

**CITY OF MISSOURI VALLEY
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MISSOURI VALLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY
TELECONFERENCE
TUESDAY, JANUARY 12, 2021**

Mayor Kelly presided over the meeting and called it to order at 6:00 P.M. with the following Council members present: Pfouts, Stueve, Struble, and Ford by Phone. Absent: Dooley, Sr.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Kelly asked Council for any comments or additions-Stueve and Ford requested and will be 8a and 8b.

Motion by Pfouts, seconded by Stueve to approve the agenda for the January 12, 2021 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Mary Jo Buckley with the Park Board stated the board would like to redo the kitchen at the City Park. They would like to buy used items. Council would like a list of items the board would like to purchase and the cost. The Board also discussed the Park Rules and would like the rules to be on the next agenda.

Discussion was held on the insurance renewal. The insurance committee met with 2 different agents and were presented 4 different plans. The employees would like Council to approve a high deductible policy. The deductibles are \$2,000 single and \$4,000 family after the City would self-fund the policy. The premiums are significantly lower and with the costs savings the employees would like Council to contribute the entire deductibles the first year of the policy and renegotiated the deductibles after reviewing the potential savings next year. Flaherty stated that the potential savings could be \$26,616.60 and this could lower the City's premiums by \$26,616.60 depending on the amount self-funded by the City.

Stueve would like the employees to pay for their family insurance and the City pay the deductible or the City pay for the family plan and employees pay for their deductibles. She believes the City needs to start saving money with the number of projects that the City needs to complete.

Stueve would like to see the property, liability, and work comp insurance stay local.

Motion by Struble, seconded by Ford to approve the Health Insurance Policy with Group Benefit Partners. Roll call: Ayes: Struble, Ford, Pfouts Nays: Stueve. Motion carried on a 3-1 vote.

Discussion was held on the Building Inspector position. Flaherty would like to separate the Building and Code Enforcement jobs into two separate positions. A Police Officer has shown interest in the Code Enforcement position. Pfouts thinks that would be a good idea. Kelly stated it could be on a trial basis. Stueve would like to try it over the summer and revisit it in

September. Ford would not like the position to split and would like to see set office hours. Council would like the Building Inspector to submit a department report.

Stueve had no comments.

Ford stated the Hoffman Agency reached out to him and he would like the property, liability, and work comp policies to stay local. Stueve agrees. Kelly wants to keep business locals but would like other companies to have the ability to bid to make sure the City is receiving the best rates and do what is best for the citizens.

There were no City Administrator comments.

There were no Mayor comments.

Motion by Pfouts, seconded by Struble to adjourn at 6:38 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Shawn Kelly, Mayor

Attest:

Jodie Flaherty, City Administrator