

**CITY OF MISSOURI VALLEY  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
RAND COMMUNITY CENTER  
TUESDAY, JULY 5, 2022**

1. Mayor Kelly presided over the meeting and called it to order at 6:00 p.m. Citizens attending included Adam Bellis, Joett Cogdill, Beau Peschel, Jeannie Wortman, Mary Jo Buckley, Stefanie Staben, Kirsten Wilson, Bruce Kocher, Brandy Whitney, Sheila Muell, Amy Ford, Isabella Foland, Rich Gochenour, Amy Wright, Daniel Hoffman, John Harrison, Vern & Phyllis Henrich, Jerry Keizer, Marilyn Keizer, Caleb Wohlers, and Sally Salter.
2. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
3. The following Council members were present: Eric Ford, Sherm Struble , Patty Stueve, Kevin Taylor and Aaron Tuttle.
4. A **motion by Struble** was made for approval of the July 5, 2022 agenda, **seconded by Stueve. Motion carried unanimously.**
5. A **motion by Struble** was made to approve the consent agenda, **seconded by Tuttle. Motion carried unanimously.**
6. Citizen Inquiries: Stafanie Staben provided a petition and asked for reconsideration of the use of coast guard approved life jackets in the Missouri Valley Aquatic Center. Kirsten Wilson provided further evidence in the use of coast guard approved life jackets. Daniel Hoffman presented his new website the Iowa News Times, for documenting his experiences in Missouri Valley.
7. Library Update: Bruce Kocher lead with the resignation of Jenna Hoelsing from the Library Board and replace her with Keith Penner. A motion to accept Jenna Hoelsing’s resignation from the library board by was made by Ford, seconded by Struble. Motion carried unanimously. A motion to add Keith Penner to the Library Board was made by Stueve, seconded by Taylor. Motion carried unanimously. Brandy Whitney then gave a brief slideshow presentation on some the past and upcoming Library activities.
8. Chamber Update: Jeannie Wortman discussed the Law Enforcement Appreciation night that was attended by 8 officers and about 250 people total in attendance. She then discussed the upcoming music in the park. She followed with the Harrison County Fair parade in which Mayor Kelly will be attending and Sherm Struble will be the grand marshal. There was then discussion about Ohana Hawaiian Ice truck wanting to come to town periodically. She would like to set up outside Watson Steam Train and would donate a portion of the proceeds back to them. It was suggested she get a merchant permit to do so, but they all thought it was a good idea. She then discussed a lemonade stand at the Rustic Stitch Boutique. This would be operated by a child seeking goodwill donations. She would need a written permit to perform this operation as well. Jeannie then discussed the new planters and said the chamber would like to donate them to the city. She wrapped it up by presenting a plaque to the city from the Sesquicentennial Committee.

9. Fire Department Update: Chief Caleb Wohlers presented to the council his opinion on the coast guard approved life jackets. He then discussed that they have received 9 applications for the paid EMS program and will be conducting interviews later this week. He then discussed some new computer applications they will be using to help track inventory. Another application allows them to view an overhead image of the property and put together a preplan in minutes instead of hours. He then discussed some of the other items that are looked at during ISO inspections.
10. Jake Zimmerer then presented updates for Olmstead & Perry. He started with the USDA water system improvements. Part of this process is the pass a resolution approving contract and performance and/or payment bonds for the Highway 30 Water Main Replacement Project. **A motion by Taylor** was made to approve this **Resolution 22-34, seconded by Stueve. Motion carried unanimously.** He continued detailing more of that project including the new well. For the 2022 street projects, Jake discussed the milling of the bad section of Superior St. which was completed today. He then discussed the roof replacement project. Contracts are back and they are trying to match up materials as close as they can to what is currently there. Finally, he discussed that there is a meeting coming up next week to discuss the realignment of the Canal St. crossing.
11. **A motion by Ford** was made to hire Beau Peschel as a Missouri Valley Police Officer, **seconded by Stueve. Motion carried unanimously.** Assistant Chief Musfeldt then introduced Beau Peschel to the audience and gave them some background on him.
12. **A motion by Tuttle** was made to approve **Resolution 22-35**, Setting a wage – Non-certified police officer, **seconded by Stueve. Motion carried unanimously.**
13. There was discussion on the re-averaging of sewer rates for the individuals whom reported leaks during the first three months of 2022, Due to the number of reported leaks the council reviewed and voted on each one as follows:
  - a) **308 N 3<sup>rd</sup> St.**, failed due to no motion.
  - b) **116 N West St.**, motion to re-average the sewer rates by Ford, seconded by Struble, ayes- Ford, Struble, Taylor, Tuttle, nays- Stueve. **Motion carried 4-1.**
  - c) **117 Blain St.**, motion to re-average the sewer rates by Ford, seconded by Struble, ayes- Ford, Struble, Taylor, Tuttle, nays- Stueve. **Motion carried 4-1.**
  - d) **810 E Superior St.**, motion to re-average the sewer rates by Struble, seconded by Ford, ayes- Ford, Struble, Tuttle, nays- Stueve, Taylor. **Motion carried 3-2.**
  - e) **520 N 6<sup>th</sup> St.**, motion to re-average the sewer rates by Ford, seconded by Tuttle, ayes- Ford, Struble, Taylor, Tuttle, nays- Stueve. **Motion carried 4-1.**
  - f) **103 N West St.**, motion to re-average the sewer rates by Ford, seconded by Struble, ayes- Ford, Struble, Taylor, Tuttle, nays- Stueve. **Motion carried 4-1.**
  - g) **422 W Erie St.**, motion to re-average the sewer rates by Ford, seconded by Taylor, ayes- Ford, Struble, Taylor, Tuttle, nays- Stueve. **Motion carried 4-1.**
  - h) **1021 E St. Claire St.**, motion to re-average the sewer rates by Ford, seconded by Tuttle, ayes- Ford, Taylor, Tuttle, nays- Struble, Stueve. **Motion carried 3-2.**
  - i) **525 N 7<sup>th</sup> St.**, failed due to no motion.
  - j) **202 N 4<sup>th</sup> St.**, failed due to no motion.
  - k) **215 N 3<sup>rd</sup> St.**, failed due to no motion.
  - l) **122 N 7<sup>th</sup> St.**, motion to re-average the sewer rates by Ford. Motion failed due to lack of a second.

