

**City of Dearborn
Board of Alderman Regular Meeting
April 8, 2024**

The Board of Alderman of Dearborn, Missouri met in regular session on April 8, 2024 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 Don Kerns, Pat Downing, Cole Reed and Stacey Carter. City Attorney Dan Fowler and City Clerk Cindy Atkison.

Citizens and visitors present: Elaine Greer, Stacey Richardson, Brian Richardson, Ken Miller, Chadd Yeager, Jerry Godbey, Heather Ball, Lucina Ball, Trace Stone, Don Sams, Ryan Cook and Mark Cathcart with Platte County Sheriff.

Mayor Gaume opened the meeting at 7:03pm.

March 11, 2024 regular meeting minutes – Motion made by Alderman Kerns to approve, second motion made by Downing. Vote was 4 aye, 0 nay. Motion carried.

March 27, 2024 special meeting minutes – Motion made by Alderman Reed to approve, second motion made by Carter. Vote was 4 aye, 0 nay. Motion carried.

March 27, 2024 special meeting executive session minutes – Motion made by Alderman Reed to approve, second motion made by Downing. Vote was 4 aye, 0 nay. Motion carried.

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

Financial Statement Review – Motion made by Alderman Carter to approve, second motion made by Reed. Vote was 4 aye, 0 nay. Motion carried.

Oath of office was read by City Clerk Atkison to incumbent Paul Gaume for Mayor. Incumbents Cole Reed and Pat Downing each for Alderman-at-Large.

New Business:

Announce Contest Winners – Mayor Gaume announced the following winners of each category and presented them with a certificate and gift card: Pre-K – Second Grade is Lucina Ball, Third – Fifth Grade is Hannah Larsen, Sixth – Ninth Grade no entries received, Tenth Grade and Above, plus overall winner is Jerry Godbey. Jerry Godbey explained his concept for his design.

Voluntary Annexation – Chadd Yeager is interested in splitting his acreage in two so he can put a home in the back portion with a pond and wants to be annexed into the city before he starts. Attorney Fowler has talked with Chadd about the process for voluntary annexation. Discussion of connecting to sewer or using septic tank, roadway his property, water service.

Chadd also wants to continue the fireworks display he has on his property each year, discussion of allowing professional shoot in city limits and changing ordinance.

Open Farmland Bids – One bid was received, it was opened by Mayor Gaume who announced the bidder offered \$2,008.00 for the 2024 season. Discussion of what would be grown on the property, decision to table this item for further information, then hold a special meeting to approve.

Kubota Lease – Tabled for more information.

City Hall Sign – Sign at city hall is deteriorating and needs to be replaced, Cindy has reached out to a sign company for ideas and cost of new sign.

Surplus Auction – Tabled for more information.

Emergency Management Promulgation Statement – Alderman Kerns said with the recent election we need to renew the promulgation statement with Platte County to include newly elected officers. Alderman Downing made motion to accept the Emergency Management Promulgation Statement with Platte County, second motion made by Kerns. Vote was 4 aye, 0 nay. Motion carried.

Audience Comments and Concerns:

Ryan Cook lives in the new sub-division and is concerned about paying sewer charge while using water to establish his new yard. He said a lot of towns charge a flat rate for sewer instead of basing sewer usage on water usage or use average of usage from winter as rate for summer. His sprinkler system was put in during construction of the home, discussion of backflow requirement on sprinkler systems. Board discussed metering the sprinklers, it was decided that Alex needed to be in attendance to better discuss this issue.

Elaine Greer said on May 14th from 4pm - 7pm there will be a meet and greet for new community members here less than 5 years.

Old Business:

Bill 370 Ordinance 363 Sufficient Capacity in Sewer System Before Building Permit Issued – With the fact the ordinance was posted prior to the meeting Attorney Fowler read for a first time by title only. Alderman Downing made motion to accept the first reading. Discussion had whether a bathroom addition would need to be approved prior construction. Second motion made by Carter. Vote was 3 aye, 1 nay by Kerns. Motion carried.

