

City of Troy, Missouri
Board of Alderman Meeting
Monday, February 23, 2023
6:30 P.M.

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

Mayor Sconce called the meeting to order, announced a quorum present, and led in the Pledge of Allegiance. Pastor Steven Bradshaw gave the invocation.

Alderman Norman made a motion, seconded by Alderman Jones, to approve the Consent Agenda with the exception of Items 7C (Approve Liquor License for Dollar General #24533 at 11 Mennemeyer Road), 7D (Re-appoint Debbie Thurmon, Kevin Bishop, and Nancy Wyatt to Historic Preservation Commission for the term beginning February 1, 2023, through February 1, 2026), 7G (Approve Pay Application No. 3 for 2022 Concrete Replacement Program Project 15138 submitted by M&H Concrete Contractors, Inc. in the amount of \$64,766.25). Vote: Norman aye, Jones aye, Dundard aye, Horner aye, Detert aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Sconce then asked for the removal of Item K (Discuss and Approve Former Officer Austin LaGarce's Purchase of K-9 Kilo for \$1 – Chief Taylor) from the agenda.

*Approved Minutes of Regular Board of Aldermen Meetings dated Thursday, January 19, 2023, and Monday, February 6, 2023

Mayor Sconce opened the meeting to Citizen Comments.

Bryan Moore, of 10 Melody Lane, was not present.

Megan McQuoid, Chairman of the Lincoln County Fair Parade, proposed a change to the parade route. She said currently the parade starts at Troy Middle School, goes down Main Street, then cuts over at Monroe Street to end at Troy Buchanan High School. She said parade participants have to wait at the high school, and there are traffic issues with motorists trying to get onto Highway 61 with parade trailers and equipment. She proposed starting the parade and ending the parade at Troy Middle School by changing the route to Boone Street.

Alderman Norman said there are more sidewalks on Main Street than on Boone Street. Alderman Dunard said there are lots of driveways on Boone Street, and you cannot block driveways. She said parking on Trojan Drive would be difficult for everyone.

Chief Taylor asked if the parade could start at the high school and end at the middle school. Ms. McQuoid said she was previously told Old Cap Au Gris could not be shut down for long. She said she could try to make it work with the parade starting at the high school.

Bryan Moore arrived and said he lives 200 yards away from the dumpster the city provides for residents on Melody Lane. He said he cannot get his trash to that dumpster, and he instead takes his trash to the dumpster at Hilltop Phillips 66. He said he does not have a choice to pay for trash on his water bill. He also stated water bills are due the last day of the month. He said he is a veteran, and he does not get paid until the 1st of each month.

Jim Kerley, of 145 S. Lincoln Drive, addressed the board last month about C Street encroaching on his property. He said he thought aldermen would vote on his request for compensation, but he said he received no response. Mayor Sconce explained this is a Closed Session legal issue, and board members could not respond. Mr. Kerley said the land was his when the street was constructed more than 20 years ago. He said he is too late, but the property was stolen. Alderman Detert said he researched the property, and plans show an encroachment.

Chris Schieffer, of the Lincoln County Housing Task Force, gave an update on plans for the Bridge of Hope homeless shelter in Lincoln County. He said the 6,000 square foot facility would house men, women, and children – excluding sex offenders. He said there are currently folks living at Troy Inn. He said the community could do better.

Mr. Schieffer said Lincoln County Commissions agreed to fund the facility, which would have 24-hour staff with case managers to help with employment applications, social security benefits, and food assistance. He said he hoped ACA funds from the City of Troy would still be available for internet service and security.

Jon Alfaro, of 189 Rockford Drive, said it is a bad idea to offer \$100,000 to the Bridge of Hope homeless shelter while the City has police officers leaving faster than the City can hire new officers. He said officers will be dealing with subjects who have mental health issues. He said he spoke to the prosecutor, who is seeing fewer narcotics cases from Troy officers. He said there were three officers working the road over the weekend.

