

**Regular Board of Aldermen Meeting
City of Troy, Missouri
Thursday, June 22, 2023
6:30 P.M.**

Present for the Board of Aldermen meeting were Aldermen Steve Jones, Rachel Dunard, Gary Leifert, Harold Horner, Kay Diekemper, David Norman, and Mayor Ron Sconce. Also present were Parks Director Ryan Howell, Public Works Superintendent Jeff Burkemper, Woodard and Curran Operations Manager Greg Freiden, Building Official David Lindsey, Finance Director Linda Flinn, Police Chief Jeff Taylor, City Attorney Jesse Granneman, and City Clerk Tonya Hawkins.

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

Alderman Jones made a motion, seconded by Alderman Diekemper, to approve the Consent Agenda. Vote: Jones aye, Diekemper aye, Leifert aye, Dunard aye, Norman aye, Horner aye. Motion carried 6-0.

*Approved Minutes of Previous Meetings: Regular Board of Aldermen Meeting dated Monday, May 15, 2023, Budget Workshop dated Wednesday, May 17, 2023, Budget Workshop Dated June 6, 2023

Alderman Dunard made a motion, seconded by Alderman Norman, to table until after Closed Session the approval of Previous Minutes, Regular Board of Aldermen Meeting dated Monday, March 6, 2023. Vote: Dunard aye, Norman aye, Jones aye, Horner aye, Leifert nay, Diekemper nay. Motion carried 4-2.

Terry Bell, of 120 Foxwoods Court, said she is a Lincoln County resident who has started a petition to hand count votes. She said she has been an election official, and the people want control of elections.

Jared Lange requested a 1-inch water tap for his residence at 501 Highway J. Mayor Sconce explained to Mr. Lange that his connection would have to cross Highway J to connect on the opposite side (the east side) of the highway. Mayor Sconce asked Mr. Lange to obtain more information and to come back to the board next month.

Melissa Squires, of 592 Turkey Call, asked the board to allow the use of fireworks in city limits. She said Independence Day brings people together to show their patriotism.

James Weseman, of 244 Whitetail Crossing, asked aldermen to amend the fireworks ordinance to allow fireworks. He said July 4th is a magical day for children and others. He said surrounding cities allow the use of fireworks.

Lori Ohms, of 1019 E. Cherry St., said she was also in favor of overturning the fireworks ban. She said the country's rights are being stripped. She said when people think of July 4th, they think of barbecuing, family, and fireworks. She said she believes the use of fireworks is a right as an American, even though she does not ignite them herself.

David Burnette, of 585 Turkey Call Court, advocated to allow fireworks. He said he is proud of his community and complimented the city on recent street improvements. He said in the past, neighbors came out to talk to each other during fireworks displays. He said he understands some people have issues with fireworks, but perhaps the city could narrow the timeframe for fireworks use or require trash cleanup.

Alderman Dunard made a motion, seconded by Alderman Jones, to go into Closed Session to discuss legal and personnel matters. Vote: Dunard aye, Jones aye, Norman aye, Horner aye, Leifert aye, Diekemper aye. Motion carried 6-0.

Aldermen returned to Open Session at 7:20 p.m.

*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

Mayor Sconce read Bill No. 1375 as Ordinance _____ An Ordinance Creating A New Section 115.215 In Chapter 115: City Administration Regarding The Duty Of Attendance Of Elected Officials Of The City Of Troy, Missouri, And Procedure For Removal Of An Elected Officer For Non-Attendance, first and second times by title only.

Alderman Leifert made a motion, seconded by Alderman Norman, to adopt Bill No. 1375 as Ordinance _____ An Ordinance Creating A New Section 115.215 In Chapter 115: City Administration Regarding The Duty Of Attendance Of Elected Officials Of The City Of Troy, Missouri, And Procedure For Removal Of An Elected Officer For Non-Attendance. Vote: Leifert aye, Norman aye, Horner aye, Jones aye, Dunard aye, Diekemper aye. Motion carried 6-0.

