

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

Mayor Kelly 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: Jim Olmsted, Caleb Wohlers, Robert Wagner, Matthew Lee, Mary Jo Buckley, Jeannie Wortman, Connie McLaughlin, Clint Sargent, Sally Salter, Katie Preston, Sylvia Marshall, Jack Bennett, Narissa Bennett, Trista McLaughlin, Ryan McLaughlin, Bob Thompson, Leonard Ratliff, Lee Lange, Bruce Kocher.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Kelly asked Council for any comments or additions-Gunderson and Stueve requested. They will be 16a and 16b.

Motion by Struble, seconded by Pfouts to approve the agenda for the August 6, 2019 meeting. Motion carried on a 5-0 vote.

Motion by Struble, seconded by Stueve to approve the following items on the consent agenda: a) July 16, 2019 City Council Minutes and July 19, 2019 City Council Minutes b) Claims List c) Street, Park, Park Board, Fire Department Reports d) Clerks Financial Report June 2019. Motion carried on a 5-0 vote.

Sally Salter stated that the Park Board has been working on the parking at the Dog Park. She has company's willing to donate the curbs. She has been working with the Clerk on the cost of the rock. Salter invited the Council to the meet and greet with Dusty Ganzhorn. She also stated she is excited for the new Mexican Restaurant.

Connie McMullen inquired about the lack of EMS responders. Chief Wohlers stated that majority of the responders work out of town and they have Mutual Aid agreements with other Departments.

Jeannie Wortman with the Chamber thanked the Mayor, Fire Department, and Police Department for their involvement with the parade. Campo Azul will be open either Thursday or Friday. Wortman invited Council to a metal ceremony for a deceased veteran on August 27th at 9 a.m. at the Rand Center. On August 17th, Alexis Fleener with SWIPCO will meet with Wortman and the owner of the Lavish Building to prepare for the Catalyst Grant.

Jack Bennett spoke to Council about the washout behind his property at 735 Grove Street. The City's storm sewer drains on their property. They would like the City to repair, bury the line, and mitigate the water. Jim Olmsted will send Council a memo of discovery.

Katie Preston, Pool Manager, thanked Mayor and Council for the dunk tank. Between the dunk tank and the donation jar at the pool, they have raised \$1,068.00. Preston would like to raffle a family pool pass as a fundraiser for the diving board. Council gave informal approval and Flaherty will put formal approval on the next agenda.

Bruce Kocher gave the Library Report. He reported on the programs and activities for July. A new foundation crack has appeared and the building had graffiti this morning.

Chief Wohlers updated Council on activities for the month of July and upcoming activities in August. He reported that a Fire Department member has been placed on administrative leave. The Department participated in two parades. He believes there is a safety issue at the grandstand and will contact the Fair Board. Since January the Department has responded to 202 rescue calls and 60 fire calls. The Department is registered with Knoxbox and invites business owners to look into the program. They will be applying for a grant for wildland equipment. The Association is having a gold tournament on August 17th. They will be providing EMS for Mighty Mo Rodeo. Wohlers requested Council to waive the fees for the Association pool party. Council gave their informal approval and Flaherty will put it on the next agenda for approval. Wohlers stated that the exterior door is in the final assembly stage and needs painted.

Assistant Chief Lange reported they are down an officer due to medical leave. They will be doing testing for a new officer on Saturday. They have invited 6 potential candidates. The new server was installed. The department computers are outdated and they are getting prices for new computers. There was a burglary that is currently being investigated. Lange encourages citizens to report anything they see that is suspicious.

Bob Riesland, Street Superintendent, reported that the department fixed a broken sewer main, graded roads, and mowed. They need more rock and cold patch. They are short staffed due to an injury. There is no signage on the east/west streets on 5th Street. He would like Council to consider putting in yield signs. Flaherty will see if the ordinance must be updated. The department patched Superior Street between 6th Street and 7th Street. There is a row of trees by Michigan and Morton that he would like to take down. Riesland would like to have the Fire Department burn the trees or take to the tree dump. Jack Bennett would like any logs over 3 inches and Council agreed he could have it. He will contact the Street Department. Riesland will be ordering sand/salt for winter. He is going to replace faded signs. He is also going to have Jim Olmsted look at the undermine on Michigan.

