

FEBRUARY 06, 2024
BOARD OF ALDERMEN MINUTES
7:00 P.M.

Mayor Slinker called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on February 06, 2024 at 101 West Broadway.

Mayor Slinker led in the pledge of allegiance.

Mayor Slinker called the roll:

Ward One: Nathan Volkart-present, Loren Plank-present

Ward Two: Melissa Old-present, Stephanie Bell-absent

Ward Three: Rick Lewis-present, David Wilson-present

Staff Present: Darla Sapp, City Clerk, Kyle Michel, City Administrator, Scott Young, Interim Police Chief, Shelley Martin, Treasurer and James Creel, Public Works Director.

Mayor Slinker presented the minutes of the January 16, 2024 meeting for consideration. Alderman Wilson made motion to approve the minutes as presented. Alderman Lewis seconded the motion. Mayor Slinker called for the vote. Motion carried.

Mayor Slinker presented the agenda for adjustment or approval. Alderman Wilson made motion and seconded by Alderman Lewis to approve the agenda as presented. Mayor Slinker called for the vote. Motion carried.

Mayor Slinker introduced Bryce Beal as candidate for State Representative. Bryce Beal introduced himself and his wife. He gave his bio and his goals as candidate for the 44th State Representative.

Mayor Slinker stated just as a reminder written request must be received by the City Clerk by Wednesday prior to the meeting date.

Mayor Slinker presented Resolution 2024-6, a resolution authorizing the appropriation of funds to certain accounts within the fiscal year 2024 Budget. Mayor Slinker called for the staff report. Shelley Martin, Treasurer gave an overview of the amendments to the revenue and expenses per account. Mayor Slinker called for questions or comments from the Board. Mayor Slinker called for a motion. Alderman Wilson made motion and seconded by Alderman Plank to approve Resolution 2024-6, a resolution authorizing the appropriation to funds to certain accounts within the fiscal year 2024 Budget. She stated this is the last adjustment until the last meeting in April and that would be to close out the budget year. Mayor Slinker called for the vote. Alderman Volkart-aye, Alderman Plank-aye, Alderwoman Old-aye, Alderwoman Bell-absent, Alderman Wilson-aye, Alderman Lewis-aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Slinker presented Resolution 2024-7, a resolution authorizing the Waste Water Treatment Facility lift station pump replacements. Mayor Slinker called for the staff report. James Creel, Public Works Director stated this resolution is asking for authorization to purchase two replacement pump casings/volutes for the Waste Water Treatment Facility lift station. He stated both pumps were not working and after further investigation, the casing/volute of each pump was discovered to have cracked, due to the pumps freezing solid while fully primed. This occurred during the bitter cold spell we had a few weeks back, as the heater within the lift station was not able to keep up with the extremely low temperatures. He stated this is a sole provider. James Creel stated the cost is \$6,398.00 each with a total cost of \$12,796.00. Mayor Slinker called for questions or comments from the Board. Mayor Slinker called for questions or comments from the Board. The Board asked various questions. Mayor Slinker called for a motion. Alderman Wilson made

motion and seconded by Alderman Plank to approve Resolution 2024-7, a resolution authorizing the Waste Water Treatment Facility lift station pump replacements. Mayor Slinker called for the vote. Alderman Lewis-aye, Alderman Wilson-aye, Alderwoman Old-aye, Alderman Plank-aye, Alderman Volkart-aye, Alderwoman Bell-absent. Motion carried.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Slinker asked since we have a new police chief could we look into the "safe place program". He asked the status of the Domino's delivery truck driving off the parking lot and dragging mud onto the roadway. Kyle Michel stated they are going to add concrete on the sides of the driveway for more radius.

City Administrators Report:

Kyle Michel stated the only thing they have received a grant for the generator and it has been ordered but have no lead time as to when we will get it.

City Attorney's report:

Todd Smith was absent.

Police Chief's monthly report:

Scott Young stated he did not have a stat report to present due to the timing of the meeting and being out of the office. He stated he nothing noted from last month but he would continue to watch the stat numbers. He stated he has been looking at the "Safe Place Program" and is complicated but he would e-mail the Mayor the information. He stated they would review other avenues as well. Mayor Slinker reported he received response on the Police Department being seen more in the city and not on the highway.

Treasurer's report:

Shelley Martin discussed doing a report monthly to the Board and was unsure if it would be the first or second meeting of the month. She gave an overview of the upcoming Budget workshops. She presented a budget variance report and gave overview by department. She stated there was also a pooled cash report but this report did not include the reserves. Shelley Martin also gave a Treasurer's summary report of beginning and ending account balances.

Board of Alderperson's report:

Alderman Plank informed the Board the Ashland Betterment Coalition has a new vice president, Debbie Mudd. He stated they plan on having the fireworks display on July 20 this year. There was some discussion with holding this in conjunction with the Fall Festival.

Mayor Slinker called for comments by the public, Aldermen or staff.

Mayor Slinker called for a motion to go into closed session pursuant to RSMo. Chapter 610.21.3 hiring, firing, disciplining or promoting of particular employees and 610.021.1 legal actions, causes of action or litigation involving a public governmental body and any confidential or privileged communications between the public governmental body or its representatives and its attorney. Alderman Wilson made motion and seconded by Alderwoman Old to go into closed session at 7:26 p.m. Mayor Slinker called for the vote. Alderman Volkart-aye, Alderman Plank-aye, Alderwoman Old-aye, Alderwoman Bell-absent, Alderman Wilson-aye, Alderman Lewis-aye. Motion carried.

Mayor Slinker called the meeting back to order at 8:40 p.m. with no reportable action taken in the closed session.

Mayor Slinker called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Alderman Lewis made motion and seconded by Alderman Wilson to adjourn the meeting at 8:41 p.m. Motion carried.

Darla Sapp, City Clerk

Dorise Slinker, Mayor