

**City of Dearborn
Board of Alderman Regular Meeting
April 14, 2025**

The Board of Alderman of Dearborn, Missouri met in regular session on April 14, 2025 at 7:00pm in the Robert S. "Bob" Bryan Community Center, Dearborn, Missouri.

The following officers and city personnel being present: Mayor Paul Gaume, Aldermen Pat Downing, Cole Reed, Stacey Carter and Amy Acock. Public Works Alex Ball and City Clerk Cindy Atkison.

Citizens and visitors present: Todd Schimmel, Alan Vassmer, Elaine Greer, Ken Miller, Leslie Wagers, Charles Loren Reed, and Platte County Sheriff Deputy Silkner.

Motion made by Alderman Acock to approve the March 3, 2025 special meeting minutes, second motion made by Reed. Vote was 4 aye, 0 nay. Motion carried.

Motion made by Alderman Reed to approve the March 10, 2025 regular meeting minutes, second motion made by Carter. Vote was 4 aye, 0 nay. Motion carried.

Motion made by Alderman Reed to approve the March 26, 2025 special meeting minutes, second motion made by Carter. Vote was 4 aye, 0 nay. Motion carried.

Bills, warrants and payroll – Motion made by Alderman Acock to approve, second motion made by Reed. Vote was 4 aye, 0 nay. Motion carried.

Financial statement review – Motion made by Alderman Downing to approve, second motion made by Acock. Vote was 4 aye, 0 nay. Motion carried.

Audience Comments and Concerns:

Ken Miller with the Dearborn Betterment Committee said in honor of Earth Day they are planning to help those in town who have a difficult time cleaning up their yards. They would like to hold a farmer's market in town and determined it would be on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month during July to September from 9am – 1pm. Discussion of available locations for the market. Alderman Reed made motion to close Delaware Street between 2nd and 3rd Streets on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month from July to September, second by Acock. Vote was 4 aye, 0 nay. Motion carried. Ken said their 501C non-profit has been approved.

Don Sams with the Dearborn Betterment Committee, would like to put up a communication billboard to be used by anyone in the community to post notice of their community event or business information. It would be a plywood frame with plexiglass and would like to place it outside the community center where would be easily accessible. Discussion about maintenance, Don Sams will maintain the board. Board decided not to allow. Discussions ensued. Alderman Downing made motion to move on from the topic, second by Alderman Acock. Vote was 4 aye, 0 nay. Motion carried.

Charles Loren Reed informed the board that solar is changing, it would be worth looking into for the community center and provided contact information.

New Business:

Floodplain Management – Alderman Acock informed the board nothing needs to be updated, we are still in compliance with Ordinance 214 since no changes have occurred. Maps have not changed either. She received a certificate of completion.

Old Business:

Nuisance Abatement 4th Street – Cindy said we should put out a notice for bids to mow 112 E 4th Street one time a month. Discussion about timing and grass getting out of hand. Alderman Carter made motion to approve publishing a notice to mow 112 E 4th Street, second by Downing. Vote was 4 aye, 0 nay. Motion carried

Brush Drop-off – Alderman Carter said the scouts are thinking about helping, no decision for the first drop-off and she will be in attendance for that one. Board reviewed the damage waiver and asked to have address included.

Alderman Acock asked Alex to bring everyone up to speed on the company dumping brush. Alex said Tree Time dumped a couple loads on different days, it was not small brush stuff but large logs that take quite a while to burn. They called City Hall and were told no. Attorney Fowler said he could send them a letter and invoice telling them if they come back they will be prosecuted. Alex suggested not allowing citizens to take brush/trash down to be burned unless a board member is with them. Discussion about putting up a gate or chain

Department Reports:

Public Works – Alex is in the process of getting bids for street repairs, for 2nd Street and some chip and seal areas. Discussion on streets that need to be done. Water inspection will be Tuesday. He has applications for summer help.

Parks and Recreation – No information on the park grant. New mulch has been put on the playground.

Community Center – Mayor Gaume has not received the Buchanan county attendance number from Marcus. Discussion about wellness or healthy grant through Buchanan county.

Law Enforcement – Deputy Silkner was not given any information to report. Board informed him that a people are walking around late at night.

Planning and Zoning – Todd Schimmel, Single Family Home, 504 E 4th Street. Mayor Gaume reviewed the lot and plans with Todd. Alderman Reed made motion to approve, second by Acock. Vote was 4 aye, 0 nay. Motion carried.

Alan Vassmer, Fence, 101 Troutman Circle. Alderman Reed made motion to approve, second by Downing. Vote was 4 aye, 0 nay. Motion carried.

Justin Pierce, Fence, 100 Troutman Circle. Alderman Downing made motion to approve, second by Reed. Vote was 4 aye, 0 nay. Motion carried.

City Clerk – Don Sams asked the city to buy flags for the memorial. Verizon applied the market increase to the monthly payment; the increase is \$408.96. Verizon wants to replace antennas on the water tower and wants to know if a permit is needed since it is only a replacement. Discussion if amendment was needed since they are not adding antennas no amendment will be needed. Cable pole by post office will be taken care of as soon as damage team can get here.

Alderman Downing made motion to purchase one set of flags, second by Acock. Vote was 4 aye, 0 nay. Motion carried. Attorney Fowler it is better if the city purchased them however, the city can reimburse Don Sams for the flags.

Alderman Downing informed the board they need the fire hydrants tested, the City is required to test every three years, the Fire Department would like to work together with the city and hire a company for the testing.

Alderman Carter made motion to go into executive session per RSMo #610.021 (3). Roll call vote: Ayes – Downing, Reed, Acock and Carter.

Board returned from executive session.

Mayor Gaume said the board took a vote in executive session.

Alderman Reed made motion to adjourn, second by Acock. Vote was 4 aye, 0 nay. Motion carried.



Cindy Atkison, City Clerk



Paul Gaume, Mayor

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