

**Regular Board of Aldermen Meeting
City of Troy, Missouri
800 Cap Au Gris Troy, MO 63379
Monday, December 18, 2023
6:30 P.M.**

Present for the Troy Board of Aldermen meeting were Aldermen Rachel Dunard, Gary Leifert, Harold Horner, Kay Diekemper, Steve Jones, David Norman, and Mayor Ron Sconce. Also present were Parks Director Ryan Howell, Wastewater Treatment Plant Supervisor Jared Comer, Police Chief Jeff Taylor, Assistant Police Chief Dustyn Tienter, City Attorney Brian Sinclair, and City Clerk Tonya Hawkins. Public Works Superintendent Jeff Burkemper, Building Official David Lindsey, and Finance Director Linda Flinn were absent.

Mayor Sconce called the meeting to order and announced a quorum present at 6:30 p.m. He led in the Pledge of Allegiance. There was no invocation.

Mayor Sconce stated that Item 7F (Discuss and Approve Budget Amendment in the Amount of \$4,186 for Sewer Van Lease) would be removed from the agenda.

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

*Approved Minutes of Previous Meetings: Regular Board of Aldermen Meeting dated Monday, November 20, 2023, and Workshop dated Monday, December 4, 2023

Mayor Sconce opened the meeting to Citizen Comments.

Lincoln County resident Charlie Day, of 75 Sydnorville Road, said he came to the Troy area 76 years ago. He explained how he and other leaders worked together to start the fire district, to help former Troy Police Marshall Bill Hopkins, and to establish a sheltered workshop. He said former Troy employees helped him hire a clerk for Public Water Supply District #2. He said working together is how you get things done. He requested sewer taps for PWSD#2, and he told aldermen the district would move forward with or without them.

*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. 1388 as Ordinance ___ An Ordinance Section 340.260 Of the Code of The City Of Troy Relating to the Use Of Electronic Communication Devices While Driving Commercial And Non-Commercial Motor Vehicles, first and second times by title only. Alderman Jones made a motion, seconded by Alderman Diekemper, to adopt Bill No. 1388 as Ordinance ___ An Ordinance Section 340.260 Of the Code of The City Of Troy Relating to the Use Of Electronic Communication Devices While Driving Commercial And Non-Commercial Motor Vehicles. Alderman Leifert asked if hands-free devices would be an issue. Mayor Sconce said the bill would not apply to hands-free devices; he said the

bill pertains to texting and driving. Mayor Sconce said the legislation mirrors state law. Vote: Jones aye, Diekemper aye, Dunard aye, Norman aye, Horner aye, Leifert aye. Motion carried 6-0.

Mayor Sconce read Bill No. 1389 as Ordinance ___ An Ordinance Accepting Certain Real Estate from the Beck/Henrikson Family of Troy, Missouri, first and second times by title only. Alderman Norman made a motion, seconded by Alderman Horner to adopt Bill No. 1389 as Ordinance ___ An Ordinance Accepting Certain Real Estate from the Beck/Henrikson Family of Troy, Missouri. Alderman Leifert asked if a title search had been conducted. Mayor Sconce said a title search had not been conducted. He said if the ordinance were adopted, it would be with a caveat for the title search. Vote: Norman aye, Horner aye, Dunard aye, Leifert aye, Diekemper aye, Jones aye. Motion carried 6-0.

Mayor Sconce explained that Item 6A (Discuss and Approve Allocation of Prop M funds as follows and as requested by Alderman Dunard: 20% - Streets, 20% - Salaries, 20% - Retirement, 20% - Police, 20% - Revitalization projects not covered by normal budget) was tabled several months ago. Alderman Dunard asked how much the City received from Prop M funds. Mayor Sconce stated the City received \$20,000 for the first month. Alderman Leifert said allocation of Prop M funds should not be considered until budget time. He said funds should be divvied up more definitively. Alderman Harold noted there is a lawsuit in St. Charles County regarding Prop M funds. He said that by budget time, officials should know more about legal issues surrounding Prop M. Alderman Diekemper concurred that allocation of funds should wait until budget time. Alderman Dunard made a motion, seconded by Alderman Jones, to Table Until Budget Time the Allocation of Prop M funds as follows: 20% - Streets, 20% - Salaries, 20% - Retirement, 20% - Police, 20% - Revitalization projects not covered by normal budget. Vote: Dunard aye, Jones aye, Norman aye, Horner aye, Diekemper nay, Leifert nay. Motion carried 4-2.

