# **Regular Session**

# **October 16, 2023**

**Notice of Meeting and Agenda**

# An agenda for the City of Stockton, Missouri’s Board of Aldermen regular session meeting on October 16, 2023, was originally posted pursuant to Chapter 610.020 on October 12, 2023.

### Call regular session to order/Roll Call

Mayor Cahill called the regular session meeting to order at 4:32 p.m. and the City Clerk took roll call. Council members present were Mary Norell, Dean Higley and Barbara Pate. It was determined a quorum was present. Mary Anne Manring was absent. Attending staff were City Superintendent, Jesse Jones, City Attorney, Janae Graham and City Clerk, Vanessa Harper.

**Pledge and Invocation**

After attendees recited the Pledge of Allegiance, the invocation was given by alderperson, Barbara Pate.

**Agenda Approved**

Higley motioned, seconded by Norell, carried; to accept the agenda set for the October 16, 2023, regular session meeting. Unanimously approved.

**Visitors:**

John Price with Mo Manufactured Products, LLC explained his company was waiting for a specific piece of oil extracting equipment to be set before construction on their storage addition could begin. Therefore, Mr. Price was requesting an extension of his variance for steel containers inside the city limits, which was set to expire in December of this year. Norell motioned, seconded by Pate, carried; to extend the Mo Manufactured Products, LLC’s variance to use two (2) steel containers for storage until June 1, 2024, inside the city limits. Unanimously approved.

**Minutes**

Motion made by Higley, seconded by Norell, carried; to approve the regular and closed session minutes for the regular meeting on September 25, 2023. Unanimously approved. Mayor Cahill pointed out that since MoDOT was here in September, they have obtained additional grant funding to hook onto the city’s water system, not just the sewer system. Therefore, MoDOT’s request is to be added to both the water and sewer systems.

## Bills

Pate motioned, seconded by Higley, carried; to approve and pay bills as presented. Unanimously approved.

**Comments from the Public:**

Resident, Charlie Daniels, requested the Council allow fireworks to be discharged on New Year’s Eve 2023. Mayor Cahill instructed Mr. Daniels to get on the next meeting agenda to make his request so that Council could vote properly on the matter. Mr. Daniels went on to explain the situation with his recently repaired water leak and requested sewer credit. Harper explained the City’s policy and recommended Mr. Daniels get with Celia Fischer, the Utility Clerk to make his request. No vote taken.

**Sheriff Department Liaison:** Absent. No vote taken.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**-MoDOT’s request to connect to the City water and sewer:** Graham is still waiting to hear back from MoDOT on their response to her letter addressing the state’s request. Council will address at the next meeting.

# **-Review bids for painting the water towers inside and out:** Mayor Cahill instructed City Superintendent, Jesse Jones to review the submitted water tower painting bids with Harper and have his recommendation ready for the next meeting.

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# **Reports from Appointed Boards**

**Park:**  Park board members, Becky Groff and Marilyn Ellis were in attendance and conducted the following park board business:

-Higley motioned, seconded by Norell, carried; allowing the Stockton R-1 school JAG program use of the community building for their annual ceremony and induction on November 14, 15 and 16, 2023, with fees waived. Unanimously approved.

-Received Council’s consent to move forward with bidding out the community building upstairs bathroom remodel.

-Get additional cost bids for updating the tennis court area park bathrooms; Mayor Cahill suggested recontacting those contractors originally contacted to see if they would submit bids.

-Groff would like to move forward with purchasing the additional ramps and borders for the newly purchased equipment; approved.

-Norell motioned, seconded by Higley, carried; to submit the park board’s final lease agreement to Trent Salle Post 230 of the American Legion for the 2023-24 lease year. Unanimously approved.

-Higley motioned, Norell seconded, carried; to purchase a $150.00 plaque recognizing the Lake Stockton Elks Lodge $1,500.00 playground equipment donation. Unanimously approved.

**Cemetery:**  Absent. No votes taken.

**Airport:**  Absent. No votes taken.

# **SCHEDULED BUSINESS**

-**Appoint advisory boards and appointed officials:** Mayor Cahill requested Council approve his following appointments: Dana Dawes as Deputy City Clerk; Vanessa Harper as City Treasurer, City Collector and City Finance Officer; Bill Seitz, Pepper Burns, Michael Saathoff, Kevin Caudell and Paul Weatherly as this year’s airport board; Becky Groff, Marilyn Ellis, Woody Krahl and Maggie Bough as the City’s Park board for the 2023-2024 year. Higley motioned, seconded by Pate, carried; approving Mayor Cahill’s appointments for city appointed officials and advisory boards for 2023-24. Unanimously approved.

- Higley motioned, seconded by Norell, carried; appointing Vanessa Harper as City Clerk for the 2023-24 year. Unanimously approved.

-**City of Stockton Action Plan for the 2023-24**: Tabled until next meeting.

**-Bill #23-612 to be Ordinance 612:**  Bill #23-612 to be Ordinance 612 an ordinance designating placement of additional stops resulting in stop signs at both the north and south bound lanes on High Street and at both the east and west bound lanes on Smith Drive at the intersection of S. High Street and Smith Drive creating a four-way stop was read for the first time. Norell motioned, seconded by Pate, carried; to approve the first reading of Bill #23-612 to be Ordinance 612. Approved with the following votes: Higley, Norell and Pate: Yes, None: No, Manring: Absent.

**-Bill #23-612 to be Ordinance 612:**  Bill #23-612 to be Ordinance 612 an ordinance designating placement of additional stops resulting in stop signs at both the north and south bound lanes on High Street and at both the east and west bound lanes on Smith Drive at the intersection of S. High Street and Smith Drive creating a four-way stop was read for the second and final time. Higley motioned, seconded by Norell, carried; to approve the second and final reading of Bill #23-612 to be Ordinance 612. Approved with the following votes: Higley, Norell and Pate: Yes, None: No, Manring: Absent.

