

APPROVED MINUTES
REGULAR SCHEDULED MONTHLY MEETING
Thursday August 12, 2021 7:00 PM
Miller Fire Station, 109 N Park, Miller, MO 65707

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGEANCE

II. ROLL CALL

Joe Haas x
Mary Johnson x
Phil Bowers x
Garry Baker x

Also, Present Mayor Adamson x
City Attorney Matt Owen x

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

July 8, 2021 minutes were reviewed by the Alderman, Garry motioned to accept the minutes with spelling correction on page 2. Phil second motion. All 4 alderman ayes.

It was requested by Marty to research because the Notaries from July were not on the July Profit and Loss statement. Katy will be researching and correcting.

IV. FINANCIAL

a. BILLS

The council reviewed the weekly bills and signed the bill review form. Joe motioned to pay weekly bills, Marty second. All 4 Alderman ayes.

- b. July Financial statement and semi-annual financial statements were reviewed. Katy discussed that the Lawrence County Sheriff's Contract cost was not budgeted in to the FY 21/22 budget, and requested approval to add and correct. Phil motioned to include the LCS cost into budget, Joe second. Garry nay, Joe aye, Marty aye, Phil Aye. Quorum passed.

V. MONTHLY REPORTS

a. JOE WASHAM- PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

The maintenance department had 14 loads of brush, completed the E Kinney Street clean-up which consisted of 20 loads to the burn pile, 4 loads of dirt to fill up, took 3 days to clean up.

b. JAMES SMITH- FIRE CHIEF

The Fire Department had 5 calls: 1 control burn, 1 trash can fire, 1 landing zone, and 2 weather notifications.

c. KATY QUALLS- CITY CLERK

There were 28 Police Calls, The City had a 38.8% Water loss for July, we had 4 nonpay disconnects and one account that needs approval to send to collections, Katy has located one of the BOCA books at City Hall, and the Bids for the sewer rehab were advertised the week of July 29, 2021. Garry motioned to put the one account into collections, Phil second. All 4 Alderman ayes

d. JOHN ADAMSON -MAYOR

Thanks TREKK for all their help on getting easements closed and done. He discussed the schedule for the sewer rehab. Discussed that he had discovered someone had been poaching water from the hydrant under the south water tower. On the audit a couple things have come up that he is concerned with. He discussed his concern with the Sheriff's contract that the previous mayor signed. He stated he and Matt are going to send a letter to the commissioners in regards to the contract and not having control of the police car. He will give a report on progress at the next meeting.

Lieutenant Ford spoke on behalf of Lawrence County Sheriff's Office and discussed issues and concerns with the John and the Alderman. Matt will contact commissioners and have a set down with LCS and Mayor, at once, to discuss issues. Lieutenant Ford informed John that he is not to approach Devost any further, any contact needs to be done through the City Clerk.

VI. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

- a. Sonya Johnson- came to get a better understanding of the relationship between LCS and Miller. She fully supports local law enforcement; however, she has several concerns. She observed the officer at the ballfield on June 30 for at least 3 hours. He was out there again tonight, met him on his way to town at approximately 4:45 pm. On any given day she can see vehicles run the stop signs by her house, and shows concerns about safety. She shows concern over the lack of communication between LCS and the City of Miller. She states that trust needs to be built back into our community due to past issues with law enforcement.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

a. CODE ESTIMATE

Katy spoke with Donna Post at General Code to clarify the costs of the Ordinance book Update estimate. Joe motioned to pass and pay for the update, Marty Second. Garry nay, Joe aye, Marty aye, Phil aye. Quorum passed.

b. DISCUSSION OF FEES

Joe shows concern about the constituency of the city getting hit with fees for inspections. Joe Haas is getting a lot of complaints from citizens about the Inspector not being in County, local. It was discussed that checking into another inspector that is local to Miller that has stepped up with interest.

c. **HYDROVAC**

Joe motioned to move on to next topic and come back as TREKK needed to be moved up.

d. **TREKK**

The pre-bid meeting was today and had quite a few contractors attended. The bidding will open August 30, 2021. There are a few documents that the Mayor and Attorney reviewed. Isabella gave the Task Order 4 to the Alderman and Mayor to review. Marty motioned to have Mayor and Attorney sign Task Order 4, Phil second. All 4 Alderman ayes.

Opening bids will be August 30, 2021 at 2:00 pm

e. **CONTINUANCE OF HYDROVAC**

Discussion of purchasing the HydroVac was continued. Garry motioned to buy the HydroVac with cash, Marty second. All 4 Alderman ayes.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

a. **71ST ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL**

Lucinda G. gave a friendly reminder the festival is coming up. They are going to use the new carnival from last year again. Elvis will be back this year Saturday night at 8:00 pm. She stated that the Fall Festival is their annual fundraiser for the Lion's Club.

b. **W/WW OPERATOR'S CERTIFICATION FOR MAINTENANCE WORKERS**

Discussion of Danny needing to get his certification. When the lagoon gets upgraded a C certification is going to be needed. Mike has a D And Danny has no certification. The lead operator needs to have a C. Joe feels both need to have a C certification. The city has vouchers from DNR to use towards the courses. Phil made a motion to approve training for both Mike and Danny, Joe second. All 4 alderman ayes.

c. **TAX LEVY**

The council discussed the Tax Levy. Garry motioned to leave the Tax Levy at its current rate, second by Marty. All 4 Alderman ayes.

Tax levy to stay at .9723

d. **PAY OFF FIRE STATION LOAN**

The council discussed paying off the fire station 1999 Series Bond. Garry motioned to pay it off with the funds in Fire/Watertower Account, Phil second. All 4 Alderman ayes.

e. **MO DEPT OF CONSERVATION GRANT FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT**

JimBob discussed a 50/50 grant that Missouri Department of Conservation has. The fire department would be going for items like pagers, leaf blowers, chain

saws. He will have more information in the next few months. Joe motioned to have JimBob get more information, Garry 2nd. All 4 alderman ayes.

f. RETURN OF POLICE CAR

Garry mentioned that they took the car to hills for work and haven't seen the car since. AS discussed earlier, Lieutenant, officer, mayor and attorney and commissioner will all sit down and speak. No further discussion was made.

IX. CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL RECORDS AND PERFORMANCE RATINGS OR RECORDS PERTAINING TO EMPLOYEES OR APPLICANTS FOR EMPLOYMENT IN ACCORDANCE §120.020 (A11)

Garry motioned to close session, Marty Second. All 4 Alderman ayes.

APPROVED