Second reading of Bill 370 Ordinance 363 Sufficient Capacity in Sewer System Before Building Permit Issued was read by title only by Attorney Fowler. Alderman Carter made motion to approve, second motion made by Downing. Vote was 3 aye, 1 nay by Kerns. Motion carried.

Alderman Downing made motion to approve Bill 370 as Ordinance 363 Sufficient Capacity in Sewer System Before Building Permit Issued, second motion made by Reed. Vote was 3 aye, 1 nay by Kerns. Motion carried.

Alex Ball arrived at 7:55pm.

Department Reports:

Public Works – Alex has information about Tim mowing, this is tabled until executive session. He would like to have Big Iron Auction come back to do an auction. Items for the auction would be the tractor and all implements that go with it. The copier with toners and dispenser cartridge. He would like to purchase a sickle bar with money from the auction.

Parks and Recreation – Water leak at the little park was due to bore crew bringing more fiber to town. They worked with Alex and fixed the leak, city will still invoice the company for city labor, equipment and water loss.

Community Center – Mayor Gaume found a company that can come clean and maintain the ice machine, it will cost about \$345.00. Elaine Greer said she has a company that might be a better price. Mayor Gaume said through his calls he found out there are not a lot of companies' that service that type of ice machine. Alderman Downing made motion to approve \$345 to clean the

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ice machine one time, second motion made by Reed. Vote was 4 aye, 0 nay. Motion carried. The center will be closed for two weeks to do the deep clean.

Law Enforcement – There have been cars burglarized and windows smashed on third street and a car stolen on Main Street. Alderman Downing said to watch for parked cars in the alleys. There is a truck that stays parked on Main Street between 2nd and 3rd Streets, that encroaches the roadway, and doesn't move. Couple vehicles with no tags on streets up by the school

Planning and Zoning –

- Homes by Patty Farr, 101 Troutman Circle, Single Family Home – Alderman Downing made motion to approve the permit, second motion made by Reed. Vote was 4 aye, 0 nay. Motion carried.
- Mark Widner, 523 E 2nd St, Shed – Mayor Gaume has looked at this and found the shed will be on skids instead of attached to the ground and does not need a permit.
- Brian Richardson, 511 E 3rd Street, Fence – Mayor Gaume inspected the existing pen for their dogs, which is 3' away from the sidewalk and not past the front of the house, fence is temporary because Brian is renting the home and has service dogs. Discussion whether an occupational license needed to baby sit in their home. It was determined that the state allows up to six children before a license would need to be issued.

City Clerk – Mayor Gaume wanted to clarify that Cindy has authority to make decisions regarding late fees and other items with water bills. Attorney Fowler said there is an ordinance allowing the clerk discretion to make those decisions as needed. Cindy said the IRS thinks we did not make a payment in 2022 for employment taxes, notice took close to a month in the mail and we had less than a week to respond. Paperwork was sent to the IRS. KC Water is increasing our rate starting in May. Alderman Reed asked about the primacy fee charge from last month's bill. Cindy has contacted MRWA to help do a comprehensive analysis for a rate increase, but it will not happen till later in the year. Cintas has been contacted to stop paper products and only do the mats.

Alderman Downing talked to Everyg about the street lights out to Trex, they should know more soon. The person Pat spoke to said he was the third person in that position in two years.


Alex has contacted Verizon about a new contract in hopes they would take off the antennas while it is painted.

Alderman Downing made motion to go into executive session pursuant to 610.021 (1) for privileged communications with attorney. Mayor Gaume asked for a roll call vote: Ayes - Downing, Reed, Carter, Kerns. Nays – none.

The Board decided to keep the recently purchased laptop as a backup and Alex should look into a tough book tablet from Panasonic or get the tablet he wants. Since the laptop was a custom order Dell doesn't want to take it back.

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


Cindy Atkison, City Clerk


Paul Gaume, Mayor