

**City of Dearborn
Board of Alderman Regular Meeting
August 14, 2023**

The Board of Alderman of Dearborn, Missouri met in regular session on August 14, 2023 at 7:10pm 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 and Stacey Carter. City Attorney Dan Fowler, Public Works Alex Ball and City Clerk Cindy Atkison. Alderman Kerns was absent.

Citizens and visitors present: Mike Lyon, Susie Lyon, Trace Stone, Elaine Greer, Rebecca Stone, Jordan Ricks with Viking Painting, Joe Koehn with General Tank and Sgt. Cathcart with Platte County Sheriff.

Mayor Gaume opened the meeting at 7:00pm.

July 10, 2023 regular meeting minutes – Motion made by Alderman Reed to approve, second motion made by Downing. Vote was 3 aye, 0 nay. Motion carried.

June 10, 2023 executive session meeting minutes – Motion made by Alderman Downing to approve with correction of Stacy to Stacey, second motion made by Carter. Vote was 3 aye, 0 nay. Motion carried.

June 14, 2023 special meeting minutes – Motion made by Alderman Reed to approve, second motion made by Carter. Vote was 3 aye, 0 nay. Motion carried.

Bills, warrants and payroll – Motion made by Alderman Reed to approve, second motion made by Downing. Vote was 3 aye, 0 nay. Motion carried.

Financial Statement Review – Discussion had about less accumulated depreciation on the balance sheet and meeting with auditor. This was tabled until special meeting with auditor. Alderman Reed motioned to table until next meeting, second motion made by Downing. Vote was 3 aye, 0 nay. Motion carried.

Audience Comments and Concerns:

Mike Lyons stated the alley behind his house at 112 W 3rd has large ruts and water runs into his garage, it has significantly deteriorated with the heavy rains. Alex repairs the alley after each rain, he suggested reshaping and tiling the alley. Mike said the alley has been an issue for years and would like it to be fixed, Alex will look at it and see what else could be done.

New Business:

Water Tower Maintenance – Presentations and bids to paint the water tower were made by Jordan Ricks of Viking Painting and Joe Koehn with General Tank. MacGuire Iron's bid was reviewed by the board. The logo on the tank will need to be redone after painting the outside. Alex suggested the town submit drawings and council can decide the winner. The tower can have Dearborn on one side and the logo on the other. No action taken.

Tree Trimming – Bid received from Z's Trees for \$4,500 and Aspen gave a verbal of \$11,400. Weaver Tree Trimming was going to submit a bid. Alderman Reed made motion to approve Z's Trees bid of \$4,500, second motion made by Carter. Vote was 3 aye, 0 nay. Motion carried.

Rental Rates for Community Center – Cindy said the cleaning rate has increased \$25 and suggested the rental rates including non-profit be raised to cover the increase. Alderman Downing made motion to increase the half day, full day and non-profit rates by \$25, second motion made by Reed. Vote was 3 aye, 0 nay. Motion carried.

Alderman Downing suggested the rental agreement include a section on not subletting the center to another group or company and charging more than the rental costs. Attorney Fowler will draft new section on not subletting.

2023 Tax Levy – Cindy informed the council a public hearing on the 2023 tax levy rate needs to be held, then a special meeting to set the rate and if the auditor Kenny Hales can be there possibly review 2021 and 2022 audits. It was decided to hold the public hearing on August 29th at 7pm and a special meeting to set the tax levy rate and meet with the auditor.

Generators – Item was tabled.

Farmland Lease – Cindy said the farmland lease needs to be renewed each year and finalized before October 31st. Alex reported the current renter Corey Frisbee is interested in renting again.

Old Business:

Concession Stand – Item was tabled because Alderman Kerns was absent.

Nuisance's – Cindy reported a citizen with limited mobility living next to 112 4th Street reported she has seen snakes coming from that property and is very concerned. This property has been vacant for a couple years, the city had it mowed last year and have reported the property conditions to Guardian Management whose information is on the door. Discussion on process for city to have it mowed, Alex will request bids to mow property.

Mayor Gaume said there has been progress on Allison Apartments and that Shane Allison is going to manage and maintain both apartments and trailers. He plans to get everything in good condition so there is less to maintain and will replace some trailers with ones around 7 years old.

Department Reports:

Public Works – Alex reported H&H has fixed the sewer line after a year, the Ditch Witch Hydro/Vac should be finalized this week. Some signs around town have need to be straightened. Alderman Reed asked for a stop mark at 3rd and Maple Leaf.

Parks and Recreation – Alex said lights were cut at the little park and needs to look at that.

Community Center – Alex has installed some ceiling fans. The methodist church would like to use the sign for Messy Church each month. Council approved signs for messy church.

Law Enforcement – Sgt. Cathcart said no major crimes, some shoplifting at Trex Mart and there have been a lot of car thefts in Platte County close to Buchanan County. Attorney Fowler said the state court determined all traffic tickets must have all personal information redacted so it takes longer to process them.

Planning and Zoning – Bryan Wax at 701 Main, Privacy Fence - Board reviewed Bryan's plans. Alderman Reed made motion that once the Mayor inspects the fence the building permit will be approved second motion made by Carter. Vote was 3 aye, 0 nay. Motion carried. Alex reported a home at paradise lake has a fence built.

City Clerk – One additional flag was purchased to complete the flag set at the Community Betterment's memorial. William Estes submitted a request for the city to deed an alley way he's

maintained, which is next to his property and that the City vacated it years ago. Alex has not maintained this alley, there are no water or sewer lines in that alley. Council reviewed the request and decided not to take action.


No information from Evergy on street lights. Betterment Committee would like to advertise their Pancake Breakfast this Saturday August 29th. Don Sams with the Betterment Committee is thinking about putting a bed at the community center to advertise the bed race during Reminisce Days in September. Bandits Corner a new business in town is interested in obtaining a liquor license and did not submit the state liquor license with the application.

Mayor Gaume thinks we need to look at hiring a couple part time people one for public works and one for the office. Tim has been saying he will be retiring soon and it would be good to have a backup person in the office. Discussion on requirements to pass state certification for water or wastewater and the amount of time preparing to take the exams.

Elaine Greer brought up using the hill top area, Attorney Fowler said entry to the area is still not obtainable.

Alderman Downing made motion to adjourn, second by Reed. Vote was 3 aye, 0 nay. Motion carried.


Cindy Atkison, City Clerk


Paul Gaume, Mayor