

COUNCIL MINUTES  
August 14, 2023  
6:00 P.M.

**Invocation**

Darren Wallace had the invocation.

**Call to Order**

Mayor Alan Griffin called the meeting to order with a roll call. Darlene Taylor: present, Warren Myers: present, Judy Martin: present, Jason Meyer: present, Bryan Crane: absent, Justin Lawson: present, Cris Henkle: present Brenda Cupp: present. Seven were present representing a quorum, the meeting was called to order. Also present was Will Cline, Chief Worley, Carze Brown and taking minutes City clerk Debbie Cornell. Mayor Alan Griffin asked that all stand for the pledge to the flag.

**Agenda**

Judy Martin made the motion to accept the tentative agenda, Darlene Taylor made the second. Seven Ayes, One absent, no nays. Motion carried.

**Minutes**

Justin Lawson made the motion to accept the July minutes, Darlene Taylor made the second, seven ayes, one absent, no nays, motion carried.

**Mayors Appointments**

Mayor Griffin made the appointment of Nelson Najaro and Travis Rucker to replace Dale Davenport and Jesse Gourley on the Police Board. Judy Martin made the motion to accept the mayor's appointment, Jason Meyer made the second and all agreed. Seven Ayes, One absent, no nays. Motion carried.

Diane Vann had resigned from Planning and Zoning and Mayor Griffin would like to replace her with Ron Vann. Cris Henkle made the motion to accept the mayor's appointment, Jason Meyer made the second and all agreed. Seven Ayes, One absent, no nays. Motion carried.

## New Business

Next the Mayor stated that the Park Committee would like to close the road on Saturday October 28 from 12:30 to 3:15 from Fountain to Allen for the Halloween trunk or treat and games. Also, on the same day from 12-4 the Baptist Church would like to have a road closure from 12 to 4 for car show, trunk or treat and games from Christina to Elizabeth. Cris Henkle made the motion to permit both road closures, Darlene Taylor made the second and all agreed. Seven Ayes, One absent, no nays. Motion carried.

Next discussed was the meter program. The Council had two work sessions going over the bids and options. Mayor Griffin asked if there was any other questions or discussions on the meter program. Also, Will Cline told the council that Vepo was the lowest bid and came with good references on changing the meters out all within one month. Cris Henkle made the motion to go with Master Meters for 900 meters and the lowest installation, Warren Meyers made the second with a roll call vote. Darlene Taylor: yes, Warren Myers: yes, Judy Martin: yes, Jason Meyer: yes, Bryan Crane: absent, Justin Lawson: no, Cris Henkle: yes, Brenda Cupp: yes. Six yes, one no, one absent, motion carried.

Next discussed was the financing of the meter program. The Council had discussed these at the second work session. Will Cline told the council that both Gov Capital and Mckliney would only go 10 years and only make the payments twice a year with interest. Southwest Missouri Bank will go 15 years and will balloon at 5 years so that will possibly go lower in interest. The bank will use city hall as the guarantee on the lease. Southwest Missouri Bank can be paid off early, Whereas, the other two cannot be paid until year 8 Mayor Griffin asked if there was any other questions or discussions on the meter program. Darlene Taylor made the motion to have the financing go through Southwest Missouri Bank, Jason Meyer made the second with a roll call vote. Darlene Taylor: yes, Warren Myers: yes, Judy Martin: yes, Jason Meyer: yes, Bryan Crane: absent, Justin Lawson: no, Cris Henkle: abstain, Brenda Cupp: yes. Five yes, one no, one abstains, one absent, motion carried.

Justin Lawson made the motion to have the first reading of Bill # 23-09 (School Zone correction on Main Street) by title and number only, Darlene Taylor made the second and all agreed. Seven yes, one absent, Motion carried. Debbie Cornell read Bill 23-09 by title and number only. Jason Meyer made the motion to accept the first reading of Bill 23-09 by title and number only, Cris Henkle made the second and all agreed. Seven yes, one absent, motion carried.

Cris Henkle made the motion to suspend the rules and have the second and final reading of Bill 23-09 by title and number only, Darlene Taylor made the second and all agreed. Seven yes, no nays, one absent motion carried.

Cris Henkle made the motion to have the second and final reading of Bill # 23-09 (School Zone correction on Main Street) by title and number only, Jason Meyer made the second and all agreed. Seven yes, one absent, Motion carried. Debbie Cornell read Bill 23-09 by title and number only. Jason Meyer made the motion to accept the second and final reading of Bill 23-09 by title and number only, Cris Henkle made the second and all agreed. Seven yes, one absent, motion carried.

Next from the work session was Land disturbance/ clearing. Cris Henkle made the motion to send this to the city attorney and have him adopt the DNR guidelines with a nominal fee to bring back to the council, Brenda Cupp made the second and all agreed. Seven yes, one absent, motion carried.