Mayor Sconce read Bill No. 1376 as Ordinance _____ An Ordinance Amending Chapter 210: Offenses, Section 210.2340: Fireworks, Specifically Subsection Z, Allowing for the use of Fireworks in the City of Troy, Missouri Under Certain Circumstances, first and second times by title only.

Alderman Horner asked about certain circumstances. Attorney Granneman explained the use of fireworks would be restricted to 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. on July 4. Alderman Leifert made a motion, seconded by Alderman Dunard to adopt Bill No. 1376 as Ordinance _____ An Ordinance Amending Chapter 210: Offenses, Section 210.2340: Fireworks, Specifically Subsection Z, Allowing for the use of Fireworks in the City of Troy, Missouri Under Certain Circumstances. Vote: Leifert aye, Dunard aye, Jones aye, Norman aye, Horner aye, Diekemper aye. Motion carried 5-1.

Mayor Sconce read Bill No. 1377 as Ordinance _____ An Ordinance Amending Chapter 220: Solid Waste, Section 220.030: Collection of Solid Waste, Subsection F Providing for Trash Collection Once Weekly, first and second times by title only. Alderman Jones made a motion, seconded by Diekemper, to adopt Bill No. 1377 as Ordinance _____ An Ordinance Amending Chapter 220: Solid Waste, Section 220.030: Collection of Solid Waste, Subsection F Providing for Trash Collection Once Weekly. Vote: Jones aye, Diekemper aye, Dunard aye, Norman aye, Horner aye, Leifert aye. Motion carried 6-0.

Mayor Sconce read Bill No. 1378 as Ordinance _____ An Ordinance Accepting Certain Real Estate From The Troy Kiwanis Legacy Foundation, once by title only. Attorney Granneman said he received information from the Kiwanis Club's attorney that updated information is needed. He asked the board to table adoption of the ordinance until the next meeting. Attorney Granneman explained this property adjoins Kiwanis Park.

Alderman Jones made a motion, seconded by, seconded by Alderman Dunard, to table adoption of Bill No. 1378 until the next meeting. Vote: Jones aye, Dunard aye, Leifert aye, Horner aye, Norman aye, Diekemper aye. Motion carried 6-0.

*Approved Appointment of Lori Horner to Parks Board

*Approved Take Home Vehicle Reassignment – Dylan Schneiderjohn

*Approved Pay Application No. 2 from CCIMW LCC in the amount of \$3,871.20 for Outdoor Pool Painting

*Approved and Authorize Mayor to Sign Troy Convention & Visitors Bureau Contract with the Troy Area Chamber of Commerce for Fiscal Year 2023-2024

*Approved Troy Convention & Visitors Bureau 2023-2024 Budget

*Approved and Authorized Mayor to Sign Croghan & Croghan, P.C. Engagement Letter for Financial Auditing Services for Period Ending June 30, 2023, in the amount of \$49,500

*Approved Payment of Invoice No. 220111 to Woodard and Curran in the amount of \$116,631.36 for Decant Upgrades to the SWWTF for the period ending May 19, 2023.

*Approved Change Order No. 2 from M & H Concrete in the Decreased Amount of \$72,542.00 for 2022 Concrete Replacement Program

*Authorized Mayor to Sign Certificate of Substantial Completion for 2022 Concrete Replacement Program

*Approved and Authorized Mayor to Sign Quote from Advanced Rehabilitation Technology, Ltd. (Sourcewell Contract # PCA OD-347-21) in the amount of \$16,450.80 for Manhole Structure Lining

*Approved and Authorized Mayor to Sign Reimbursable Utility Agreement with Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission

John Ruder, of Automate Earth, LLC, explained a Special Event Request for a March Against Domestic Violence. He said he is working with Kelsey Schaeffer, of the BTC Princess social group, to coordinate the event. He said they would like to close Monroe, Cherry Blossom Way, and Main Street for the march. Mr. Ruder said he has been working with the police department, and he would like police to escort marchers. He said he plans to have a couple of food trucks in the park for the event.

Mayor Sconce asked if the City normally shuts down streets for such events. Chief Taylor said police do not typically shut down streets. City Clerk Hawkins asked Building Official Lindsey about special zoning requirements for multiple food trucks. Official Lindsey explained that conditional use permits are required for multiple food trucks on one lot.