Alfaro, a former Troy police officer, said it took him three months to complete an Exit Interview to do so with a calm head. He said he received a write up before leaving. He said the revised Exit Interview policy is a mistake.

Mr. Moore returned to the podium to ask if the City could provide him with a list of property owners for his apartment complex. He asked aldermen to fix the private street. Mayor Sconce explained the City cannot work on private streets. Alderman Horner said he would come and look at the street.

*Approved Reports of Special Appointed Committees: Parks, Planning & Zoning/Board of Adjustment, Historic Preservation Commission, Troy Convention and Visitors Bureau

*Approved Reports of Police, Public Works, Wastewater, Finance, Building Inspection, Parks, and Administration Departments

*Approved Payment of Regular Monthly Bills

*Approved Troy Police Budget Amendments, as follows:

ACCOUNT NO.	DEPT./FUND	DESCRIPTION	BUDGET	AMEND TO	+/-
01-1001-6110	Police	Regular Employees	\$ 1,595,550	\$ 1,535,550	\$ (60,000)
01-1001-6130	Police	Overtime	\$ 115,000	\$ 175,000	\$ 60,000
01-1001-6132	Police	Double-Overtime	\$ -	\$ 9,300	\$ 9,300
07-1001-6320	K-9	Professional	\$ 2,500	\$ 1,300	\$ (1,200)
07-1001-6381	K-9	Computer Maint./Licenses	\$ 2,000	\$ 200	\$ (1,800)
07-1001-6550	K-9	Travel	\$ 2,000	\$ -	\$ (2,000)
07-1001-6590	K-9	Dues & Seminars	\$ 2,000	\$ -	\$ (2,000)
07-1001-6591	K-9	Training	\$ 2,000	\$ -	\$ (2,000)
07-1001-6610	K-9	General Supplies	\$ 7,200	\$ 5,000	\$ (2,200)
07-1001-6650	K-9	Uniforms & Equipment	\$ 6,200	\$ 21,500	\$ 15,300

*Approved Request by Historical Society for Cemetery Tour, Boone Street, on Thursday, June 1, 2023, at 6 p.m. (with a rain date of Thursday, June 8, 2023)

Alderman Horner made a motion, seconded by Alderman Norman, to Approve Liquor License for Dollar General #24533 at 11 Mennemeyer Road contingent upon receiving registered agent's fingerprinting. Vote: Horner aye, Norman aye, Detert aye, Dunard aye, Jones aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Alderman Norman made a motion, seconded by Alderman Detert, to Re-Appoint Debbie Thurmon, Kevin Bishop, and Nancy Wyatt to the Historic Preservation Commission for the term beginning February 1, 2023, through February 1, 2026. Vote: Norman aye, Detert aye, Horner aye, Jones aye, Dunard abstain. Motion carried 4-0 with one abstention.

*Approved Payment of Invoice No. 214638 to Woodard and Curran the amount of \$2,250.00 for Professional Services for the period ending January 20, 2023

*Approved Pay Application No. 2 for CIPP Lining with SAK Construction, Omnia Partners Contract #R170802 in the amount of \$54,904.50

Alderman Detert asked about M&H's progress. Mayor Sconce said they are still working on Judy Lane. Alderman Detert said they were supposed to put in another panel on Huntington. Mayor Sconce said they still have a retainer, and there are still pay applications to come. Alderman Detert made a motion, seconded by Alderman Norman, to Approve Pay Application No. 3 for 2022 Concrete Replacement Program Project 15138 submitted by M&H Concrete Contractors, Inc. in the amount of \$64,766.25. Vote: Detert aye, Norman aye, Horner aye, Dunard aye, Jones aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Alderman Norman made a motion, seconded by Alderman Horner, to Table until the March 20th, 2023, meeting the Approval of Changes to Lincoln County Fair Parade Route. Vote: Norman aye, Horner aye, Detert aye, Jones aye, Dunard aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Alderman Horner suggested finding a business to maintain plants around the Welcome to Troy stone marker on Highway 61. Attorney Granneman said the board would probably want to develop a plan. Superintendent Burkemper said he would talk with Jesse to come up with a plan.

