

City of Troy, Missouri
Regular Board of Aldermen Meeting
Monday, May 4, 2020
6:30 P.M.

Present for the Regular Board of Aldermen Meeting were Aldermen Detert, Norman, Anderson, Curt, Grimstead and Mayor Sconce. Alderman Walker was not present. Also present were Public Works Superintendent Cunningham via video/phone conferencing, Police Chief Taylor, Parks Director Howell, Treasurer Flinn, City Attorney Granneman and City Clerk Schneider.

Due to concerns with COVID-19, public access to the Regular Board Meeting, was made available through physical attendance with appropriate social distancing and via Zoom Video/Phone Conferencing. No members of the public attended physically but several individuals participated via video/phone conferencing.

Mayor Sconce called the Regular Board of Aldermen Meeting to Order, announced a Quorum present after Roll Call and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Parks Director Howell discussed whether to open the Aquatic Center for the 2020 pool season and referenced Lincoln County Health Department's Phase 1 Order and its effect on public safety, worker safety and the City's budget. The Phase 1 Order limited a pool environment with less attendance at the pool by adherence to six-foot social distancing, require removal of tables and chairs, constant sanitizing of contact areas/bathrooms, regulating life guards and staff in the small bathhouse and concession areas and requiring masks for interactions closer than six feet. Several municipalities have made the decision not to open their pools for the season already. It is unknown whether people would be fearful to attend if the pool were opened but it would still cost the same to operate and manage the pool. There may also be additional costs to operate for labor to sanitize, and the costs of disinfectant, gloves and masks. To date, there have been only three pool passes purchased.

Mayor Sconce said that the aquatic center loses money every year and this year the City would be looking at a bigger loss by the limit on attendance and the possibility of fear to even attend the pool. The Board needs to consider not opening at all for a cost savings and to protect the community's health.

Howell continued that if the City decided not to open, the aquatic management contract should be terminated as quickly as possible due to minimal costs expended such as labor/salaries on lifeguards; no preliminary work to open the pool has been done and no chemicals have been ordered.

Alderman Norman questioned the timing of this decision stating that the Lincoln County Fair was still going to happen.

Alderman Anderson made a motion, seconded by Alderman Detert to Approve and Authorize Mayor to Terminate 2020 Aquatic Center Management Agreement with Midwest Pool Management. Vote: Anderson aye, Detert aye, Curt aye, Grimstead aye, Norman nay. Motion carried 4-1.

Mayor Sconce handed out the 2016 Cherry Street Project estimate prepared by Cochran Engineering of \$2,164,148.97 (which does not account for rock excavation and moving utilities) and a cost-funding estimate prepared by Treasurer Flinn. All permanent easements will be obtained pending when the courts open back up again. City Attorney Granneman has been keeping MoDOT apprised of the condemnation proceeding in order to prevent any loss of funding towards the project. Temporary easements may be lost if the City decides not to proceed with the project at this time.

Mayor Sconce said that next year's revenue projections will be budgeted at negative-twenty percent and no capital improvement street projects will go in the budget saving approximately \$450,000 in the Street fund. A portion of the Cherry Street Project is a water line replacement of \$400,000 which can be moved to the Water fund and out of Street fund. The project may occur all in one budget year according to the engineer's timeline estimate to finalize plans, advertise the bid and 270 days for construction. Sconce said in order to fund the project, \$1.6 million dollars would need to come from the Capital Improvement fund.

Discussion ensued whether to complete the project in these rough financial times or risk losing grant money, taking advantage of the limited traffic to begin construction and advantages of roundabout for traffic flow on Cherry Street. The Board's consensus was to move forward with budget preparation to include the Cherry Street Project for FY21.

Alderman Detert made a motion, seconded by Alderman Curt to Go Into Closed Session in compliance with 610.021 of RSMo., for the purposes of discussing Legal, Real Estate and Personnel. Vote: Detert aye, Curt, Anderson aye, Grimstead aye, Norman aye.

City Attorney Granneman advised the Board on Legal, Real Estate and Personnel matters.

Alderman Anderson made a motion, seconded by Alderman Detert to Go Out of Closed Session. Vote: Anderson aye, Detert aye, Curt aye, Norman aye, Grimstead aye.

Alderman Grimstead made a motion, seconded by Alderman Norman to Adjourn the meeting. Vote: Grimstead aye, Norman aye, Anderson aye, Curt aye, Detert aye. The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Mayor Ron Sconce