

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
109 N PARK, MILLER MO
THURSDAY MARCH 12, 2020 @ 7:30 PM

I. Call to Order: 7:30 pm
Pledge of Allegiance

II. Roll Call

Members Present: Stacy Daniels__X__ Amy Taylor _X__ Christa Adams _X__
Marlyn Johnson_X__ Philip Bowers __X__

Absent: Stacy Daniels ____ Amy Taylor ____ Christa Adams ____ Marlyn Johnson ____
Philip Bowers ____

III. Approval of Minutes:

Motion for Approval made by Amy Taylor
Second – Philip Bowers
Ayes – 4
Noes – 0
Additions or Corrections –

IV. Approve Bills:

Motion to approve –Christa Adams
Second- Marty Johnson
Ayes – 4
Noes - 0

V. Monthly Reports:

Public Works Director –Joe Washam reported two leaks were found and repaired; when monthly testing SS numbers were found higher than usual, willcheck next month and see if normal are back to normal; BOD numbers were stable.

Fire –James Smith: no calls for the month, several volunteers were able to attend storm spotter class in Mt Vernon

City Clerk –Denise Robertson: no report

Court Clerk – Denise Robertson: working with city attorney on process to prepare to move municipal cases to County.

Mayor – Stacy Daniels: the City's financials are strong; several interest payments are coming due; 1-April; 1-June of this year.

VI. Audience Participation: Philip Bowers inquired as to the City's siren not sounding when the Statewide emergency test was performed the first week in March? Jim Bob Smith will look into the matter and have an answer at next month's meeting. The normal test performed the second Wednesday of the month at 10:00am successfully.

VII. Old Business

1. TREKK – update

Discussion: Isabella provided updates on status of DNR; CDBG grants. Stated the project is still on schedule, bids should be out in October of this year. Trekk is finished with the plans for the rehab and lagoon upgrades and they plan to set flow meters and schedule for Mar/April.

2. Flags at Fire Station

Discussion: American Legion does not have the indoor flags so we checked with Fancy Pants Dry Cleaning in Mt Vernon and they clean flags for \$11 each.

Motion: made by Amy Taylor to approve the City taking our indoor American flag and MO flag to Fancy Pants Dry Cleaning in Mt Vernon.

Second – Marlyn Johnson

Ayes – 4

Noes – 0

3. Hobbs Building

Discussion: The Mayor sent the certified letter to Mr. Lilly regarding the Hobbs building need for repair. Mr. Lilly came into City Hall and explained he is going to repair his building and he has a gentleman that is going to close up the back that has fallen in and then this person will move into the building until repairs are complete on the inside.

4. Computer/Upgrade Fire Station

Discussion: The monitor that belongs to the police department will work with the tower Home Computer quoted.

Jim Bob said he spoke with Travis Brown and he will upgrade the fire station's computer for \$60 and Jim Bob will use the monitor from the police dept. inventory and that will take care of the computer fire departments need.

Motion: Marlyn Johnson made motion to approve Travis Brown to upgrade FD computer.

Second: Amy Taylor

Ayes – 4

Noes – 0

5. Tiger Tractor repairs:

Discussion: Estimates for repairs to the Tiger tractor were obtained previously from Murphy Tractor and their costs were \$18,000 to repair current engine. Certified Tractor Repair out of Monett provide an estimate for engine repair at \$8,550.00. This is for engine work only if the clutch needed repair/replace that would be extra.

The Aldermen ask that we obtain cost to replace clutch and have that for next month's meeting.

Motion made by Philip Bowers to go with Certified Tractor Repair for the engine repair.

Second: Amy Taylor

Ayes - 4

Noes - 0

VIII. New Business

1. Fall Festival – Marty Ruark

Discussion: Marty addressed the Aldermen stating in the past there has always been a gentlemen's agreement the City would close Main St for the week of the Miller Fall Festival. With the date change this year the Lions Club is asking the City to approve closure of Main St. from Sunday, August 23-Sunday, August 30, 2020.

There also was discussion about all the upcoming fundraisers planned by the Lions Club and the Mayor/Aldermen encouraged Marty to provide the City with a list of all events with the dates and the City would send out flyers with the water bills.

Motion was made by Amy Taylor for the City to close Main St August 23-30, 2020 for Miller Fall Festival.

Second: Christa Adams

Ayes – 4

Noes – 0

2. American Legion –

Discussion: Dennis Harris discussed with the Mayor/Alderman the possibility of the American Legion selling their current building plus their lot to the north due to lack of members and fundraising events that aren't generating enough to take care of the cost on the building. They plan to have the property appraised and their hope is that if the City or whoever might be interested in purchasing the building, might allow an agreement allowing the Legion to continue to use the building for their monthly meetings. The Mayor suggested Dennis also contact Carol Smith with Senior Citizen since they allow people/organizations to use their building.

3. Ordinance – Amend Municipal Court Fee

Discussion: The Mayor read the ordinance number and title twice

Roll Call vote was taken: Amy Taylor Yes Christa Adams Yes Marlyn Johnson: Yes
Philip Bowers Yes

4. Fire Chief Monthly check

Discussion: The Aldermen and the Mayor receive annual stipends and the Mayor ask for the Aldermen to consider paying the Fire Chief annually as well instead of monthly.

Motion: Amy Taylor

Second: Philip Bower

Ayes – 4

Noes – 0

5. Increase Daily Cash Drawer Balance \$50

Discussion: With more customers paying in cash at times the current amount in the City's cash drawer can run short in their ability to make change.

Motion: Marlyn Johnson

Second: Amy Taylor

Ayes – 4

Noes – 0

IX. Closed Session

Motion: Amy Taylor

Second: Marlyn Johnson

X. Open Session

Discussion regarding a scheduled payment agreement between past Police Chief Neely with the City.

Motion: Amy Taylor to have the City Attorney submit a counter offer to Neely's attorney.

Seconded: Philip Bowers

Ayes-4

Noes-0

Motion to adjourn by Amy Taylor

Stacy Daniels, Mayor

Attest: _____
Denise Robertson, City Clerk