**-Bill #23-613 to be Ordinance 613:**  Bill #23-613 to be Ordinance 613 an ordinance annexing certain property into the city limits of Stockton, Missouri at the southwest corner of the intersection of S. Third Street and Highway 39 was read for the first time. Higley motioned, seconded by Norell, carried; to approve the first reading of #23-613 to be Ordinance 613. Approved with the following votes: Higley, Norell and Pate: Yes, None: No, Manring: Absent.

**-Bill #23-613 to be Ordinance 613:**  Bill #23-613 to be Ordinance 613 an ordinance annexing certain property into the city limits of Stockton, Missouri at the southwest corner of the intersection of S. Third Street and Highway 39 was read for the second and final time. Pate motioned, seconded by Higley, carried; to approve the second and final reading of #23-613 to be Ordinance 613. Approved with the following votes: Higley, Norell and Pate: Yes, None: No, Manring: Absent.

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**-Bill #23-614 to be Ordinance 614:**  Bill #23-614 to be Ordinance 614 an ordinance authorizing the Mayor of the City of Stockton, Missouri to execute an agreement with Cedar County Commission and the Cedar County collector for the provision of preparing real estate property taxes and the collection of current and future delinquent taxes for the city was read for the first time. Pate motioned, seconded by Norell, carried; to approve the first reading of #23-614 to be Ordinance 614. Approved with the following votes: Higley, Norell and Pate: Yes, None: No, Manring: Absent.

**-Bill #23-614 to be Ordinance 614:**  Bill #23-614 to be Ordinance 614 an ordinance authorizing the Mayor of the City of Stockton, Missouri to execute an agreement with Cedar County Commission and the Cedar County collector for the provision of preparing real estate property taxes and the collection of current and future delinquent taxes for the city was read for the second and final time. Norell motioned, seconded by Higley, carried; to approve the second and final reading of Bill #23-614 to be Ordinance 614. Approved with the following votes: Higley, Norell and Pate: Yes, None: No, Manring: Absent.

**-Bill #23-615 to be Ordinance 615:**  Bill #23-615 to be Ordinance 615 an ordinance authorizing extending City sewer system to the MoDOT depot west was tabled until more information could be gathered.

**-MRWA Annual Fall Conference:**  Pate motioned, seconded by Higley, carried; approving Jesse Jones, Aaron Lakin and Vanessa Harper to attend the MRWA fall office professional and operator’s conference for the approximate cost of $950.32. Unanimously approved.

**-Lead Service Line Inventory Bids:** Bids for inventorying approximately 700 meters/service lines for lead were opened. The bids were as follows: Bryne & Jones up to $112,500.00 (this price will not inventory 700 meters) and Underground Utilities for $176,000.00 (this price will inventory 700 meters). Mayor Cahill instructed City Superintendent, Jesse Jones to review the bids and report back at the next meeting. No vote taken.

**-Airport Quonset Hangar bids**: Bids for purchasing the airport Quonset hangar at the airport were opened. The bids were as follows: Robert Hail $10,000.00, Michael Saathoff $25,000.00. Bids will be reviewed and discussed later. No vote taken.

**Reports from Appointed Officials:**

**City Superintendent:**  Jones reported he was looking at different alternatives to purchasing parts for the wastewater treatment plant i.e. using Independent Electric to rebuild gearboxes rather than purchasing them from Haynes Equipment. No votes taken.

- Nothing for closed.

**City Clerk:**  Council decided to have their next meeting on Monday, October 30 and scheduled another police contract public hearing on November 13, the first meeting in November. No votes taken.

-Nothing for closed.

**City Attorney:**  Graham reviewed with Council her legal clarification on sidewalks, culverts, ditches and easements and the City’s responsibilities for both. No vote taken.

-Graham presented options for promoting good employee attendance and boosting morale including but not limited to bonuses. Graham pointed out these types of additional benefits would need to be documented in the City codebook. No votes taken.

-Legal for closed.

**Building Inspector/Code Enforcer:** Absent. No votes taken.

**Fire Chief Quarterly Report:**  Absent. No vote taken.

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM ELECTED OFFICALS:**

**MAYOR –COMMUNICATIONS:**  Mayor Cahill relayed the school’s request for cones and street barriers to be placed on Church Street at 1:00 p.m. on October 27 to allow grade school children to walk safely to the square and back for their annual costume parade event. Mayor Cahill instructed Jones to arrange either to place the cones or take the cones to school for the school to place.

-Legal issues for closed.

**Pate:** Nothing for open or closed. No votes taken.

**Manring****:** Absent. No votes taken.

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**COMMUNICATIONS FROM ELECTED OFFICALS CONTINUED:**

**Dean Higley:** Would like to move forward with hiring another outside crew member; Harper will get ad in paper. Nothing for closed. No votes taken.

**Mary Norell:**  Nothing for open or closed. No votes taken.

**Convene into Closed:**

Pate motioned, seconded by Norell, carried; to close the regular session and go into closed session at 6:36 p.m. for legal. Approved with the following votes: Higley, Norell and Pate: Yes. None: No. Manring: Absent.

**Reconvene Regular Session**

Higley motioned, seconded by Pate, carried; to close closed session and go back into regular session at 7:28 p.m. Approved with the following votes: Higley, Norell and Pate: Yes. None: No. Manring: Absent.

No votes taken during the closed session.

**Adjourn Regular Session**

Higley motioned, seconded by Norell, carried; to adjourn the regular session meeting at 7:28 p.m.

Approved with the following votes: Higley, Norell and Pate: Yes. None: No. Manring: Absent.

**ATTEST:**

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**City Clerk Mayor**