

**City of Dearborn
Board of Alderman Regular Meeting
September 14, 2020**

The Board of Alderman of Dearborn, Missouri met in regular session on September 14, 2020 at 7:00pm in Robert S. "Bob" Bryan Community Center, Dearborn, Missouri. Masks and social distancing was enforced.

The following officers and city personnel being present: Mayor Jamie Morey, Aldermen Don Kerns, Cory Hott, Pat Downing and Breanna Cheadle via zoom meetings, Public Works Alex Ball, City Clerk Cindy Atkison and City Attorney Dan Fowler.

Citizens and visitors present: Susie and Mike Lyon, Donald Swanstone Jr, Elaine Greer, Deputy Mark Cathcart, Alayna Whipple, Alexa Boehler, Chris Shove and Shelly Morey.

Mayor Morey called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

August 10, 2020 Regular Meeting minutes – Alderman Downing motioned to approve, second by Hott. Vote was 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

August 18, 2020 Public Hearing Tax Levy - Alderman Hott motioned to approve, second by Downing. Vote was 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

August 18, 2020 Regular Meeting minutes - Alderman Hott motioned to approve, second by Kerns. Vote was 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

August 18, 2020 Executive Session minutes - Alderman Cheadle motioned to approve, second by Downing. Vote was 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Bills, warrants and payroll – Alderman Hott motioned to approve bills, warrants and payroll, second by Kerns. Vote was 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Financial Statement Review – Alderman Downing motioned to approve financial statement, second by Hott. Vote was 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Audience Comments and Concerns:

Chris Shove stated he was approached by a church member several months ago who does not have heat and is afraid to speak out against her landlord for fear of retaliation.

Elaine Greer – The Betterment Committee is going ahead with Reminisce Days on September 26th, parade at 11 and ends by 4pm. Alderman Hott suggested the parade route go up 3rd Street instead of 4th Street due to the steep hill. Elaine asked to close 3rd Street between Maple Leaf and Main for the vendors, Alderman Hott said 3rd Street by the post office needed to be open for the mail. Alderman Hott motioned to allow Dearborn Betterment Committee to close Delaware and Third Street on September 26th from 10am to 4pm, second by Downing. Vote was 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Susie Lyon said Dearborn Clean-up Day will be the first Saturday of October from 9-noon at City Hall.

Chris Shove, secretary of the Dearborn Betterment Committee presented a survey they sent out to Dearborn residents in order to find opinions on how to improve Dearborn. The survey presented suggestions and participants were asked to score the suggestions. Sidewalks was the number one improvement. The committee is looking into the sidewalk situation and contacted MoDot to find out what could be done for the kids walking home from school along Y Highway (Main Street), MoDot said the engineers for Dearborn would take a look. Alderman Hott said MoDot has already told us no on a sidewalk maybe they will change their mind this time; and as far as the suggestion for a veteran's monument, we have one that belongs to the Betterment Committee which has not been updated since Desert Storm.

New Business:

Alexa Boehler just moved to town and wants to start a dance/fitness studio with her sister Alayna Whipple. Alexa is an exercise/fitness instructor and musician, Alayna is a dance teacher who is hoping to move to Dearborn soon. They are looking for a place to hold their classes and would like to participate in future community events.

Old Business:

Low Speed Vehicles on City Streets – Alderman Kerns asked for clarification on financial responsibility. Attorney Fowler found we need to change is to as in the financial responsibility, he will send a completed copy to the clerk for the ordinance to be posted.

Grass Clippings on Streets - Ordinance will be posted for next meeting.

Chicken Permit Application – Corrections have been made to the application, ordinance for permit will be posted for next meeting.

Rental Inspections – Mayor Morey said the fire department was called out for a smoking stove due to a wiring issue and said the renters were going to call City Hall to file a complaint. They have been waiting for two weeks to get it fixed. In order to get this passed Attorney Fowler said first we have to make sure it is what the City wants, then an ordinance will be needed along with cost of rental license, inspection cost for the first year of the program. The rental license fee should cover the cost of the first inspection which the city pays and is free for the landlord. If follow up inspections are needed because of violations the landlord pays for those inspections. If there is a life threatening situation renters will have to leave and the City needs to pay housing for the displaced renters. Discussion on having the Aldermen or codes enforcement do inspections instead of a third party. Attorney Fowler said the beauty of using a third party is training and time to do inspections which the Aldermen don't really have with their jobs. Mayor Morey mentioned sometimes the renters living habits are responsible for the situation which isn't the landlord's responsibility, Attorney Fowler said the inspectors work with the renters giving them a list things to change. Alderman Downing moved to put this item on hold till next month.

Move Office Space at City Hall – Mayor Morey asked Alex if he could build a wall in City Hall, Alex said he could do the work but it would need to be done in overtime.

Department Reports

Public Works: Alex said the truck will be taken to Roberts in Platte City to repair the leak out of the fuel tank. Fence was built at the park last month and someone pulled the poles out of the concrete overnight, he reported it to the Sheriff's office. Mayor Morey suggested closing the basketball court since it keeps being vandalized. The poles could be removed, fence off the concrete pad or put up a camera, add a motion sensor light to see who is there. Alex said he's been approached by a couple farmers about renting the farmland and asked the board if they would consider leasing it again. Alderman Hott said it has grown up in weeds. Mayor Morey would like to get a gravel drive all the way back to the brush pile. Alderman Hott motioned to put the 7.5 acres of farmland at the wastewater plant out for bids, second by Downing. Vote was 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Parks and Recreation: Mayor Morey wondered if the old baseball scoreboard should be sold, Alex said it's not really usable. Alderman Downing motioned to sell the old baseball scoreboard, second by Kerns. Vote was 4 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Community Center: Alderman Hott said he is still trying to get bids to fix the compressor on the double refrigerator, there is one guy that's going to submit a bid and we need to get an exterminator for the community center and city hall. Suggestions from the board were to contact Colwell's Pest, Midwest-Pest and All-Pro Pest Platte City for bids. Mayor Morey asked if cleaning supplies for Delba had been taken care of, Cindy replied everything except a shop vac. Mayor Morey said to be sure and get the size she wants. Cindy asked if the rental fee should be increased since the cleaning cost has increased. Rental fee to be discussed next month.

Law Enforcement: Deputy Cathcart said they have combined a couple departments to be able to work major cases. He was recently transferred in to a new position and will be our point of contact with the Sheriff's Department. He reviewed the month's activity in town.

Planning and Zoning: Alderman Hott updated the board about the fence permit approved last month on Harrington Street was built 2' off the property line instead of on the property line because of disputes with the neighbor, this way there is no possibility the fence is on the neighbor's property.

City Clerk: Cindy informed the board auditor Todd Karlin said the clothing allowance is not double taxation when added to paycheck. There are two ways to do this an allowance which needs to be taxed on paycheck once each year or reimbursement where we take receipts for the items. He said if we do a reimbursement it needs to be defined what is allowed such as black belts, steel toed boots. Board decided to stay with clothing and boot reimbursements. Have been working with Don to set up his city email in order to help everyone else. The assessor said the local assessed railroad & utility fluctuates each year when the railroad or utility companies moves equipment out of the county it's nothing to do with the city.

Alderman Hott said we should look into replacing the truck because it's very rusty and will nickel and dime us. Mayor Morey said to check into government bid prices and bring them back next month. Discussion had on truck requirements being a 1 ton pick-up with larger V8, gas motor, single axle, 4x4, vinyl interior, regular cab, long bed, no bed liner.

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

Cindy Atkison, City Clerk

Jamie Morey, Mayor