

City of Troy, Missouri
Special Board of Alderman Meeting
Thursday, June 30, 2022
6:30 P.M.

Present for the Special Board of Aldermen Meeting were Aldermen Guy Grimstead, Steve Jones, Harold Horner, Rachel Dunard, Dennis Detert, and Mayor Ron Sconce. Alderman David Norman was absent. Also present were Wastewater Treatment Plant Supervisor Jared Comer, Building Official David Lindsey, Public Works Superintendent Jeff Burkemper, Police Chief Jeff Taylor, Treasurer Linda Flinn, City Attorney Jesse Granneman, and City Clerk Tonya Hawkins.

Mayor Sconce called the Special Board of Alderman Meeting to Order, announced a Quorum present, and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Alderman Dunard made a motion, seconded by Alderman Horner, to Go Into Closed Session in compliance with 610.021 of RSMo., for the purpose of discussing Legal. Vote: Dunard aye, Horner aye, Jones aye, Grimstead aye, and Detert aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Attorney Granneman advised the board on legal matters.

Alderman Dunard made a motion, seconded by Alderman Horner, to Go Out of Closed Session. Vote: Dunard aye, Horner aye, Jones aye, Grimstead aye, and Detert aye. Motion carried 5-0. The board exited Closed Session at 6:35 p.m.

Alderman Grimstead, seconded by Alderman Jones, made a motion to Approve the Consent Agenda. Vote: Grimstead aye, Jones aye, Horner aye, Dunard aye, and Detert aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Gary Leifert, of 1050 Old Cap Au Gris, said he sent emails to aldermen about the budget. He said last year the City of Troy had a \$600,000 deficit. He noted that this year a \$700,000 deficit is being proposed. He asked the board to explain this. Alderman Grimstead said he has raised concerns about deficit spending in budget workshops. He said things, such as salary increases and equipment, were added. Alderman Horner said the City of Troy must pay for equipment for employees to do their jobs and for salaries.

Mr. Leifert asked about the duration of deficit spending. Alderman Horner said next year he would like to see a completely balanced budget. Alderman Grimstead said 50 percent of the operating budget must be in reserves. So, this can't continue, he said.

Mr. Leifert asked if the board planned to increase taxes. Alderman Horner said raising taxes is not what he wants to do, but he said the board is trying to figure out how to be fair to residents and employees. Mr. Leifert asked why the board spent \$30,000 on a compensation study. Alderman Dunard said the City needed qualified, neutral parties to conduct the study. Mr. Leifert said that in his profession you could find out what people make without spending money.

Mr. Leifert asked how the board would “sell” the tax increase. Mayor Sconce explained this would be a board decision to undo the voluntary property tax rollback. He said it would not go back to voters. Alderman Grimstead thanked Mr. Leifert for his concern.

Mayor Sconce read Bill No. 1359 as Ordinance _____ -- An Ordinance Adopting an Annual Budget for the City of Troy, Missouri for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2022, and Appropriating Funds Pursuant Thereto, read first and second time by title only.

Alderman Grimstead made a motion, seconded by Alderman Jones, to adopt Bill No. 1359 as Ordinance _____ -- An Ordinance Adopting an Annual Budget for the City of Troy, Missouri for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2022, and Appropriating Funds Pursuant Thereto. Vote: Grimstead aye, Jones aye, Horner aye, Dunard aye, and Detert aye. Motion carried 5-0.

*Adopted FY2022 Budget Amendments

*Adopted Resolution 2022-1 – Resolution Authorizing the Filing of an Application with the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, Financial Assistance Center’s State ARPA Grant Programs

Alderman Jones made a motion, seconded by Alderman Grimstead to Approve and Authorize Mayor to Sign Amendment to the Operations and Maintenance Agreement with Woodard and Curran for Decant Upgrades. Vote: Jones aye, Grimstead aye, Horner aye, Dunard aye, and Detert aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Alderman Dunard made a motion, seconded by Alderman Jones, to Adjourn the meeting. Vote: Dunard aye, Jones aye, Grimstead aye, Horner aye, and Detert aye. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Mayor Sconce

*Approved on Consent Agenda