

MARIONVILLE BOARD OF ALDERMEN REGULAR SESSION MINUTES  
Marionville Fire Station Conference Room, 101 S Central  
Thursday, January 12, 2017

Mayor Rapp called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. On roll call the following Aldermen were present: Chris Murphy, Wanda Montgomery, Donna White, Kay Leffingwell, and George Jennings. Jessica Wilson was absent. Several citizens were also present.

Following roll call, Mayor Rapp led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and opened the meeting with prayer.

**Approve order of agenda:** Alderman Murphy made the motion to approve the order of the agenda. Alderman White seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:

AYES: 5- White, Montgomery, Leffingwell, Jennings, Murphy  
ABSENT: 1- Wilson

**Approve minutes of December 8<sup>th</sup> Public Hearing and Regular meeting and December 19<sup>th</sup> Special meeting:** Alderman White made the motion to approve all of the minutes as presented. Alderman Montgomery seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:

AYES: 5- Jennings, Leffingwell, Murphy, White, Montgomery  
ABSENT: 1- Wilson

**Approve payment of Bills, Adjustments, Bank Recs and Cash Reports:** Alderman Murphy made the motion to approve the bills, adjustments, bank recs and cash reports as presented. Alderman Jennings seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:

AYES: 5- Murphy, Jennings, Leffingwell, White, Montgomery  
ABSENT: 1- Wilson

***Citizens Comments/Official Guests and Visitors:***

Bert Bond informed the Mayor and Board that the I & I grant application was in Jefferson City and we should know something in a couple of weeks.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Tethering of dogs:** Nancy Suneson indicated the committee couldn't meet because of illness and not being able to get together. However she provided copies of some tethering ordinances from other cities to the board and committee members. Mayor Rapp stated the Animal Control Officer would like to have some input on this; however, he couldn't attend this meeting. She mentioned the tethering should be adequate for simple exercise. Some of this the city already has, but she did add to it. (extreme cold and straw). Alderman Murphy made the motion to postpone this issue until the committee can meet along with the Animal Control Officer and present a report to the Board. Alderman White seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:

AYES: 5- White, Montgomery, Jennings, Murphy, Leffingwell  
ABSENT: 1- Wilson

At this time Mayor Rapp allowed Jessica Newton to speak, who apologized for being late for citizens comments. Ms. Newton stated her family was living at the White Squirrel and for nine (9) months fought bed bugs and other bugs. People who complained were evicted. They have had to burn furniture and everything twice. Before they were able to move, the floors pulled away from the walls. The landlord wouldn't do anything. The process they have to go through takes too long for anything to get done. The county health department told her she had to contact the city. She asked the Board to consider changing the way things are done. Mayor Rapp stated we didn't adopt the Property Maintenance Code; however the ordinance that was adopted states the tenant has to notify the landlord in writing of the problem and the landlord then has thirty (30) days to fix the problem. If the problem is not fixed within thirty (30) days of receiving the notification, a formal written complaint may be filed with the City officials to correct the violations. She felt this took too long. Mayor Rapp suggested adopting the Property Maintenance Code and excluding parts they didn't want or keep what we have but shorten the time frame. It was asked if this property can be condemned and Mayor Rapp stated she would look into this. Occupancy permits were also discussed. Alderman White made the motion to have Kathy Urschel look and see what Aurora's got in their ordinances for the next meeting. Alderman Murphy seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:

AYES: 5- Jennings, Leffingwell, White, Murphy, Montgomery  
ABSENT: 1- Wilson

Mayor Rapp stated since this was not on the agenda to vote on, she would put it on the agenda for next month.

***Vote to go into closed session per RSMo 610.021(13)closed records:*** Mayor stated this was for employee evaluations. Alderman Murphy made the motion to go into closed session per RSMo 610.021 (13) closed records. Alderman Montgomery seconded the motion. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:

AYES: 5- Montgomery, Murphy, White, Leffingwell, Jennings  
ABSENT: 1- Wilson

Aldermen went into closed session at 7:28 p.m.