14. Rich Gochenour approached the council and asked about driving the truck home. He indicates that he only lives 1.4 miles outside city limits and has to run back to town all the time for emergencies. Rich then brought up OneCall issues related to sewer. After a brief discussion it was determined that service needs switched to PeopleServices. Pertaining to driving the truck home, Ford mentioned that we should check with insurance. A **motion by Taylor** was made to allow Rich Gochenour to drive the truck home, **seconded by Stueve. Motion passed unanimously.**
15. John Harrison discussed the abatement of 421 N 5<sup>th</sup> St. City attorney said the City is clear to do what is needed with weeds, trees and bushes. Parks guys said it would take them a week to clean up the site with their other duties. John presented a bid for \$2500 from CJs and asked the council what they wanted to do. Council requested the Parks guys do the work.
16. There was some discussion about temporary parking changes during the Harrison County fair. Jeremy explained that Chief Lange brought to his attention that we might want to make some temporary signage changes in the Willow Park area. They asked that Jeremy discuss it with Chief Lange and present a plan to them at the July 19<sup>th</sup> meeting.
17. Mary Jo Buckley discussed that there was a slight change to the original amount due to the addition of a handicap mat. The total will be \$24,114.50 and donor will pay for the whole thing. There was no motion because this was approved at the previous council meeting.
18. Eric Ford asked Jeremy to place this item on the agenda. Eric felt like he should have been brought back into the meeting that he abstained from before this was discussed. The council pointed out that he left the facilities and the remaining four members of the council made the decision.
19. The City Administrator had no comments tonight.
20. Council member updates were started by Tuttle discussing the 323 W Erie St. demolition project. He then mentioned a couple of other homes around town for which he received complaints. Ford was asked for comments and he declined. Struble asked about the house on Huron St. John Harrison said the lender of the property has things on hold. Struble then mentioned that he discussed a divide on 1<sup>st</sup> St. coming down Liberty Ave. with Jodie months ago and nothing has been done.
21. Shawn thanked everyone for the amazing fireworks display that happened down by the pool and ballfields.
22. There was a **motion by Struble, seconded by Stueve** to enter into closed session at 7:12 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 unanimously.**
23. A motion by Stueve, seconded by Taylor to enter back into open session occurred at 7:50 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.
24. A **motion by Stueve** was made to table the hiring of a part-time mowing position with Parks until next year, **seconded by Struble. Motion carried unanimously.**

25. A **motion by Taylor** was made to hire Cassidy Stuart as a city employee with backpay to May 19, 2022, **seconded by Stueve. Motion carried unanimously.**
26. A **motion by Struble** was made to keep Resolution 22-33 as previously modified, **seconded by Stueve. Motion carried unanimously.**
27. **Motion by Taylor, seconded by Struble** to adjourn at 7:54 p.m. **Motion carried unanimously.**

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Sherm Struble, Mayor Pro Tem

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jeremy Butrick, Clerk/Administrator