Jim Olmsted with Olmsted & Perry gave several updates. During the March 2019 flood, Union Pacific made several damages to the streets and Flaherty submitted an insurance claim. The City received notification that Union Pacific has accepted the claim in full. The agreement will be on the next Council agenda for approval. FEMA will look at this amount as part of the replacement costs. City Hall and Olmsted has been working with FEMA on the damage inventory. This was submitted on Friday. Site inspections will be in September. Plans and specs are almost complete and will have to go out to bid. When the drainage district was cleaning out a ditch by Granite, they exposed a water main to 2 feet below the surface. FEMA is working with the district to see if they will cover the costs to lower the main. Olmsted stated that there will be an IDOT meeting on August 15th. Ebmeier Engineering has contact companies to look at the Library to compile a

budget for the foundation repairs. Olmsted would like to set up a special meeting to review the studies.

Olmsted stated that he recommends waiting to hear from FEMA about the water main on Granite.

John McCurdy and Matthew Lee spoke to Council about a rental property maintenance program. SWIPCO talked about the process to adopt the program and how the staff would implement it.

Motion by Stueve, seconded by Pfouts to close 4th Street from Erie to the Rand Center on September 19, 2019. Motion carried on a 5-0 vote.

Motion by Stueve, seconded by Tiffey to reimburse Katie Preston for her WSI certification. Motion carried on a 5-0 vote.

Motion by Stueve, seconded by Struble to approve the candidate for the Fire Department, pending physicals. Motion carried on a 5-0 vote.

Motion by Tiffey, seconded by Stueve to allow the Fire Department to use the tree dump for storage and training and allow the Department to obtain a key. Motion carried on a 5-0 vote.

Resolution #19-26 was introduced Transferring Money from General Fund to Splash Pad Fund. Motion by Pfouts, seconded by Stueve. Motion carried on a 5-0 vote.

Gunderson stated there is a junk pile by the Grandstands, since the tube on Granite was replaced, there is a drop off. Can the Street Department put up bumpers? The horseshoe pit and hydrants need repaired at the Dog Park. He would also like to contact the DOT about putting a stop sign at Hwy 30 and Willow Road.

Stueve inquired if the cameras used to monitor the crossings could be used at the pool. Flaherty will contact the Lightbox. She also asked what the Hotel/Motel funds were used for. Flaherty stated it was used for multiple items. Flaherty will send Stueve the spreadsheet that shows all of the expenses.

Flaherty reminded Council to send in their suggestions for the handbook and hiring policy. She also would like Council to email their thoughts on the proposed City Logos and Websites.

Kelly thanked the pool for their fundraising and the Fair Board on the Harrison County Fair. He would like to caution people to drive slower during the Fair. He also stated that the flags look great.

Motion by Pfouts, seconded by Struble to table the possible motion to enter into closed session 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 table the possible action from closed session. Motion carried on a 5-0 vote.

Motion by Struble, seconded by Tiffey to enter into closed session at 7:35 p.m. pursuant to Iowa Code § 21.5(1)(c) to discuss strategy with counsel in matters where litigation is imminent where its disclosure would be likely to prejudice or disadvantage the position of the Authority in that litigation and/or Iowa 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 and that individual requests a closed session. Motion carried on a 5-0 vote.

Motion by Pfouts, seconded by Stueve to return to open session at 8:08 p.m. with no action taken. Motion carried on a 5-0 vote.

Motion by Pfouts, seconded by Stueve adjourn at 8:10 p.m. Motion carried on a 5-0 vote.

Shawn Kelly, Mayor

Attest: Jodie Flaherty, City Clerk

RESOLUTION 19-26

RESOLUTION TO TRANSFER MONEY FROM THE GENERAL CHECKING INTO THE SPLASH PAD FUND

WHEREAS, the City of Missouri Valley desires to create a Splash Pad; and

WHEREAS, this project will be accomplished in phases over multiple fiscal years; and

WHEREAS, the Council has budgeted money to be set aside for that purpose.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Missouri Valley, Iowa that the City Clerk is hereby directed to transfer \$8,000.00 into the Splash Pad Reserve Fund from the FY1920 budget.

Passed and approved this 6th day of August, 2019.

Shawn Kelly, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jodie Flaherty
City Clerk