*Approved Record Plat Villas of Stonebridge

*Authorized Advertisement of RFP for Executive Search Firms to aid in Recruitment and Selection of City Administrator

*Approved Payment of Invoice 50607 from DeWitt Insurance brokers for Cybersecurity Insurance underwritten by CFC in the amount of \$19,500

*Approved 2024 IRS Mileage Rate of \$0.67 (67 cents per mile) effective January 1, 2024

*Approved and Authorize Mayor to Sign Midwest Pool Aquatic Center Management Contract for 2024 Season

Alderman Horner made a motion, seconded by Alderman Norman, to Approve and Authorize Mayor to Sign Quote from Aries Industries, Inc. (Sourcewell Contract 120721) in the amount of \$279,530 for Sewer Camera Van. Mayor Sconce explained this was a budgeted item that came in at a higher cost than expected. He noted the quote was still under Sourcewell Cooperative Purchasing Contracts. Alderman Dunard asked what was budgeted for a sewer camera van. Mayor Sconce said \$232,000. Vote: Horner aye, Norman aye, Diekemper aye, Leifert aye, Jones aye, Dunard aye. Motion carried 6-0.

Chief Taylor told aldermen he is removing two older, hail-damaged vehicles from the police department's fleet. He asked that insurance funds be used for equipment in new vehicles. Alderman Leifert made a motion, seconded by Alderman Norman, to Approve Request to Transfer \$17,465 Insurance Payment for Hail Damage to Vehicle and Equipment Line Item #6743. Vote: Leifert aye, Norman aye, Horner aye, Dunard aye, Diekemper aye, Jones aye. Motion carried 6-0.

Mayor Sconce explained that Building Official Lindsey met with Boonslick Regional Planning Commission officials. He said staff and commission officials are starting the framework to rewrite the city's comprehensive plan and zoning ordinances.

Chief Taylor said he wanted aldermen to consider using Prop M funds to enhance the City's retirement plan with Missouri Local Government Retirement System (LAGERS) for all employees. He said he talked to Building Official Lindsey, Public Works Superintendent Burkemper, and Parks Director Howell. Chief Taylor said a better LAGERS plan could help with employee retention.

Chief Taylor and Major Tienter asked aldermen to consider implementing a shift differential policy for Troy police officers working overnight. Chief Taylor explained officers would receive additional compensatory time for working regular overnight shifts. Chief Taylor said this would not cost anything once the police department is fully staffed. Major Tienter said this would allow officers to take a day off. He said he used to work the night shift, and it impacted his personal life.

Alderman Leifert questioned how compensatory time would not create salary issues. He asked how and who would keep track of the shift differential. Major Tienter said the police department could keep a log.

Alderman Dunard said if you give an officer the day off with pay, it is a raise. She said some other police departments do shift rotations, which allows officers to take turns on night and day shifts. She expressed concern about making a difference between night and day shifts. Major Tienter said he has pushed for shift rotations in the past, but he said officers would quit when assigned to the night shift. Chief Taylor said some officers like night shift, and some like day shift. He said he is trying to think outside the box.

Alderman Jones made a motion, seconded by Alderman Norman, to Approve and Authorize Mayor to Sign Proposal with Four Points Land Surveying and Engineering, Inc. for Highway 47 Tank Rehabilitation in the amount of \$10,500 for Specifications and Contract Documents and a cost not to exceed \$14,000 for Construction Observation and Inspection. Vote: Jones aye, Norman aye, Diekemper aye, Dunard aye, Leifert aye, Horner aye. Motion carried 6-0.

Alderman Norman made a motion, seconded by Alderman Jones, to Approve and Authorize Mayor to Sign Proposal with Four Points Land Surveying and Engineering, Inc. for Cottonwood Court Control Pit in the amount of \$12,000. Vote: Norman aye, Jones aye, Leifert aye, Diekemper aye, Horner aye, Dunard aye. Motion carried 6-0.

Alderman Jones made a motion, seconded by Alderman Diekemper, to Approve and Authorize Mayor to Sign Proposal with Four Points Land Surveying and Engineering, Inc. for Old Cap Au Gris Waterline Replacement in the amount of \$24,300. Vote: Jones aye, Diekemper aye, Norman aye, Dunard aye, Leifert aye, Horner aye. Motion carried 6-0.

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

Aldermen went into Closed Session at 7:09 p.m.

Aldermen returned to Open Session at 7:38 p.m.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

City Clerk

Mayor Sconce

*Approved on Consent Agenda

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