Mayor Sconce explained the City received two bids for solid waste removal. Alderman Horner made a motion, seconded by Alderman Norman, to Table until March 20th, 2023, the Awarding of Contract for Solid Waste Services. Vote: Horner aye, Norman aye, Detert aye, Dunard aye, Jones aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Chief Taylor said he is usually optimistic, but right now he is worried about losing police officers. He said the City needs to be competitive. He said the police department has five vacancies. He added that police officers are the city's biggest liability. He invited aldermen to go on a ride along.

Major Tienter said anytime he is deployed, he is happy to come back because there is nothing like Troy. He said he is concerned about readiness. He said salaried staff is having to help out on shifts. He suggested a \$2,000 incentive to get officers to stay. He also suggested offering retiree insurance. He said the City could use CARES and ARPA funding. He said the City could draw from reserves to pay for a 10 percent pay increase for police officers.

Alderman Dunard asked Chief Taylor how many officers he expected to lose. He said at least three more. Alderman Detert said he understands why a lot of them are leaving. He said they have to do what they have to do for their families. Alderman Detert said the money is there to pay officers more.

Alderman Jones made a motion, seconded by Alderman Norman, to Table until after Closed Session Discussion and Approval of a Request from Lamke Trenching & Excavating, Inc. for Extension for Cherry Street Improvement Project. Vote: Jones aye, Norman aye, Detert aye, Dunard aye, Horner aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Alderman Norman made a motion, seconded by Alderman Jones, to Table until March 20th, 2023, Discussion and Approval of Warranty Agreement with Lamke Trenching & Excavating and Eastern Missouri Concrete, LLC, for Cherry Street Improvement Project. Vote: Norman aye, Jones aye, Dunard aye, Horner aye, Detert aye. Motion carried 5-0.

*Approved Payment of Invoice No. 212194 to Woodard and Curran the amount of \$1,350.00 for Professional Services for the period ending November 18, 2022

*Approved Liquor License for TSR Holdings, LLC, DBA Good Times Bar at 474 Main Street

*Approved Liquor License for TSR Holdings, LLC, DBA Straight Home Bar at 100 Frenchman Bluff Lane

*Approved and Authorized Mayor to Sign Payment Processing Agreement with Chase for Credit Card Terminals

Alderman Horner made a motion, seconded by Alderman Jones, to Go Into Closed Session for Legal and Personnel. Vote: Horner aye, Jones aye, Dunard aye, Detert aye, Norman aye. Motion carried 5-0. Attorney Granneman advised the board on legal matters.

Alderman Norman made a motion, seconded by Alderman Jones, to accept the resignation of Police Sergeant Tyler Northrup. Vote: Norman aye, Jones aye, Dunard aye, Detert aye, Horner aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Alderman Norman made a motion, seconded by Alderman Horner, to Exit Closed Session. Vote: Norman aye, Horner aye, Dunard aye, Detert aye, Jones aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Alderman Jones made a motion, seconded by Alderman Horner, to respond to Lamke Trenching & Excavating's Change Order No. 12 requesting additional time to complete Cherry Street construction by authorizing 30 additional days to complete, but reserving and not waiving all of the City's rights for damages (including \$1,000.00 per day damages for lack of completion) due to the delay and failure to

complete project by February 28, 2023. Vote: Jones aye, Horner aye, Detert aye, Dunard aye, Norman aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Alderman Norman made a motion, seconded by Alderman Dunard, to Adjourn. Vote: Norman aye, Dunard aye, Horner aye, Detert aye, Jones aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Meeting adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Mayor Sconce

*Approved on Consent Agenda

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