Next discussion from the work session was limiting, banning of animal's cows, chickens, etc. and how close cattle to neighbors. Cris Henkle said it is a fine line and need to look at other cities and how they handle this. Cris Henkle made the motion to send it to planning and zoning, Justin Lawson made the second and all agreed. Seven yes, one absent, motion carried.

Next discussion from the work sessions was defining commercial vehicles. Cris Henkle made the motion to send this to Planning and zoning to define the definition of commercial vehicle and to define truck route, Justin Lawson made the second and all agreed. Seven yes, one absent, motion carried. Seven yes, one absent, motion carried.

Next discussed at work session was the display or field dressing of animals in public view. Warren Myers, made the motion that the animals be displayed for no more than 2 days and not displayed in the front yard and to send to the attorney to draft an ordinance, Cris Henkle made the second and all agreed. Seven yes, one absent, motion carried.

Brenda Cupp asked if in the Oak Crest Development if the city could put speed bumps or children at play signs. Mayor Griffin said that Sharon would be a test on the speed bumps to see if that works before buying more. He said that the city can order a couple of signs to be put up.

### **Old Business**

Travis Rucker brought his road closure forms back for his October 14<sup>th</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> annual Show me Shin Dig at Comet Park. He will need to have the road closed from Carter to Washington. Cris Henkle made the motion to permit Mr. Rucker to close the road, Jason Meyer made the second and all agreed. Seven yes, one absent, motion carried. Seven yes, one absent, motion carried.

Next the council discussed the redistricting of the Wards. Jason Meyer made the motion to accept the Map with the new Ward lines and proceed with what the county needs to redistrict map, Cris Henkle made the second made the second with a roll call

vote. Darlene Taylor: yes, Warren Myers: yes, Judy Martin: yes, Jason Meyer: yes, Bryan Crane: absent, Justin Lawson: yes, Cris Henkle: yes, Brenda Cupp: yes. Seven yes, one absent, motion carried.

### **Committee Reports**

Mayor Griffin asked the council and committees if there was anything else that was not on the report. Warren Myers stated his wife needed to bring up a complaint.

Cindy Myers said that the only thing that she would like to correct is that there is questions of where the pricing on the parks came from her. It was actually discussed at park committee and then sent to Finance for the final approval. No one person did the pricing.

Cindy Myers told the council that Shuber Mitchell said that they would donate the labor to get the sidewalks put in at Comet Park.

### **Department Report**

Carze Brown told the council that he had 3 bids for the curbs The lowest was Hernandez at \$13,500, APAC at \$20,160. And Sprouls at \$34,000. Hernandez has no concrete references; APAC is putting the road in by the curb so the guarantee for the water to flow rite with the road would be warrantied. Judy Martin made the motion to accept the bid from APAC, Jason Meyer made the second with a roll call vote. Darlene Taylor: yes, Warren Myers: yes, Judy Martin: yes, Jason Meyer: yes, Bryan Crane: absent, Justin Lawson: yes, Cris Henkle: yes, Brenda Cupp: yes. Seven yes, one absent, motion carried.

Will Cline told the council that he got word that he received another lead and copper grant for \$260,000.

### **Visitors**

Michelle Wald talked to the council about the smell that they have been accused of, the harassment that they, their employees and their children have received. She informed the council that there are around 5 places that are spreading on property around the city limits of Carterville per the DNR and EPA.

Cris Moore talked to the Council about the speed limit on Main, the height of the curbs and the angle of the parking. Mayor Griffin told him that he needs to take that to Planning and Zoning.

Ron Vann talked to the council about his concern if they ban cows what that does for the agriculture and farms within the city limits. Mayor said that has been sent to Planning and Zoning.

Anita Demery was not at council to speak.

Christy Boyd-Orr talked to the council wanting to get free charging ports at the park. She wants to know where her tap is at 408 Cass. She is the only one in the 400 block of Cass that does not have a sidewalk and she wants to have curb and sidewalk for her children to play. She wanted to do some work on the Carter Cemetery. The mayor told her that is outside the city limits and privately owned. She wanted to meet with the mayor. She wants to fix the gazebo at city hall and will need materials. He said that he could meet with her on Monday at 9 a.m.

Rhonda Rundle was next to speak. She said she was not ready at this time.

Mayor Griffin reminded the council that next Tuesday was the yearly special council for the tax levy. The last Tuesday of the month is a work session at 6 p.m.

### **Adjournment**

Darlene Taylor made the motion to adjourn, Jason Meyer made the second and all agreed. Eight yes, no nays, motion carried. The meeting was over at 7:45 p.m.

  
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Mayor Alan Griffin

  
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City Clerk Debbie Cornell