

COUNCIL MINUTES
September 12, 2023
6:00 P.M.

Invocation

Matt McGuirk of Faith and New Hope 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: absent, Jason Meyer: present, Bryan Crane: present, Justin Lawson: present, Cris Henkle: present Brenda Cupp: present. Seven were present representing a quorum, the meeting was called to order. Also present was Attorney Derek Snyder, Administrator 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

Justin Lawson made the motion to accept the tentative agenda with the addition of discussion of Arch alleyway from Planning and Zoning, Cris Henkle made the second. Seven Ayes, One absent, no nays. Motion carried.

Minutes

Jason Meyer made the motion to accept the August minutes, Cris Henkle made the second, seven ayes, one absent, no nays, motion carried.

Mayors Appointments

Mayor Griffin said after conversations with the senior third ward and the newest third ward council he made the appointment of Justin Lawson to the finance committee for the third ward to replace Larry Wald. He needs to be added as a signer to the city account along with Alan Griffin, Cris Henkle, Warren Myers, Jason Meyer and Will Cline. Jason Meyer made the motion to accept the mayor's appointment, Brenda Cupp made the second and all agreed. Seven Ayes, One absent, no nays. Motion carried.

New Business

Next on the agenda is to close Hall Street at the Community Center for October 7 and 8 for the Steak Cook off. Cris Henkle told the council that she is splitting the money

between the Ronald McDonald House and the Carterville Community Center. Brenda Cupp made the motion allow the road closure, Darlene Taylor made the second, Cris Henkle abstain. Six yes, one abstains, one absent, no nays, motion carried.

Cris Henkle made the motion to have the first reading of Bill # 23-11 (1/2 block north south alley closure) by title and number only, Brenda Cupp made the second and all agreed. Seven yes, one absent, Motion carried. Debbie Cornell read Bill 23-11 by title and number only. Jason Meyer made the motion to accept the first reading of Bill 23-11 by title and number only, Darlene Taylor made the second and all agreed. Seven yes, one absent, motion carried. Mayor Griffin told the council that the second reading will be next month.

Next discussion was from planning and zoning on the opening of the alleyway behind Arch from second to fifth street. At planning and zoning they had given the Wald's permission at the Wald's cost to clean, open and rock the alleyway and the city would maintain after that so they could get to the back of the property to build houses. The property access from second street is gone when the city closed that section of second street. Justin Lawson said that the neighbors do not want that alleyway open and do not want to lose their trees. He brought a petition of the neighbors that do not want the alleyway open. They want to keep the trees. Attorney Derek Snyder said that the Planning and zoning did not have authority to ok the Wald's to clear the alley. They ok items to be sent to council for those decisions. Any agreements such as the Wald's for the clearing and then for the city to maintain, needs to be in writing with the council giving the mayor authority to sign off. Attorney recommends that the Mayor, the City Administrator and the Wald's sit down and the bring back to council the compromise that they have come up with.

Warren Myers asked about the hanging of the animals. Attorney Derek Snyder told the Council that it is in the code that it cannot hang more than 24 hours. He said that there was a misunderstanding that it fell under nuisance and he has explained to the police that after 24 hours a citation can be issued. He said that if the council wants it can have verbiage added to state that it cannot be in public view to adjacent properties.

Old Business

No old business.

Department and Committee Reports

Mayor Griffin asked the council and committees if there were any questions on any of the department or committee reports.

Brenda Cupp said she would like to clarify on the park committee report about the trunk or treat and the bagged candy. Cindy Myers said that they have prizes for the

best trunk or treat and anyone can get into that just have your trunk decorated and give candy out to the children. She said that they had over 300 that went through last year and any candy donated would be greatly appreciated.

Visitors

No visitors to speak at this month's council.

Cris Henkle made the motion to go into closed session pursuant to RSMo 610.021 (3) Hiring, firing, promoting or disciplining an employee of a governmental body, with closed record and closed vote pursuant to RSMo. 610.021, Bryan Crane made the second with a roll call vote. Darlene Taylor: yes, Warren Myers: yes, Judy Martin: absent, Jason Meyer: yes, Bryan Crane: yes, Justin Lawson: yes, Cris Henkle: yes Brenda Cupp: yes. Seven yes, one absent, No nays, motion carried. (6:53 p.m.)

Closed Session

Mayor Alan Griffin called the closed session to order with a roll call. Darlene Taylor: present, Warren Myers: present, Judy Martin: absent, Jason Meyer: present, Bryan Crane: present, Justin Lawson: present, Cris Henkle: present Brenda Cupp: present. Seven were present representing a quorum, the meeting was called to order.

Chief Worley told the council that after the police board and their interview, they recommended to the mayor to offer employment to Anthony Mosley. Mr. Mosley is in the Academy at this time. He will be able to learn the streets, how to write reports fill out tickets. He will not be able to make arrests. He will graduate in mid-December from the academy and he can then complete what FTO he does not have at that time. He entered into the tuition reimbursement contract.

Cris Henkle made the motion to go out of closed session, Justin Lawson made the second with a roll call vote. Darlene Taylor: yes, Warren Myers: yes, Judy Martin: absent, Jason Meyer: yes, Bryan Crane: yes, Justin Lawson: yes, Cris Henkle: yes Brenda Cupp: yes. Seven yes, one absent, no nays, motion carried. (7:09 p.m.)

Open Session

Mayor Alan Griffin called the open session to order with a roll call. Darlene Taylor: present, Warren Myers: present, Judy Martin: absent, Jason Meyer: present, Bryan Crane: present, Justin Lawson: present, Cris Henkle: present Brenda Cupp: present. Seven were present representing a quorum, the meeting was called to order.

Mayor Griffin told the citizens that Anthony Mosely has been hired in the police department and will start his FTO.

Adjournment

Cris Henkle made the motion to adjourn, Bryan Crane made the second and all agreed. Seven yes, no nays, one absent, motion carried. The meeting was over at 7:11p.m.



Mayor Alan Griffin



City Clerk Debbie Cornell