

MINUTES
REGULAR SCHEDULED MONTHLY MEETING
Thursday September 9, 2021 7:00 PM
Held at Miller Fire Station, 109 N Park, Miller, MO 65707

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE 7:00

Mayor Adamson took a moment of silence for the 13 soldiers killed. Honored the KIA from his West Point USMA Class of 1967.

II. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Joe Haas __x__ Garry Baker __x__
Phil Bowers __x__ Marty Johnson __x__
Also Present: Mayor- John Adamson __x__
City Attorney – Matt Owen __x__

III. MINUTES

a. **Approval of August 12, 2021 regular scheduled and closed session minutes.**
Move for Approval – Garry Second by Marty: Joe Haas __aye__ Garry Baker
__aye__ Phil Bowers __aye__ Marty Johnson __aye__; motion passed

IV. FINANCIAL

a. **Weekly bills**

Motion to approve bills by Garry, second by Phil. Joe Haas aye, Garry Baker aye,
Phil Bowers aye, Marty Johnson aye; motion passed

b. **August financial statement**

council reviewed financial statements

ANNOUNCED JOE WASHAM’S RETIREMENT ON NOVEMBER 1ST

V. MONTHLY REPORTS

Joe Washam – Public Works Director

The maintenance department set 1 sewer tap for service, 1 sewer line, Joe discovered the city had no water on August 26th around 2:00 am, it was discovered a 10inch main line broke causing both of the city towers to drain at 2am, the guys had it fixed at 3am, been running on manual since the 26th, and they had the lines are back in service as of Tuesday, September 7. There were 13 loads of brush. Aaron has been doing community service for the city and has been painting a lot of the city buildings, he will be working on the city park next.

James Smith – Fire Chief

- a. The Fire Department had a PR event before the parade and did some training. The conservation grant that was discussed last month to get 3 radios for \$535 apiece, talked to the council about a truck repeater \$2,400, a chainsaw \$450, total \$7,140.00, the fire department share would be approximately \$3,570. Phil motions to go along with the recommendation for the grant and applying half the funds. Joe 2nd. Joe Haas aye, Garry Baker aye, Phil Bowers aye, Marty Johnson aye; motion passed
- b. James found another grant from MFA that is also 50/50 for training and equipment. He is trying to get more information and will come back with better figures next month. He also got some information on Walmart Grants/Donations, working with the city clerk on getting more info.
- c. He got a call from Isaac Taylor wanting to do a controlled house burn on the east end of main street. James won't be able to do a stand by for them, if council and lawyer have no problem with it, he would like to go ahead and give them permission. Matt made the comment for a certificate of insurance to make sure it is covered if anything happens, damage caused by them burning the house.

Katy Qualls – City/Municipal Clerk

City had a 38% water loss last month. 9 notaries. 10 non-pay disconnects, as of Tuesday (Sept 7) 1 remain off. No accounts need to go to collections. The annual audit is scheduled for Sept 21 and she has almost everything ready. Katy gave an update on the Fire Station payoff: she received a letter from D.A. Davidson with the letter to submit with final payment to the Littons.

John Adamson – Mayor

- a. When the city was painting the buildings, it was brought up to have a mural painted on one them. John and Amy Adamson have been in contact with Mrs. Dobbins, Miller HS Art Dept, in regard to having the artwork done. As well as a Cardinal on the side of City Hall and hand-painted "City Hall" on the front door.
- b. The city had a multitude of complaints in town that have had violations that were sent out this last week. The old Hobbs building has started being cleaned up.
- c. John discussed the 10-inch main break in the Hunt's field, an approximate loss of 450,000 gallons of water. The big leak by Casey's was possibly caused by the 10-inch main leak.
- d. John discussed his concern with the 4 aquifers that we dig into. He discussed his concern of where we stand at with amount of water in them and the concern of running out of water. He got a letter back from the DNR that we can monitor our water levels by keeping track of the water level of the 4 aquifers in our area.

VI. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION – LIMIT 3 MINUTES

Amy Johnson- spoke on behalf of Stacy Daniels, read letter on her support for the LCSO contract and her concerns with the mayor. Stacy has concerns about the continued behavior unbecoming an elected official, continued attacks and untruths being spread by the Mayor regarding the contract with LCSO that was drawn up between both entities attorneys, then voted

on and approved by the aldermen, lack of transparency regarding the easement agreement between the city and the Evans', concerns regarding the State receiving the city's fine money through municipal court due to a lack of proper communication from the new city attorney who was appointed to his position in May. Attorney Matt, Mayor Adamson, and council responded to the concerns. It was mentioned that some of her concerns were outdated.

Lieutenant Ford (LCSO)- Discussed the different calls that Officer Devost had since last meeting.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

a. TREKK updates

TREKK was not present tonight with any updates. Katy mentioned that the city has received the construction permit and project manuals from DNR today.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

a. Acceptance of Alderman resignation

The resignation has been cleared up between the parties. Alderman Resignation was withdrawn

b. Finalize Spring Clean-up

Currently scheduled for October 4-18. Will have Doty place 2 dumpsters behind City Hall again. Council showed no concerns.

c. Vote to terminate Sheriff's contract

This has been withdrawn by Garry. Joe Haas spoke about his friend that works with another city and getting a redacted contract that he has with their Sheriff. Discussion of a possibly addendum to our current contract with LCSO. Phil mentioned that he spoke with the Sheriff and was reminded that the city has 2 reserve police officer. The city and LCSO are working to better the relationship between them and working on an addendum of the contract.

d. MRWA Seminar/Training Oct 26-27, 2021,

Katy would like to participate in the Office Professionals' Seminar, at least on Tuesday October 26. And is also interested in the Board and Council Training on Thursday October 28. There was discussion of the training and costs.

Phil made a motion for city paying cost to send katy to both trainings in \$315 and per diem in accordance to ordinance, Garry second. Joe Haas aye, Garry Baker aye, Phil Bowers aye, Marty Johnson aye; motion passed.

Garry motioned to go to closed session, second by Joe: Joe Haas aye, Garry Baker aye, Phil Bowers aye, Marty Johnson aye; motion passed

IX. CLOSED SESSION MEETING to discuss employment reviews

ADJOURNMENT