

**Regular Board of Aldermen Meeting
City of Troy, Missouri
800 Cap Au Gris Troy, MO 63379
Monday, March 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, Kay Diekemper, and Mayor Ron Sconce. Also present were Public Works Superintendent Jeff Burkemper, Building Official David Lindsey, Parks Director Ryan Howell, 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.

Mayor Sconce called the meeting to order and opened the Public Forum at 6:30 p.m. for comment concerning the City of Troy's Comprehensive Plan and Planning and Zoning Ordinance.

Linda Buschman, of Boonslick Regional Planning Commission, said she is pleased the City of Troy contracted with the organization to create a comprehensive plan. She explained she will be working with the Troy Planning and Zoning Commission on ordinances related to land use. Building Official Lindsey is putting together a committee to review the comprehensive plan before it is introduced to Planning and Zoning. Ms. Buschman said proposals will be available for public comment after aldermen and zoning officials review it. The plan will be a ten-year document, she said.

Mayor Sconce asked for an overall timeline for the project. Ms. Buschman said it could take between 12 to 15 months. She explained a survey will go out to the community, and planners will work to obtain data.

Mayor Sconce closed the Public Forum at 6:35 p.m. He announced a quorum present and led in the Pledge of Allegiance. There was no invocation.

Mayor Sconce requested the removal of Item 7E (Award Police Vehicle Equipment Bid to PSU in the Amount of \$12,801) from the Consent Agenda.

Alderman Jones made a motion, seconded by Alderman Diekemper, to Approve Consent Agenda with the exception of Item 7E. Vote: Jones aye, Diekemper aye, Dunard aye, Norman aye, Leifert aye, Horner aye. Motion carried 6-0.

*Approved Minutes of Previous Meetings: Regular Board of Aldermen Meeting dated Thursday, February 22, 2024, and Board of Aldermen Workshop dated March 5, 2024

Mayor Sconce opened the meeting to Citizen Comments.

Ron Walters, of 1099 Huntington Drive, discussed Bill No. 1391 regarding a Code of Ethics for Elected and Appointed Officials for the City of Troy. He said any person with a Missouri Ethics Commission violation should be disciplined by the board. He said he would like a drive-up drop box. He discussed Bill No. 1392 regarding aldermen attendance at board meetings. Mr. Walter said when he served as a Troy alderman, he missed meetings and stepped down to allow a responsible person to serve.

Lincoln County resident Walter Wright, of 1001 Bueneman Lane, said potholes have not been fixed on the road. He alleged yard waste was illegally dumped on the City's adjacent property, and he asked when the pile would disappear.

Lincoln County resident Andrew Mencin, of 31 Dunard Drive, said aldermen were holding an illegal meeting. He said he supplied paperwork for city officials to read, but everyone refuses to read it. He said he has warned officials and whatever follows, follows.

Lincoln County resident Dennis Redman, of 342 Pine Bluff Way, requested a water tap at 484 Linns Mill Road for Davidson Parking. Mayor Sconce said the board would have to give permission to connect because the property is outside City limits. He directed Mr. Redman to the Troy Building Department and the City Clerk for an application to connect to municipal water.

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

Alderman Norman read Bill No. 1390 as Ordinance ____ -- An Ordinance Declaring Ordinance 1320 In Regard to the Pay-Raise for the Mayor Void and Without Effect the first time by title only.

Alderman Leifert clarified Missouri law does not require the City of Troy to have an administrator. He said the vote to increase the mayoral salary on April 4, 2022, came before the municipal election in 2022. He said no one knew who the next mayor would be. He said if the mayoral salary is reduced, the person in the position would make less than \$6 per hour. Leifert said he is in favor of trying to correct a mistake, but he is not in favor of an ethics violation by changing the mayor's salary during the current term.

Alderman Norman said the ordinance is void with the mayor's tie-breaking vote. He said it was an illegal vote. He asked if tax dollars should go to an ethics violation. He noted that he voted in favor of the pay increase.

Alderman Norman read Bill No. 1390 as Ordinance ____ -- An Ordinance Declaring Ordinance 1320 In Regard to the Pay-Raise for the Mayor Void and Without Effect the second time by title only.

Alderman Dunard made a motion, seconded by Alderman Horner, to Adopt Bill No. 1390 as Ordinance ____ -- An Ordinance Declaring Ordinance 1320 In Regard to the Pay-Raise for the Mayor Void and Without Effect. Vote: Dunard aye, Horner aye, Jones aye, Diekemper nay, Leifert nay, Norman aye. Motion carried 4-2.

