

CITY COUNCIL MINUTES

June 13, 2023

6:00 P.M.

Mayor Griffin opened and Jason Meyer delivered the invocation due to a cancellation.

Mayor Griffin called the meeting to order with a roll call. 6:10 p.m.

Darlene Taylor: Present

Warren Myers: Absent

Judy Martin: Present

Jason Meyer: Present

Bryan Crane: Absent

Justin Lawson: Present

Cris Henkle: Present

Brenda Cupp: Present

Six present, two absent means we have a quorum; the meeting is called to order.

Mayor asked everyone to rise and led the pledge of allegiance.

Agenda:

The motion to accept the June Agenda was made by Judy Martin and the second was made by Jason Meyer. 6 Ayes, two absent, no nay, Motion carries.

Minutes:

The motion to accept May Minutes with corrections was made by Cris Henkle and seconded by Justin Lawson. 6 Ayes, two absent, no nay, Motion carries.

Mayor's appointments for a few remaining openings were discussed and will be brought back next month after he reviews some pending applications.

New Business:

Fire Department – Mayor Griffin passed the road closure application to the board for reviewing, 11 approved signatures were on the back page. FD agreed to accommodate the Post Office by ending the closure before it reaches them.

Motion to Approve: Cris Henkle

Seconded: Judy Martin

6 Ayes, two absent, no nay.

Motion Carries

Rucker Road Closure – Travis Rucker spoke, he does not have all the signatures needed but the event was discussed. He will be back next month with more information.

- Cris Henkle questioned park rental fees.
- Cris Henkle questioned if there will be food trucks and make sure they have permits.

Redistricting – Mayor Griffin brought up and discussed redistricting. Proposed having City Administrator investigate moving district lines to even out the population in the districts.

- Jason Meyer questioned why we would do it. City Administrator responded with clarification that we should even out ward population.
- Cris Henkle questioned how much time it will take and how much work would be involved. City Administrator will look at block populations and determine where to move ward lines.
- Darlene Taylor questioned who would be involved in the investigating of redistricting. The City Administrator will handle the information gathering.
- Justin Lawson questioned what our current district population is and what the population disparity is. 2 districts are about even; 1 district is about 200 higher than the others and 1 district is about 200 lower than the others.
- Jason Meyer questioned if it was required. City Administrator verifies it is not required.
- City Administrator will bring information to present at next month's meeting.

Motion to Approve: Cris Henkle

Seconded: Brenda Cupp

6 Ayes, two absent, no nay.

Motion Carried

Old Business:

None was discussed.

Committee Reports:

City Administrator brought up recent cease of operations of the middle Air Conditioning Unit and provided bids.

- Wells - \$5,500 - Ammana
- Pascal - \$8,129 - Train
- Rouse - \$9,500 - Standard-American
- Darlene Taylor suggested an alternate bid from Midway be procured.
- Darlene Taylor questioned the price differences.

Motion to Approve: Chris with amendment to accept the Wells bid, or Midway if their bid is less than.

Seconded: Jason Meyer

Roll Call ensues Darlene Taylor: Yes, Judy Martin: Yes, Jason Meyer: Yes, Justin Lawson: Yes, Cris Henkle: Yes, Brenda Cupp: Yes. Six yes, 2 members absent, no nays. Vote passes.

Motion Carried.

City Administrator received an email to set a meeting with pavers to begin paving.

- They have indicated that many of the secondary roads are now back on due to the low bid prices from APAC.
- They are currently reviewing the contract and will be reaching out to set a meeting for the start of paving.
- Darlene Taylor brought up some rumors she had heard about the paving of Tennessee and City Administrator addressed the rumors.

Public Works has 2 current projects that will be delayed due to the bids being emailed to Debbie.

- Curb and Guttering and two tree removals.

Justin Lawson questioned Chief on what a commercial vehicle is defined as.

- Arch street has seen an increase in large and heavy vehicles.
- Proposed that the large trucks should be routed away from Arch Street and use the truck route on First and Fifth Street.
- Discussion ensued amongst the board.

Justin Lawson questioned Chief on nuisances.

- Definition of tall grass, how tall, percentage of the yard and any exceptions.

- Cris Henkle questioned process of tickets and nuisance procedure.
- Cris Henkle questioned who decided fines and if they could be increased.

Chief/Mayor/City Administrator have discussed the need for ordinances to be more defined and through.

Board suggested a work session be planned with the Attorney to make several changes to multiple ordinances at one meeting.

Chief brought up grant he has applied for new School Sign light batteries.

City Administrator has applied for a park grant and lead and copper study grant.

Jason Meyer questioned Chief on the status of the new Durango, he verified it is up and running.

Closed Session: Began 6:55 pm

Cris Henkle motioned to go into Closed Session pursuant to RSMo 610.021(1) (3) Hiring, firing, promoting, or disciplining of an employee of a governmental body. Motion is seconded by Jason Meyer.

Roll Call ensues Darlene Taylor: Yes, Judy Martin: Yes, Jason Meyer: Yes, Justin Lawson: Yes, Cris Henkle: Yes, Brenda Cupp: Yes. 6 Ayes, two absent, no nay, Motion carries.

No votes or decisions were taken during closed session.

Cris Henkle motions to go into Open Session, motion is seconded by Jason Meyer.

Roll Call ensues Darlene Taylor: Yes, Judy Martin: Yes, Jason Meyer: Yes, Justin Lawson: Yes, Cris Henkle: Yes, Brenda Cupp: Yes. 6 Ayes, two absent, no nay, Motion carries.

Ended 7:08 PM

Open Session:

Cris Henkle makes motion to adjourn, motion is seconded by Jason Meyer. 6 Ayes, two absent, no nay, Motion carries.

Meeting is adjourned.

7:09 p.m.



Mayor Signature



Deputy City Clerk Signature