

MINUTES
REGULAR SCHEDULED MONTHLY MEETING
Thursday October 14, 2021 7:00 PM
Held at Miller Fire Station, 109 N Park, Miller, MO 65707

- I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE 7pm
- II. ROLL CALL
Members Present: John Adamson __x__ Joe Haas __x__ Garry Baker __x__
Phil Bowers __x__ Marty Johnson __x__

Also Present: - City Attorney – Matt Owen __x__
- III. MINUTES
a. Review of September 9, 2021, regular and closed session minutes
Marty to accept minutes Joe second; Joe aye, Garry aye, Phil aye, Marty aye.
- IV. FINANCIALS
a. September Financial Statements and Quarterly Income and Expenses were reviewed by council.

b. Weekly bills
Garry motions to pay bills Phil second. Joe aye, Garry aye, Phil aye, Marty aye.
- V. Motion by Phil to get a daily report/log from LCS so we have a more detailed call log for Devost to keep in the office. Withdrawal motion by phil.
- VI. MONTHLY REPORTS
a. **Joe Washam – Public Works Director**
 - They had 2 sewer lines replaced, cleaned one sewer line, and fixed 5 water leaks. Found that one of the well pumps has a check valve leaking back into the well, working on getting parts to fix.
 - Tires on back of backhoe are getting thin, and Danny and Mike have gotten bids to replace them. **Garry makes a motion to get the tires replaced by the company in Monett, 2nd by Marty. Joe aye, Garry aye, Phil aye, Marty aye.**
 - Joe has contacted Boyd Schleicher out of Carl Junction about laying asphalt. He will come get a measurement of the roads to be paved and get an estimate to Joe.
b. **James Smith – Fire Chief:**
 - 2 calls for landing zones, controlled burn this month by Isaac Taylor, will be setting up on Main St for Halloween Trunk or treat;

- Got the Walmart Cybergrant set up, requested replacing tv at fire station, John Adamson offered to donate a larger tv to the station

c. Katy Qualls – City/Municipal Clerk:

- September the City had a 41.7% water loss. 1 nonpay shutoff but paid and is back on. 6 Notaries.
- The job posting for a new maintenance worker will be in Lawrence County Record last week and this week's editions (October 6 and 13th) as well as it was posted on the City's Facebook page. We also posted for propane bids in the 2 same editions at the Record and have received one closed bid so far.
- 2 accounts that need to go to collections totaling \$261.50. **Garry motions to turn into collection, 2nd joe: Joe aye, Garry aye, Phil aye, Marty aye.**

d. John Adamson – Mayor:

- Discussed the ARPA fund applications are due to City Hall by 5pm tomorrow, Friday Oct 15, 2021.

VII. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION – LIMIT 3 MINUTES

- a. Leonard Lawmaster- got some bids to tear down his old house, he has someone who will tear the house down with 2 routes. Tear it down where it is and burn it where it sat and then come down and get the debris or tear it down and haul it off which would be a considerable amount more. AS of right now might not put anything on the property yet as of now. Discussion of process of tearing down and burning. Council mentioned they need to get the metal siding off and shingles off before he burns it, and to contact LCS non-emergency number to let them know about the controlled burn.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

a. TREKK

Presented Notice of Awards for both Contract 1 and 2 and council approved Contract 1 with G&G Construction for \$1,524,681.58 and Contract 2 with Municipal Pipe Tool for \$771,057.10. Mayor signed both Notice of Awards. **Motion by Phil to approve both bids second Garry second. Joe aye, Garry aye, Phil aye, Marty aye.**

IX. NEW BUSINESS

a. PRIMACY FEE INCREASE

City Hall received a letter from MoDNR the day before our last council meeting that the Annual Primacy Fee for water is increasing from \$3.24 to \$5.28 effective January 1, 2022. However, in the letter it states that the current annual period established in rule is September 1 through August 31. It states that we will need to use the applicable prorated fee amount located in the fee table that was included, which would be \$4.60 from September to December 31, 2021 equaling .39 cents a month. Then from January 1 to September 1, 2022, the revised fee amount is \$5.28, or .44 cents a month per connection. **Phil motions to recognize and increase primacy water to correspond with chart, Garry second. Joe aye,**

Garry aye, Phil aye, Marty aye.

b. Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program

City Hall received a packet from Department of Social Services that the Administration of Children and Families is funding a new program for low-income households to provide up to \$750 for water and sewer, disconnect fees, customers who are in threat of being disconnected, past due bills, and reconnection fees. It was expected to begin in Missouri Oct 1, 2021 for elderly and disabled, and Nov 1 for other households. **Garry motions to participate in the program, second joe. Joe aye, Garry aye, Phil aye, Marty aye.**

c. Miller Franchise Agreement with Liberty Utilities

City Hall received an email from Liberty Utilities stating that it was time to update the Franchise Agreement between them and the city. Per their request I have added it to the November Agenda. Per Liberty Utilities, the draft has to be in our office for 30 days prior to the meeting, which I have a copy at City Hall, as well as given council a copy to review for the next meeting. We don't need to make any motions tonight about it, I just wanted to get the draft in your hands to review and ask any questions you might want me to pass on. **Questions council requested be asked: Is the contract any different from last year? Is there any kind of price?**

d. Discussion of letter received at City Hall

The city received an anonymous letter showing concern about COVID safety at city hall. City hall has been in contact with Health Department and are in good standings. The letter has no standing and will be disregarded.

e. Discussion of changes of permit fees

Joe Haas, Phil and 2 citizens from miller met and went over the permit fees and compared to several other surrounding towns. Joe discussed his proposed changes to the permit fees. Katy will work up a new with proposed with old fees.

f. Discussion of an E Waste Day

Katy and Joe Haas met with Natalie Mosely, SW District Planner from SW MO Waste MGNT. The City of Miller could qualify for a 2800-3000 grant to have someone come out and do the e-waste.

g. Possibility of anonymous citizen complaints

want to make the possibility of making citizen complaints anonymous. Council agrees that if complaint stays anonymous, the complainant needs to be aware that prosecution is limited.

X. ADJOURNMENT 9:04 pm