Alderman Norman made a motion, seconded by Alderman Diekemper, to table approval of the Special Event Request for the March Against Domestic Violence until the July meeting. Vote: Norman aye, Diekemper aye, Leifert aye, Jones aye, Horner aye, Dunard aye. Motion carried 6-0.

Alderman Dunard made a motion, seconded by Alderman Leifert, to table Jared Lange's request for a 1-inch Water Tap at 501 Highway J until Mr. Lange returns with more information. Vote: Dunard aye, Leifert aye, Diekemper aye, Jones aye, Norman aye, Horner aye. Motion carried 6-0.

Alderman Norman said he met with City Clerk Hawkins and Mayor Sconce regarding the relocation of the utility payment drop box to a wall slot on the south side of City Hall. Alderman Norman said he looked to see if there was another place to put the drop box, but there was not another place to move it. Alderman Horner asked about reversing the flow of the traffic in the parking lot to allow a drive-up drop box. Mayor Sconce explained that staff tried other solutions. He said about 400 of the city's 5,000 utility customers use the drop box.

Alderman Dunard said she has concerns about the relocation of the drop box. Mayor Sconce said there are several ways to pay utility bills. Alderman Dunard said many people do not want to pay online, and some people do not trust phone payments. City Clerk Hawkins explained the drop box was eventually relocated after weatherproofing failed to keep paper payments dry, individuals were seen standing near the drop box in the mornings, and staff complained of individuals asking them for money after emptying the box, which sometimes contained cash.

Chief Taylor explained there was a problem with Officer Dylan Schneiderjohn's assigned take-home vehicle. Chief Taylor said he had to place Officer Schneiderjohn in another vehicle, but per the take-home vehicle policy, he had to wait for board approval. Attorney Granneman said the policy could be changed to allow vehicle reassignment.

Alderman Dunard made a motion, seconded by Alderman Norman, to Approve One-Step Pay Increase to Employees in the FY24 Budget in Addition to Four-Step Increase for Employees Who Did Not Receive Minimum Four-Step Increase in FY23. Alderman Leifert asked about the projected deficit is for FY24. He said he would support a four step pay increase, but not another step. Vote: Dunard aye, Norman aye, Jones nay, Horner aye, Diekemper nay, Leifert nay. Motion tied 3-3. Mayor Sconce voted nay to break the tie. Motion failed.

Alderman Dunard made a motion, seconded by Alderman Horner, to Approve Payroll for City Administrator in the FY24 Budget. Alderman Leifert expressed concerns about approving payroll for a City Administrator in the FY24 budget. He told aldermen they did not have the wherewithal to vet resumes. He said the board would have to contract a headhunter. Alderman Dunard said it would be a benefit for the community to have someone educated in the role of city administrator. Alderman Leifert said the board would have to create a job description. He said the city ordinance allowing a city administrator lacks details. Alderman Norman disagreed; he said the ordinance has details. Mayor Sconce explained it would be the board's responsibility to hire an administrator. He said staff could not hire their own boss. Alderman Horner said it is worth putting a salary in the budget. Vote: Dunard aye, Horner aye, Norman aye, Leifert nay, Diekemper nay, Jones aye. Motion carried 4-2.

Alderman Dunard made a motion, seconded by Alderman Horner, to Approve Allocation of ARPA Funds to Grit and Solid Removal. Vote: Dunard aye, Horner aye, Leifert aye, Diekemper aye, Jones aye, Norman aye. Motion carried 6-0.

Alderman Norman made a motion, seconded by Alderman Horner, to Approve Wastewater Plant Operating Budget for FY24 as recommended by Woodard and Curran. Vote: Norman aye, Horner aye, Diekemper aye, Dunard aye, Jones aye, Leifert aye. Motion carried 6-0.

Aldermen set a meeting date of June 29, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. to adopt the FY24 budget.

Alderman Norman made a motion, seconded by Alderman Horner, to Adjourn. Vote: Norman aye, Horner aye, Leifert aye, Jones aye, Dunard aye, Diekemper aye. Motion carried 6-0.

Meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Mayor Sconce

*Approved on Consent Agenda