Aldermen returned to open session in 7:44 p.m.

***Votes taken in closed session:*** Mayor Rapp stated the only vote taken in closed session was Alderman Murphy made the motion to go back into open session and Alderman White seconded. All voted aye.

**NEW BUSINESS**

***Annual Anniversaries for Sergeant Smith, Corporal Arterberry, Officer Tidwell, Police Clerk Lindsey Welch (Aletha Smialek is on leave of absence and will be discussed at a later date):***

Alderman White made a motion to give each of these employees a four (4) percent raise. There was no second to the motion. Aldermen discussed percentages verses a set amount. Alderman Murphy made the motion to give each of the above employees a thirty-five cent per hour raise. Alderman Leffingwell seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:

AYES: 5- Murphy, Jennings, Montgomery, White, Leffingwell

ABSENT: 1- Wilson

Mayor Rapp asked the board when this should go into effect. On their anniversary or next pay period. Alderman Murphy made the motion for the raise to start with the next pay period. Alderman White seconded the motion. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:

AYES: 5- Leffingwell, Jennings, White, Murphy, Montgomery

ABSENT: 1- Wilson

***RESOLUTION 01-2017R "A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF MARIONVILLE, MISSOURI TO ADJUST THE FINAL FY2016 OPERATING BUDGET":*** Mayor Rapp read Resolution 01-2017R by title only. Alderman Leffingwell made the motion to approve Resolution 01-2017R as presented. Alderman White seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:

AYES: 5- White, Jennings, Leffingwell, Montgomery, Murphy

ABSENT: 1- Wilson

***Dispose of dog house and building from lot at 105 S Central:*** Mayor Rapp stated the house has been removed and the lot looks good. There is a dog house and small shed still on the lot. The dog house is not suitable to be used at the pound; however the Animal Control Officer indicated he would like to have it. The cost to advertise these would probably be more than we could get for them. Alderman Murphy made the motion to allow the ACO to have the buildings on the property. Alderman Leffingwell seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:

AYES: 5- Leffingwell, White, Montgomery, Murphy, Jennings

ABSENT: 1- Wilson

***Permission for Kathy Urschel, Deputy Clerk, to attend the clerk's meeting March 12-16 in Columbia, MO:*** Mayor Rapp indicated Kathy would have enough credited hours for her certification this year. Alderman Leffingwell made the motion to approve Deputy Clerk, Kathy Urschel, attending the clerk's meeting in Columbia, MO March 12-16. Alderman White seconded. Motion passed on roll call vote as follows:

AYES: 5- Murphy, Leffingwell, Jennings, White, Montgomery

ABSENT: 1- Wilson

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**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

**Police Chief Witthuhn:** Thanked the board for considering the raises. They did fill the open officer position this week. Kage Etherton will be starting in two (2) weeks. The new police car is getting the lights on and then will be ready. The department has been busy with vandalisms. They have three (3) persons (juveniles) of interest in the recent outbreak. All of the vandalized cars were unlocked.

**ALDERMEN COMMENTS**

**Kay Leffingwell:** She asked what The Compound was going to do. Mayor Rapp stated as of today, Mr. Coker is close to settling; however, it would be six (6) months before he can get back up and running. In the meantime, he has been working out of a small shop at his home. She asked if the heat and air was fixed at the sewer plant. (yes)

**MAYOR COMMENTS**

Mayor Rapp stated we are ready if the ice storm hits. The emergency management director found cots if needed and the fire station would be open for a warming center along with the First Baptist Church. Barry had the tree taken down on the lot next to City Hall. The quotes were under five hundred dollars (\$500). She also indicated the Dodge needed to go into the shop for some repairs. The antifreeze is leaking somewhere, plus it has other issues. She asked the aldermen to be thinking about a committee to update the personnel handbook.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Alderman White made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Alderman Montgomery. All voted aye. The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

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Doris Rapp, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Debbie Bateman, City Clerk

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