

**CITY OF MISSOURI VALLEY
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MISSOURI VALLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY
TUESDAY, AUGUST 20, 2019
6:00 P.M.**

Mayor Pro-Tem Struble presided over the meeting and called it to order at 6:00 P.M. with the following Council members present: Gunderson, Pfouts, Struble, Stueve, and Tiffey. Also present: Connie McLaughlin, Bob Erixon, Jonathan McDonald, Linda Coddington, Milinda Coddington, Jack Bennett, Mary Jo Buckley, Melba Struble, Narissa Bennett, Troy Cooper, Tracy Stueve, Jerry Webber, Sally Salter, Katie Preston, Bruce Kocher.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Struble asked Council for any comments or additions-Gunderson requested and will be 15a.

Motion by Pfouts, seconded by Tiffey to approve the agenda for the August 20, 2019 meeting. Motion carried on a 5-0 vote.

Motion by Stueve, seconded by Pfouts to approve the following items on the consent agenda: a) August 6, 2019 City Council Minutes b) Claims List c) Water, Park Board, and Safety Committee Reports d) Liquor License for Mighty Mo Rodeo. Motion carried on a 5-0 vote.

Jack Bennett inquired if Council made any decision on his property. Olmsted gave Council his memo in regards to the history of the property and his conclusions. Flaherty submitted the claim to insurance. Olmsted does not believe the City put in the tube. The owner believes it is a storm drain. If the City agrees to fix the problem, Olmsted recommends the City looking at changing where the water is discharged and possibly plugging the intake. Council would like to see the costs and what insurance says.

Tracy Stueve would like to know the status of her complaint. There is junk on the property and 9 vehicles. The pitbull has not been removed from City limits. There are people living in garages and tents on properties and multiple properties need mowed. Flaherty will continue to look into the complaint.

Council would like SWIPCO to continue on with the Rental Registration Program and updating the Property Maintenance Code.

Jerry Webber stated there are weeds in the ditch by the Park and would like the City to spray the ditches.

Brent Hoelsing stated that the school will be breaking ground in September and invited Council to attend. The school would like Council to waive their building permit fees. Pfouts inquired if the City could use their logo. Hoelsing stated yes and he would write a letter allowing it.

Jim Olmsted with Olmsted & Perry gave several updates. The City attorney is working with Midstates to finalize the agreement for Tamarack. There was a meeting on the proposed bypass. The City would like the highway and levee to be separate because the City will be responsible for maintaining it. The proposed levee could start in 2026 but if the State receives grant money it could be done sooner. Flaherty stated that she has spoken with SWIPCO and they will help the City apply for grants. The City may fall under MAPA. The Library has received budgetary proposals. They range from \$32,000.00 to \$62,000.00. Olmsted would like to do soil testing. It will cost approximately \$3,500.00 for a soil study and he would like for it to be completed this Fall. FEMA is scheduled to do their site inspections in September. Olmsted stated they are doing surveying work in Willow Park to prepare for the inspections. Michigan Street has two panels that need replaced. Olmsted will work with Flaherty to set a date and time to review the studies.

Flaherty stated that after the flood a Long Term Disaster Group was formed. They are currently reaching out to Mayor and Council's for members. This group would provide resources during any disaster. They would like community members to consider joining. The next meeting is September 11th. Flaherty will add Council to the groups email list.

Discussion was held on adding yield signs to 5th Street. Gunderson would like to see Pedestrian crossing signs at 5th and Huron. Pfouts inquired if Council could change the speed limit or add speed bumps. Flaherty stated that Riesland inquired about adding yield signs at East Superior, East Michigan, and East St. Clair. Council will look at the intersections and bring their recommendations to the next Council meeting.

Motion by Pfouts, seconded by Tiffey to approve donation of a Family Pool Pass for the Diving Board Fundraiser. Motion carried on a 5-0 vote.

Motion by Tiffey, seconded by Stueve to waive the fees for a pool party for the Missouri Valley Fire Association. Motion carried on a 5-0 vote.

Motion by Tiffey, seconded by Stueve to authorize Mayor to sign Full and Complete Release and Indemnification Agreement for Union Pacific in the amount of \$839,250.00. Motion carried on a 5-0 vote.

Motion by Tiffey, seconded by Stueve to allow the Fire Department to have a collection for Muscular Dystrophy on 8/31/2019 and 9/01/2019 at 1st & Erie and Willow Road & Highway 30. Motion carried on a 5-0 vote.

Flaherty stated that the Chamber is having a downtown clean up on Thursday, August 22nd, at 1 p.m. There is a Fire Station meeting on Wednesday, August 21st, at 6 p.m. at the Library. She reminded Council to turn in their revisions for the handbook and hiring policy. Flaherty also would like Council to give their input on the proposed websites and logos.

Gunderson thanked the Iowa State Patrol and Harrison County Sherriff Department on their tickets. He also congratulated the new restaurant on their opening. He inquired about a stop light at Highway 30 and Willow Road. He will keep pursuing. No bumpers were placed on

Granite Street. There is junk on several properties on Huron Street. There will be a military convoy going thru town on August 25th.

Struble inquired about the Smith property and stated that his son is putting junk on the property. Flaherty stated a municipal infraction has been filed on the property.

Motion by Pfouts, seconded by Stueve to enter into closed session at 6:54 p.m. per IA Code 21.5(1)(i) to evaluate the professional competency of an individual whose appointment, hiring, performance, or discharge is being considered when necessary to prevent needless and irreparable injury to that individual's reputation. Motion carried on a 5-0 vote.

Motion by Pfouts, seconded by Stueve to return to open session at 7:24 p.m. with no action taken. Motion carried on a 5-0 vote.

Motion by Pfouts, seconded by Stueve to adjourn at 7:26 p.m. Motion carried on a 5-0 vote.

Sherman Struble, Mayor Pro-Tem

Attest: Jodie Flaherty, City Clerk