

City of Dearborn
Board of Alderman Regular Meeting
November 14, 2022

The Board of Alderman of Dearborn, Missouri met in regular session on November 14, 2022 at 7:10pm 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: Stacy Carter, Shelly Morey, Cpl. Fugate and Deputy Gambrel, Brittney Fuller with the National League of Cities.

October 10, 2022 Regular Meeting minutes – Motion made by Alderman Downing to approve, second motion made by Kerns. Vote was 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

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

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

Audience Comments and Concerns:

Attorney Fowler introduced Brittney Fuller with the National League of Cities who is responsible for lobbying congress for the ARPA funds cities have received.

New Business:

5th Street Trees and Easement – A tree in the easement on 5th Street fell onto Jim Swafford's carport and damaged it. Carport is repairable, they submitted invoice for \$291. Alex checked maps and it is still City property, he pushed over the trees and Jim took the wood. The Swafford's would like City to deed over the easement and they will maintain it. Board decided not to deed over the easement.

Business License Form Update – Discussion on changing requirement to show proof all taxes for the business are paid and instead have owners certify that all taxes are paid. Discussion if business licenses are needed. Alderman Gaume made motion to change question two to: Are these taxes for the business paid, leave the state statute and remove Is business located within city limits question, second by Kerns. Vote was 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Old Business:

Bids for Waterline Extension Across Bee Creek – Alex reminded Board the bid was a 30-day acceptance. Bond will be returned to bidder. Discussion of possibly using ARPA funds for this project. This is tabled until more information on the waterline is received.

Relocate Waterline for Bridge Replacement – Still no information from the state. Discussion on using ARPA funds, deadline to commit funds by 2024.

Community Center Refrigerator – Cost to repair refrigerator would be \$400 less than a new one, repair work will not have a warranty. New ones come with a 5-year warranty. Discussion if commercial size is needed, what would be done with the working refrigerator, getting rid of commercial refrigerator. Alex said in order to get a bid it cost a \$90 service charge. Board decided to scrap the commercial refrigerator.

City Hall Expansion or Sound at Community Center – Richard Troutman would be available to demo a wireless model at our next meeting. He suggests wireless in order to eliminate a dedicated sound technician plus it is portable. Alderman Downing questioned why spend money for a sound system when it could be put toward expansion of city hall. Costs range from \$7,152 for wired, \$14,100 to \$21,035 for wireless. Alderman Reed asked why expand when we can use the community center. Expansion would eliminate the need to move meeting materials and checks to another location and easier access additional records if needed. Board decided not to move forward with sound and look into expanding city hall.

6th Street – No information.

Department Reports:

Public Works – Alex said they are ready for the big snow event. Two dead trees along Maple Leaf and one at the corner of 3rd and Maple Leaf were cut down by MoDot.

Parks and Recreation – No information.

Community Center – Mayor Morey said smoke alarms were going off during a wedding rental over the weekend so he disabled them. Alex has new batteries for the smoke alarms. Devlyn, of Aggro Cleaning informed Shelly and Cindy that it's best for the city and her business to terminate the contract, she has a hard time finding help. Alex and Cindy have cleaned, moved tables and chairs since it was rented for the election. Devlyn set appointment to meet Cindy at city hall to discuss termination of contract and finalize her rental for next year, she did not show. Shelly received text from Devlyn asking if she needed to clean every day of the three-day wedding rental this past weekend. The center was cleaned before board meeting.

Law Enforcement – Cpl. Fugate and Deputy Gambrel reported that nothing major one incident nothing ever came of it. A couple animal calls none were picked up, alarms at TrexMart, a structure fire where a citation was issued and 16 traffic stops were made. Alderman Reed asked they watch for cars parking at the corners of Main and 3rd Streets where there is no parking from the sign to corner of road.

Planning and Zoning – No information.

City Clerk – Redrafted community food network agreement for Senior Services, they are not leasing the building like community food network, that part was removed. Ann with Senior Services wanted to send some of their agreements for us to review. It was decided to wait till we hear back from Senior Service. Candidate filing starts December 6th at 8am and ends December 27th at 5pm, there are two open positions for Alderman.

Tim Otto is requesting to be paid the \$200 clothing allowance since Cintas is unable to provide overhauls in the correct size and length for him. Alderman Gaume motioned to approve \$200 clothing allowance for Tim, second motion made by Kerns. Vote was 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

State has fined city for not submitting an audit for 2021, Cindy is using state's excel form from their website to complete manual audit and it won't balance. She will contact State, to explain we have been unable to obtain an auditor and ask for assistance. Since the Street Transportation distribution was received, \$30,000 should be put back into a Debt Service Reserve CD and then decide if money goes back into a water CD. Discussion of using the money for waterline extension.

Alderman Reed made the suggestion to demolish Vaughn Park and make it into a parking lot which gives people places to park. Mayor Morey thinks it is under lease for 99 years and is to stay a park. Alderman Reed also suggested putting no parking from here to corner signs on 2nd Street at Main Street, this item will be added to the agenda for next month.

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