

**Regular Board of Aldermen Meeting
City of Troy, Missouri
800 Cap Au Gris Troy, MO 63379
Thursday, February 22, 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, Kay Diekemper, and Mayor Ron Sconce. Also present were Public Works Superintendent Jeff Burkemper, Building Official David Lindsey, Wastewater Treatment Plant Supervisor Jared Comer, Police Chief Jeff Taylor, Finance Director Linda Flinn, City Attorney Brian Sinclair, Deputy City Clerk Kaitlyn Knickmeyer, and City Clerk Tonya Hawkins. Parks Director Ryan Howell was 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. Pastor Steven Bradshaw gave the invocation.

Alderman Leifert requested to remove Item 3D (Finance Report) from Consent Agenda. Alderman Diekemper made a motion, seconded by Alderman Dunard, to approve the Consent Agenda with the removal of Item 3D. Vote: Diekemper aye, Dunard aye, Jones aye, Norman aye, Horner aye, Leifert aye. Motion carried 6-0.

* Approved Minutes of Previous Meetings: Regular Board of Aldermen Meeting dated Thursday, January 18, 2024, and Workshop and Special Board of Aldermen Meeting dated Thursday, February 1, 2024

Mayor Sconce opened the meeting to Citizen Comments.

Dennis Detert, of 1097 Huntington Drive, stated Mayor Sconce has a Missouri Ethics Commission violation. He said Mayor Sconce misled people when he wanted to be mayor and city administrator. He said that if someone raises their hand during board meetings, they should be allowed to speak.

*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, Building Inspection, Parks, and Administration Departments

Alderman Leifert questioned a line item labeled sexual harassment in financial reports. Alderman Dunard offered to elaborate. Attorney Sinclair advised the matter should be discussed in Closed Session. Alderman Leifert made a motion, seconded by Alderman Diekemper, to Table Until After Closed Session Approval of Finance Report. Vote: Leifert aye, Diekemper aye, Jones aye, Dunard aye, Norman aye, Horner aye. Motion carried 6-0.

*Approved Payment of Regular Monthly Bills

*Approved Appointment of James Beachler to fill vacancy left by Larry Bennet to complete remainder of term expiring 7/1/2025 on Board of Adjustment

*Approved Emergency Purchase by Woodard and Curran, pursuant to the terms of their contract, for lift station repairs by Vandevanter Engineering in the amount of \$6,648.90

*Approved Pay Application No. 4 (Final Retainage) for 2023 Concrete Replacement Program Project COT-23-0002 submitted by M&H Contractors, Inc. in the amount of \$52,418.80

*Approved Pay Application No. 1 for Well #16 (Engineer Project 190310) submitted by Martin General Contractors, in the amount of \$725,249.00

*Approved and Pay Invoice No. 4995 for Installation of OBIC Liner System to Manholes (PCA Contract #OD-347-21) from Advanced Rehabilitation Technology in the amount of \$15,889.20

*Approved and Pay Invoice No. 4996 for Installation of OBIC Liner System to Manholes (PCA Contract #OD-347-21) from Advanced Rehabilitation Technology in the amount of \$18,850

*Approved and Authorized Mayor to Sign Proposal for Engineering Services for (Whitetail and Wingate) Lift Station SCADA Upgrades in the Amount of \$196,500

*Approved and Authorize Mayor to Sign Proposal for Engineering Services for WWTF Grit Removal System in the Amount of \$567,200

*Approved and Authorized Mayor to Sign Cleaning Services Agreement Renewal with Gateway Janitorial Services for cleaning (Troy City Hall, Building Dept., and Police Dept.)

Mayor Sconce observed RSMo. 79.120 and turned the meeting over to board president, Alderman Norman.

Alderman Norman asked the board to void Ordinance 1320: An Ordinance Establishing Compensation for the Mayor of the City of Troy. Attorney Sinclair said he reviewed the caselaw and the Missouri Ethics Commission ruling. He said he spoke with City Clerk Hawkins, and he suggested adopting an ordinance to declare Ordinance 1320 void. Aldermen Jones, Dunard, and Norman directed Attorney Sinclair to draft a bill.

Alderman Leifert suggested establishing a code of conduct for elected officials and voluntary boards. Alderman Dunard said she is not an employee; she said board members are adults and are doing just fine. Alderman Leifert said citizens deserve decorum. Alderman Jones said Attorney Sinclair could draft a bill. He said if aldermen do not agree, they could vote no. Alderman Leifert agreed to work with Attorney Sinclair.

Alderman Diekemper asked the board to revise Ordinance 1339: City Administration Regarding the Duty of Attendance of Elected Officials of the City of Troy, Missouri and Procedure for Removal of an Elected Official for Non-Attendance. Alderman Norman told Alderman Diekemper she missed two meetings. Alderman Diekemper said she had two shoulder surgeries. She said aldermen cannot plan when they are going to be ill. Mayor Sconce said the ordinance allows aldermen to excuse absences. Aldermen consented to Attorney Sinclair drafting a revision.

Chief Taylor asked the board to remove Item 7M (Discuss Purchase of Blueline AI Software and Splitting Costs in the Amount of \$6,600 per year with other Law Enforcement Agencies). Alderman Norman made a motion, seconded by Alderman Horner to Table Item 7M Indefinitely. Vote: Norman aye, Horner aye, Dunard aye, Jones aye, Leifert aye, Diekemper aye. Motion carried 6-0.

Chief Taylor requested a Livescan printer to expedite identifications and bookings. He said a state program would allow the department to acquire a Livescan printer at no cost for five years. Alderman

Horner made a motion, seconded by Alderman Dunard, to Approve Contract for Livescan Printer for Police Department. City Clerk Hawkins said there was no contract submitted for the agenda item. Mayor Sconce asked Attorney Sinclair if he reviewed the contract. Attorney Sinclair said he did not receive a contract. Chief Taylor said he would email a contract to Attorney Sinclair. Alderman Horner withdrew his motion. Alderman Dunard removed her second.

Chief Taylor asked aldermen to consider revising prisoner fees. Chief Taylor said fees could be increased when officers conduct in-house bookings. Alderman Dunard said she would sponsor an ordinance revision.

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

Aldermen went into Closed Session at 7:08 p.m.

Aldermen returned to Open Session at 7:50 p.m.

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

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

City Clerk

Mayor Sconce

*Approved on Consent Agenda