

**City of Dearborn
Board of Alderman Regular Meeting
February 12, 2024**



The Board of Alderman of Dearborn, Missouri met in regular session on February 12, 2024 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 Don Kerns, Pat Downing and Stacey Carter. City Attorney Dan Fowler, Public Works Alex Ball and City Clerk Cindy Atkison. Alderman Reed was absent.

Citizens and visitors present: Trace Stone, Jason Stone and Mark Cathcart with Platte County Sheriff.

Mayor Gaume opened the meeting at 7:05pm.

December 11, 2023 regular meeting minutes – Motion made by Alderman Downing to approve, second motion made by Carter. Vote was 4 aye, 0 nay. Motion carried.

December 11, 2023 executive meeting minutes – Motion made by Alderman Kerns to approve, second motion made by Downing. Vote was 4 aye, 0 nay. Motion carried.

January 8, 2024 meeting minutes – Motion made by Alderman Downing to approve with the correction of removing Attorney Fowler from attendance, second motion made by Carter. Vote was 4 aye, 0 nay. Motion carried.

January 17, 2024 meeting minutes – Motion made by Alderman Downing to approve with correction of adding old copier repaired under warranty, second motion made by Carter. Vote was 4 aye, 0 nay. Motion carried.

Bills, warrants and payroll – Motion made by Alderman Downing to approve with correction of moving Platte Clay Electric charges for Paradise Lake from general account to sewer account, 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 Downing. Vote was 4 aye, 0 nay. Motion carried.

Audience Comments and Concerns:

No comments.

New Business:

2023 Audit Engagement Letter – Cindy informed the board Kenney Hales CPA, PC, sent his engagement letter to do the 2023 audit at a cost of \$5,500 and expects to start February 15th, if approved. Alderman Kerns made motion to approve Kenney Hales CPA, PC to handle the 2023 audit at a cost of \$5,500, second by Downing. Vote was 4 aye, 0 nay. Motion carried.

Accountant – Alderman Kerns said that section 115.085 (E) of city code allows for a review of books every 90 days to assure acceptable standards of accounting practices are maintained. Discussion whether this was needed in addition to a yearly audit, possibly change time requirement, catch problems before an audit, remove completely since yearly audit discloses if something is wrong and what would the cost be. Tabled for more information on cost.

Senior Services Community Center Use – Mayor Gaume was in the center after being used by the seniors and found the floor had dirt and rock salt from the door to the area where they exercise, blinds were left up, and this past weekend Alderman Carter let in a renter and found a sticky mess on floor that needed to be cleaned. He said the entire week the only ones in the center were the seniors. Mayor Gaume also said Melinda Hott was told she had to rent the center for a full day due to the time she was renting the center, Cindy will check into this. Discussion of having seniors put down a cleaning deposit, if City has to clean it the check is cashed and they issue a new cleaning deposit check. Possible charge them for rentals. Alderman Carter brought up issues with cleaning such as no key to maintenance room, ran out of big trash bags, no mop with the mop bucket in bathroom. Mayor Gaume will draft a letter to send.

Farmland Rental – Alex said Cory Frisbee who was the renter has moved to another state. Cory prefers the city find someone to lease but he will subcontract it to fulfill his contract with the City. Alderman Kerns made motion to put the farmland out for bid for the 2024 season, second by Carter. Vote was 4 aye, 0 nay. Motion carried.

Nuisance – Signed complaint was received that a person has a duck or goose with their chickens which honks loudly and has four dogs that get out acting aggressive toward neighbors, there has been dog fighting, they are afraid to leave their dogs inside their fenced yard since they know the other dogs jump fences. Discussion on noise ordinance, if there have been any reports to the Sheriff about dogs. It was decided the Mayor will send a response letter to letting them know to contact the Sheriff when the dogs are out and he will talk to the person with the dogs and duck to let them know of the issue.

CD Renewal – Cindy said a CD will mature February 15th and it will renew at a .25%, the bank has a 9-month CD with a 4.6% rate the city can roll the maturing CD into to keep a higher rate. In addition, a second CD will be maturing at the end of the month and will renew at the same low rate and suggested the board consider rolling it into a new CD. Alderman Kerns made motion to roll-over the two CD's maturing in February to a higher rate at maturity, second by Downing. Vote was 4 aye, 0 nay. Motion carried.

Old Business:

Bill 369 Ordinance 362 Authorizing Settlement Agreement – This item was tabled until contract is complete.

Lead Line Inventory – Alderman Kerns wanted to know where we stand in order to meet the October deadline. Alex said responses from half our customers have received next step will be for him to dig up the line, take a picture, fill up the hole and put on grass seed. Put note on water bills before digging starts.

Water Tower Maintenance Financing – Cindy said NRW wanted to know if we will have an annual assessment fee or a rate increase to repay the loan, Board replied it would be a rate increase.

Water Tower Coloring Contest – Discussion on if there will be prizes or is the prize recognition. It was decided there will be a prize for each age group, no determination on what prizes would be. Contest will be distributed to the school, available on the website and city hall.

Alderman Downing said we need to get a worker to help Alex. Discussion of using a paid intern, using a temp agency for full time person, part-time worker is needed for summer mowing, posting position at school, make job a temp to hire so the money goes to the person and not a agency.

Alderman Downing asked for an update on the tornado sirens, Alex reached out recently and has not heard back.

Department Reports:

Public Works – Alex said he will not be at the March meeting because he will be at conference. He has a backup plan in place in case something happens while he is gone, and most everything he can control from his phone.

Parks and Recreation – Alex said next week he has a meeting with Platte County Parks and Recreation about this year's grants. Light is up on pole at Vaughn Park.

Community Center – Mayor Gaume said once he finds out what needs to be done to the floor, what products are needed and what the process is, he will be ready to close the center for maintenance. Cindy reminded him to work the dates around food distribution day.

Law Enforcement – Deputy Cathcart reported there were no major crimes, four reports were taken no new investigations, eight car stops and one animal bite. Discussion on quarantining animal, when city pays and when owners pay. County has verbal agreements with a couple clinics to house animals if it's an emergency. Mayor Gaume mentioned now the Z highway bridge is open cars are flying over the hill.

Planning and Zoning – Alderman Downing said his neighbor wants to reposition a portion of his existing fence and wonders if a permit would be needed. No permit will be needed.

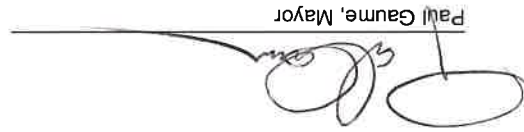
City Clerk – Cindy is working on the property insurance renewal, and preparing for the audit.

Alderman Downing made motion to go into executive session per RSMo #610.021 (3) and (12). Roll call vote: Ayes were – Downing, Reed, Kerns, and Carter. Nays – None.

Board returned from executive session Mayor Gaume said votes were taken in executive session.

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


Cindy Atkison, City Clerk


Paul Gaume, Mayor