

**Regular Board of Aldermen Meeting
City of Troy, Missouri
Thursday, June 29, 2023
6:30 P.M.**

Present for the Board of Aldermen meeting were Aldermen 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, Wastewater Treatment Plant Supervisor Jared Comer, Building Official David Lindsey, Finance Director Linda Flinn, Police Chief Jeff Taylor, Assistant Police Chief Dustyn Tienter, City Attorney Jesse Granneman, and City Clerk Tonya Hawkins. Alderman Steve Jones was absent.

Mayor Sconce called the meeting to order, announced a quorum present, and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Sconce announced that this meeting marks the end of an era; he said the meeting would be City Attorney Granneman's last meeting as counsel. Mayor Sconce thanked City Attorney Granneman for his service.

Alderman Norman made a motion, seconded by Alderman Horner, to approve the Consent Agenda. Vote: Norman aye, Horner aye, Leifert aye, Diekemper aye, Dunard aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Sconce explained that a revision was made to the March 6, 2023, Closed Minutes. Alderman Leifert made a motion to approve the March 6, 2023, Open Minutes, but he withdrew his request when he learned it would include approval of the revised Closed Minutes. Alderman Leifert said if the board amended the Closed Minutes, there should be more context added. He expressed his opposition to the Closed Session Minutes revision.

Alderman Dunard made a motion, seconded by Alderman Norman, to approve the March 6, 2023, Open Minutes and Closed Minutes with the revision to the Closed Minutes. Vote: Dunard aye, Norman aye, Horner aye, Diekemper nay, Leifert nay. Motion carried 3-2.

Alderman Horner made a motion, seconded by Alderman Dunard, to approve a Two-Step Pay Increase for Seasonal Employees. Parks Director Howell said each year after the budget is approved, he asks for a raise for seasonal employees. He said most of his crew earns under \$15 per hour. He said a two-step increase would give them less than a \$1 per hour increase. Alderman Horner asked if this would be for full-time seasonal employees who mow the parks and cemetery. Ryan confirmed that it would be for full-time seasonal. Vote: Horner aye, Dunard aye, Norman aye, Diekemper aye, Leifert aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Mayor Sconce read Bill No. 1379 as Ordinance ____ An Ordinance Adopting An Annual Budget For The City Of Troy, Missouri For The Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2023 And Appropriating Funds Pursuant Thereto, first and second times by title only.

Alderman Horner made a motion, seconded by Alderman Dunard, to adopt Bill No. 1379 as Ordinance ____ An Ordinance Adopting An Annual Budget For The City Of Troy, Missouri For The Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2023 And Appropriating Funds Pursuant Thereto.

Alderman Leifert said he was willing to sign on for employee raises. However, he said he could not see the benefit of adding a city administrator to the budget. Alderman Leifert said Governor Parsons was recently in town, and he discussed the state's bond rating. Alderman Leifert said approving the budget as proposed goes against his fiduciary responsibility. Alderman Diekemper said the board cannot continue to pass budgets with more spending than the City brings in. She said aldermen would have to ask residents for a tax increase if the board continues to spend more. Vote: Horner aye, Dunard aye, Leifert nay, Diekemper nay, Norman aye. Motion carried 3-2.

*Adopted FY2023 Budget Amendments

*Approved Liquor License for The Null Creations and More, 4 Lincoln Center, contingent upon receipt of fingerprinting

Alderman Norman made a motion, seconded by Alderman Diekemper, to Award Bid and Authorize Mayor to Sign Agreement with M&H Concrete Contractors, Inc. as the lowest and best bid in the amount of \$881,219 for 2023-2024 Concrete Replacement Program, Project #COT-23-0002. Vote: Norman aye, Diekemper aye, Dunard aye, Horner aye, Leifert aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Alderman Leifert made a motion, seconded by Alderman Norman, to Award Bid and Authorize Mayor to Sign Agreement with Mid River Asphalt, Inc. as the sole bidder in the amount of \$260,684 for 2023-2024 Asphalt Street Program, Project #COT-23-0001. Vote: Leifert aye, Norman aye, Diekemper aye, Dunard aye, Horner aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Alderman Diekemper made a motion, seconded by Alderman Dunard, to go Into Closed Session. Vote: Diekemper aye, Dunard aye, Norman aye, Horner aye, Leifert aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Aldermen went into Closed Session at 6:42 p.m.

Aldermen returned to Open Session at 7:05 p.m.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.