Alderman Norman turned the meeting over to Mayor Sconce.

Mayor Sconce read Bill No. 1391 as Ordinance ____ -- An Ordinance Creating Section 125.045 for the Municipal Code of the City Of Troy, Establishing a Code of Ethics for Elected and Appointed Officials for the City Of Troy, Missouri, first and second times by title only.

Alderman Diekemper made a motion, seconded by Alderman Norman, to Table Until Next Meeting Adoption of Bill No. 1391 as Ordinance ____ -- An Ordinance Creating Section 125.045 for the Municipal Code of the City Of Troy, Establishing a Code of Ethics for Elected and Appointed Officials for the City Of Troy, Missouri. Vote: Diekemper aye, Norman aye, Jones aye, Leifert aye, Dunard aye, Horner aye. Motion carried 6-0.

Mayor Sconce read Bill No. 1392 as Ordinance ____ --An Ordinance Amending Section 115.215 Of Chapter 115: City Administration Specifically Removing The Words “Then-Present” From Section 115.215(1)(E), first and second times by title only.

Alderman Jones made a motion, seconded by Alderman Norman, to Table Until Next Meeting Adoption of Bill No. 1392 as Ordinance ____ --An Ordinance Amending Section 115.215 Of Chapter 115: City Administration Specifically Removing The Words “Then-Present” From Section 115.215(1)(E). Vote: Jones aye, Norman aye, Horner aye, Dunard aye, Leifert aye, Diekemper aye. Motion carried 6-0.

*Approved Special Event Permit Request from Woods Fort / The Barn for Up to Five Food Trucks at the Ruby Leigh Concert on March 23, 2024

*Approved budget amendment for Police Uniforms & Equipment Account Number 01-1001-6650 from \$35,000 to \$45,000 funded by Sale of Police Vehicles on Purple Wave Auction

*Approved budget amendment for Police Vehicle Equipment Account Number 01-1001-6743 from \$24,465 to \$34,765 funded by Sale of Police Vehicles on Purple Wave Auction

*Approved equipment purchase from A & W Communications in the amount of \$11,498.08 to outfit the 2023 Chevrolet Tahoe VIN 1GNSKLED6PR508759 purchased last October

Mayor Sconce explained the total amount of the Police Vehicle Equipment Bid to PSU would be for five vehicles at \$64,005, or \$12,801 per vehicle. He said PSU was not the lowest bidder, but PSU would be the most responsive.

Alderman Horner made a motion, seconded by Alderman Norman, to Award Bid to PSU in the amount of \$12,801 per five vehicles for Police Vehicle Equipment. Vote: Horner aye, Norman aye, Diekemper aye, Leifert aye, Jones aye, Dunard aye. Motion carried 6-0.

*Authorized Mayor to Sign Subaward Agreement for LLEBG in the amount of \$9,999 from Missouri Department of Public Safety

*Authorized Mayor to Sign Contract for Pitney Bowes Postage Meter Term Sixty Months obtained through State Bid (National Association of State Procurement Officials)

*Authorized Mayor to Sign Contract with TSI, a Preferred Partner for ShoreTel Phone System Support, for One Year Term in the Amount of \$1,928

Alderman Leifert made a motion, seconded by Alderman Norman, to Approve Request for Residential Connection to Water from Richard and Betty Emert at 2190 Highway 47 West. Vote: Leifert aye, Norman aye, Dunard aye, Diekemper aye, Jones aye, Horner aye. Motion carried 6-0.

Alderman Jones made a motion, seconded by Alderman Horner, to Award Elm Tree Road and Highway 61 Waterline Extensions Bid to Lake Construction in the Amount of \$516,600 as Recommended by Four

Points Land Surveying & Engineering, Inc. Vote: Jones aye, Horner aye, Norman aye, Dunard aye, Diekemper aye, Leifert aye. Motion carried 6-0.

Chief Taylor explained the cost of five 2024 Chevrolet Tahoes increased slightly from \$50,770 per vehicle due to the vehicles having remote start and extra keys. Alderman Leifert made a motion, seconded by Alderman Horner, to Approve Purchase of Five (5) 2024 Chevrolet Tahoe Pursuit Utility Vehicles from Don Brown Chevrolet at Increase Amount of \$51,142 Per Vehicle. Vote: Leifert aye, Horner aye, Norman aye, Dunard aye, Diekemper aye, Jones aye. Motion carried 6-0.

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

Aldermen went into Closed Session at 7:10 p.m.

Alderman returned to Open Session at 7:21 p.m.

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

City Clerk

Mayor Sconce

*Approved on Consent Agenda