

**Regular Board of Aldermen Meeting
City of Troy, Missouri
800 Cap Au Gris Troy, MO 63379
Thursday, January 18, 2024
6:30 P.M.**

Present for the Troy Board of Aldermen meeting were Aldermen Rachel Dunard, Gary Leifert, Harold Horner, Steve Jones, David Norman, and Mayor Ron Sconce. Also present were Parks Director Ryan Howell, Public Works Superintendent Jeff Burkemper, Building Official David Lindsey, Wastewater Treatment Plant Supervisor Jared Comer, Patrol Lieutenant Brian Walker, Finance Director Linda Flinn, City Attorney Brian Sinclair, and City Clerk Tonya Hawkins. Alderman Kay Diekemper and Police Chief Jeff Taylor 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 said he attended a ribbon cutting ceremony for Kroger's remodel. He said the grocery store's construction crew complimented city staff and said they worked well together.

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

* Approved Minutes of Previous Meetings: Regular Board of Aldermen Meeting dated Monday, December 18, 2023

Mayor Sconce opened the meeting to Citizen Comments.

Quentin Laws, director of Lincoln County Emergency Management, invited aldermen to attend Emergency Management Training for Elected Officials, which will be held at the Lincoln County Council on Aging on March 6, 2024.

*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 Payment of Invoice No. 228447 to Woodard and Curran in the Amount of \$2,700 for Decant Upgrades to the SWWTF for the period ending December 15, 2023

*Approved Reappointment of DeeAnn Aydelott to 3-Year Term (expiring 2/2027) on Historic Preservation Commission

*Approved the following Budget Amendment:

FUND	ACCOUNT NUMBER	CURRENT BUDGET	AMEND TO:
04 PROTESTED FRANCHISE	04-9001-6999	\$107,945	\$108,270
01 GENERAL FUND	01-0000-4910	\$107,945	\$108,270

*Approved the Transfer of \$322.85 from Fund 04 Protested Franchise Tax to Fund 01 General Fund

Superintendent Burkemper explained that last month the board approved a quote for a sewer camera van. However, he said, since then he received a quote for a comparable piece of equipment for \$50,000 less. Alderman Jones made a motion, seconded by Alderman Horner, to Approve Quote from Key Equipment in the Amount of \$228,427.39 (Sourcewell Contract) for Sewer Camera Van. Vote: Jones aye, Horner aye, Dunard aye, Leifert aye, Norman aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Alderman Dunard made a motion, seconded by Alderman Jones, to Approve Proposal from Baker Tilly for City Administrator Recruitment Services. City Clerk Hawkins explained that Baker Tilly submitted a proposal after the RFP deadline due to issues with a delivery company. She called aldermen’s attention to an email in their board packet from Art Davis, of Baker Tilly. The email explained FedEx could not find and had not delivered Baker Tilly’s package containing the firm’s proposal. Aldermen Dunard and Jones withdrew their motions to Approve Proposal from Baker Tilly for City Administrator Recruitment Services. Alderman discussed tentatively holding a workshop on February 1, 2024, to discuss the proposals for city administrator recruitment.

Alderman Dunard made a motion, seconded by Alderman Norman, to Table Until Next Meeting the Approval of a Proposal for City Administrator Recruitment Services. Vote: Dunard aye, Norman aye, Jones aye, Horner aye, Leifert aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Alderman Dunard requested a revision to the City’s sign ordinance. She said she is the president of the Troy Baseball/Softball Association. She explained she wants to sell advertisements and hang signs on a park fence at Fairgrounds (City) Park to help fund the association. Attorney Sinclair expressed concerns about sponsors and whether the City of Troy would be perceived to endorse businesses that advertise. Alderman Dunard said the Troy Youth Soccer Association hangs signs in front of the concession stand at Fairgrounds Park. Mayor Sconce and Parks Director Howell explained soccer association signs are temporary and are removed after soccer games. Mayor Sconce expressed concerns about public space being used for private purposes. Alderman Dunard said she has more than 500 kids participating in the baseball/softball league. She said it is not cheap to run the program, and she wants to give businesses a way to give back. Alderman Leifert expressed concern about setting a precedent of letting special groups use public space. He said the board would be opening privileges up to everyone who wants to use city parks for advertisement.

Attorney Sinclair reviewed City Code Section 210.2230. He said the soccer association may need to stop its practice of hanging signs. Parks Director Howell mentioned that Section 210.2230 discussed timeframes for hanging signs.

Alderman Norman said he is not against the idea, but he said he does not know how to go about it. He said when he hosts runs, he hangs signs up for sponsors and later removes them. Alderman Jones asked if Alderman Dunard could talk with the city attorney. Attorney Sinclair said he would meet with Alderman Dunard.

Alderman Leifert and Dunard volunteered to serve on the Comprehensive Plan Committee.

Alderman Norman made a motion, seconded by Alderman Horner, to Approve and Authorize Mayor to

Enter Into Contract with Woodard and Curran as Sole Responder to RFQ for Engineering and Design of New Grit Removal System at SE WWTF. Vote: Norman aye, Horner aye, Jones aye, Dunard aye, Leifert aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Alderman Leifert made a motion, seconded by Alderman Norman, to Award Bid for Rehabilitation of Wastewater Lift Station in the Amount of \$76,000 to Vandeventer Engineering as the Sole Bidder. Vote: Leifert aye, Norman aye, Dunard aye, Jones aye, Horner aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Alderman Dunard made a motion, seconded by Alderman Jones, to Approve FY2023 Financial Statements contingent on Finance Director Flinn's review and approval. Vote: Dunard aye, Jones aye, Leifert aye, Norman aye, Horner aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Alderman Dunard made a motion, seconded by Alderman Jones, to Go Into Closed Session to discuss legal and real estate matters. Vote: Dunard aye, Jones aye, Norman aye, Horner aye, Leifert aye. Motion carried 5-0.

Aldermen went into Closed Session at 7:14 p.m.

Aldermen returned to Open Session at 7:27 p.m.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

City Clerk

Mayor Sconce

*Approved on Consent Agenda