second by Reed. Vote was 4 aye, 0 nay. Motion carried.

Law Enforcement – Sgt. Cathcart reported there were 27 traffic stops and 16 citations. Annual Shop with a Deputy is coming up and to notify them of families in need.

Planning and Zoning – No permits to issue. Alex has a dig-rite ticket for a fence on July Street.

City Clerk – Cindy reported filing for city office opens December 5th and closes December 26th at 5pm. Open positions are Mayor and two Alderman-at-Large each for a two-year term. ARPA funds have to be allocated by end of 2024 and spent by 2026. We are receiving 10 or more emails per day from a robo scammer, have talked with our computer tech Stan Cooper there is no way to block them since they come from the website.

New computer is needed for Cindy which is the main server in the office. Alderman Downing made motion to allow \$3,500 for new computer and two monitors, second by Kerns. Vote was 4 aye, 0 nay. Motion carried.

Alex has a bid for sewer inspection, the state requires sewer inspection from an outside source. Alderman Downing made motion to approve the sewer inspection bid, second by Carter. Vote was 4 aye, 0 nay. Motion carried.

Alderman Downing made motion to go into executive session under RSMo #610.021 (1) to confer with attorney. Mayor Gaume asked for a roll call vote Ayes: Downing, Reed, Carter, Kerns. Nays: none.

Mayor Gaume said a vote was taken in executive session.

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


Cindy Atkison, City Clerk


Paul Gaume, Mayor