

**CITY OF MISSOURI VALLEY
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
CITY HALL CONFERENCE ROOM
TUESDAY, JULY 19, 2022**

1. Mayor Kelly presided over the meeting and called it to order at 6:00 p.m. Citizens attending included Jeannie Wortman, Linda Coddington, Tara Hernandez, Rich Gochenour, Mary Jo Buckley, Caleb Wohlers, Marilyn Keizer, Dakota Tish, John Harrison 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. Mayor Kelly asked for council comments or additions. Ford was added as 16A and Struble was added as 16B. Mayor Kelly pointed out that he received a message from Jeremy stating 20 and 21 didn't meet the Iowa code so they would need tabled for tonight.
5. A motion to approve the agenda for July 19, 2022 was **made by Struble, seconded by Stueve. Motion carried unanimously**
6. During the consent agenda, Ford pointed out that the wrong name was listed at the bottom of the last two minutes. It should state Shawn Kelly, Mayor, not Sherm Struble, Mayor Pro Tem. Eric also pointed out that there wasn't a claims list and he was worried that no bills are being paid. A motion to approve the consent agenda was **made by Struble, seconded by Stueve. Motion carried unanimously**
7. Inquiries from Citizens:
Jeannie Wortman provided an update on the electronic sign on the west end of town. She then inquired about the food truck issue. She was told to contact Jeremy the next day.
8. PeopleService Update:
Dakota Tish provided an update on a water main break on E 1st St, issues with wastewater flow meters. Councilmember Struble inquired about a potential water leak on W Huron St. by the bridge. Dakota said they are keeping an eye on it, but the water isn't chlorinated so they think it is groundwater.
9. Fire Department Update:
 - a. Chief Wohlers presented for approval 2 new candidates for the volunteer fire department. A motion was made **by Ford, seconded by Tuttle** to accept the new candidates pending the outcome of their physicals. **Motion carried unanimously.**
 - b. Chief Wohlers presented changes to the MVFD Handbook for approval. A motion was made **by Taylor, seconded by Stueve** to accept changed to the handbook. **Motion carried unanimously.**
 - c. Chief Wohlers asked for approval to hire the 4 new fulltime EMTs. He pointed out 3 of them come from the volunteer fire department and 1 from a neighboring department. A

motion was made **by Taylor, seconded by Tuttle** to hire the 4 new EMTs. **Motion carried unanimously.**

- d. A motion was made **by Stueve, seconded by Tuttle** to approve **Resolution 22-36** Setting the EMT wage for Dillon Dorrence at \$16.00. **Motion carried unanimously.**
- e. A motion was made **by Taylor, seconded by Struble** to approve **Resolution 22-37** Setting the EMT wage for Trevor Haase at \$16.00. **Motion carried unanimously.**
- f. A motion was made **by Taylor, seconded by Struble** to approve **Resolution 22-38** Setting the EMT wage for Edith Herbolsheimber at \$16.00. **Motion carried unanimously.**
- g. A motion was made **by Taylor, seconded by Struble** to approve **Resolution 22-39** Setting the EMT wage for Theresa Erixon at \$16.00. **Motion carried unanimously.**
- h. Chief Wohlers asked for approval to start a Junior FF program that will be done in conjunction with support from MVCSD. He has checked with the necessary insurance provider and is working with the new school Superintendent to get the program going through the school. There was some further information provided about the program as well. A motion to approve the starting of the Junior FF program was made **by Taylor, seconded by Stueve. Motion carried unanimously.**

10. The police report was reviewed. There was no discussion or action on this item.

11. Taylor started off discussion with a question about SWIPCO. Mayor Kelly stated it was his understanding they have contacts with all the temp agencies that could help with this situation. Ford stated the last time this happened it was the Mayor who handled it. Stueve asked Mayor Kelly if it was fine if he did it. He stated that would be fine. A motion was made to advertise the job as soon as possible **by Ford, seconded by Stueve. Motion carried unanimously.**

A motion was made to appoint Mayor Kelly to contact SWIPCO for temporary services until new staff is hired was made **by Tuttle, seconded by Taylor. Motion passed unanimously.**

12. Stueve started to make a motion to accept a bid for demolition of 323 W Erie St. Mayor Kelly pointed out there were two bids that were different by \$780. A motion was made to accept Fox Machine Shop's lower bid in the amount of \$13,500 **by Struble, seconded by Ford. Motion carried unanimously.**

13. Discussion was initiated by Ford stating he didn't feel it was a good idea to allow parking on one side of the street during the county fair when residents weren't allowed to park on the street anymore. There was continued discussion on this including suggestions to park on the soccer fields, which was discouraged. A motion was made to allow the parking modifications during the county fair **by Stueve, seconded by Taylor. Ayes – Stueve, Taylor, Tuttle. Nays – Ford, Struble. Motion passed 3-2.**

14. Park Board Update:

Mary Jo Buckley started off asking if concrete was poured today at the dog park. Rich stated it would be poured the following day. She then stated she needed approval to allow money out of the dog park funds to be used to touch up the carvings. When asked, Sally Salter stated that the estimated cost would be under \$500. A motion to allow money to be utilized out of the dog park fund for touching up the carvings was made **by Struble, seconded by Stueve. Motion carried unanimously.**

15. There were no city administrator comments tonight.
16. The following council member comments were made tonight.
 - 16A. Ford feels there are some things happening behind the scenes and that there is an inequity with utilizing the City Attorney's opinion. He pointed out he has received messages that he deems threatening and it needs to be discussed.
 - 16B. Struble brought up that he had been contacted about a section of Ontario St. that was pretty rough and needs some attention. He has discussed this with the street superintendent, but wanted everyone else aware of it.
17. The Mayor pointed out during comments that the County Fair starts this week and he would like to see everyone get out and enjoy it.
18. There was a **motion by Stueve, seconded by Struble** to enter into closed session at 6:35p.m. per Iowa Code 21.5(1)(j), To discuss the purchase or sale of particular real estate only where premature disclosure could be reasonably expected to increase the price the governmental body would have to pay for that property or reduce the price the governmental body would receive for that property. The minutes and the audio recording of a session closed under this paragraph shall be available for public examination when the transaction discussed is completed. **Motion carried unanimously.**
19. A motion to accept the donated properties to the City was made by Taylor, seconded by Tuttle. **Ayes - Ford, Stueve, Taylor, Tuttle Nays- Struble. Motion carried 4 – 1.**
20. There was a motion to table this item made **by Ford, seconded by Taylor. Motion carried unanimously.**
21. There was a motion to table this item made **by Taylor, seconded by Stueve. Motion carried unanimously.**
22. **Motion by Stueve, seconded by Struble** to adjourn at 6:52 p.m. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Shawn Kelly, Mayor

Attest: _____
Jeremy Butrick, Clerk/Administrator