

**CITY OF MISSOURI VALLEY
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MISSOURI VALLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY
TELECONFERENCE
TUESDAY, AUGUST 18, 2020**

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the City of Missouri Valley offered the meeting via teleconference for the public.

Mayor Kelly presided over the meeting and called it to order at 6:00 p.m. with the following Council members present: Dooley, Sr., Ford, Pfouts, Stueve, and Struble. Also present: Caleb Wohlers

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Kelly asked Council for any comments or additions-Pfouts requested and will be 11h.

Motion by Pfouts, seconded by Struble to approve the agenda for the August 18, 2020 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Struble, seconded by Stueve to approve the following items on the consent agenda: a) Minutes from August 4, 2020 City Council Meetings b) Claims list c) Clerk Financial Report July 2020 d) Approve Mayors appointment of Badih Ahmed and Sue Cathcart terms expiring 10/2026 to the Park Advisory Board. Motion carried unanimously.

Jeannie Wortman, Chamber Director apologized for the business owner that used inappropriate language at the previous Council meeting. She thanked the City for cleaning up the White Oak Station property. The Census count is ending one month early and she urged citizens to participate. Music in the Park will continue thru August. At the August 27th Music in the Park, the Chamber will be holding a Law Enforcement Appreciation.

Chauncey Keller would like to open a firing range by the interstate. He will potentially remodel one building and demolish the rest. Flaherty will contact SWIPCO about the building.

Motion by Struble, seconded by Pfouts to allow the Mayor to sign the proposal with Capital Business Systems for a copy machine for the Fire Department. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Stueve, seconded by Pfouts to approve Candidates for Fire Department, pending physicals. Roll call: Ayes: Stueve, Pfouts, Dooley, Ford. Nays: None. Abstain: Struble. Motion carried on a 4-0-1 vote.

Motion by Pfouts, seconded by Stueve to re-average the sewer at 810 East St Clair Street using the last 3 months of usage. Motion carried unanimously.

Jim Olmsted gave an update on current projects. The 3rd Street Booster Station is almost completed. The Contractor needs to program the controls and painting needs to be done. The

2019 Street Reconstruction is complete. There are areas that the City needs to clean out the ditches so the water will drain.

Motion by Struble, seconded by Ford to approve Change Order No. 2 in the amount of a \$548.80 increase for Precision Concrete. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Ford, seconded by Struble to approve Application for Payment No. 3 from Precision Concrete in the amount of \$81,713.30. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Stueve, seconded by Struble to approve Application for Payment No. 4 (Final Retainage) from Precision in the amount of \$24,975.64. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Ford, seconded by Struble to accept and close out the 2019 Street Reconstruction Project. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Pfouts, seconded by Stueve to approve the Final Payment to Thrasher in the amount of \$41,500.00 for the Library Foundation Project. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Stueve, seconded by Pfouts to accept and close out the Library Foundation Project. Motion carried unanimously.

Olmsted stated the Tamarack Project is almost complete. The contractor is working on two additional cracks.

Motion by Struble to Approve the Final Payment to Precision Concrete in the Amount of \$61,934.83. Motion failed due to lack of a second. Council would like the project to be 100 percent completed before accepting the work. Motion by Pfouts, seconded by Stueve to table the item. Motion carried unanimously.

Olmsted stated that there is nothing new on the Willow Park Project. FEMA will have the final review completed by September 30th. Flaherty stated that the City has to file an extension for the project as all permanent work needed to be complete within 18 months of the flood event. There was a meeting with the IDOT and Army Corps. There are issues with a floodgate on a portion of the railroad. It would cost the City approximately \$4 million to have the railroad change their switches. The IDOT would like Council to consider closing Canal.

Pfouts had no comments.

Flaherty stated the Humane Society would like the City to donate 30 loads or 150 tons of dirt. Council does not want to donate at this time. The tenant gave notice of cancellation of the Water Treatment Plant Farm Lease. Flaherty will have this advertised. She stated because the new FIRM maps, the City needs to update the Floodplain Ordinance. The IDNR is helping with this and should be on the next agenda. The County is doing updates on Liberty Avenue and the City's portion will be \$5,742.51. MidAmerican Energy will be on the next agenda to speak with Council about a proposed franchise fee. Flaherty and the new building inspector are reviewing

the outdated codes. The contractor will start painting the pool August 31st. She also wanted to remind Council that there is a goal setting workshop August 25th.

There were no Mayor comments.

Motion by Pfouts, seconded by Struble to enter into closed session at 6:35 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 and that individual requests a closed session. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Stueve, seconded by Struble to return to open session at 6:56 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Pfouts, seconded by Stueve to have Flaherty amend the employment contract as suggested. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Ford, seconded by Struble to adjourn at 6:57 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Shawn Kelly, Mayor

Attest: Jodie Flaherty, City Clerk