

**CITY OF MISSOURI VALLEY
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
RAND COMMUNITY CENTER
TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2023**

Mayor Kelly presided over the meeting and called it to order at 6:00 p.m. with the following Council Members present: Ford, Taylor and Struble. Absent were Stueve and Tuttle. Citizens attending Adam Bellis, Nikki Dooley, Forest Dooley, John Harrison, Dakota Tish, Jeannie Wortman, Theresa Erixon, Mary Jo Buckley, and Rich Gochenour.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion to approve the Agenda for January 17, 2023 made by Struble, second by Taylor. Motion passes.

After questions about the claim's list a motion to approve the Consent Agenda made by Struble, second by Ford. Motion Passes.

Inquiries from citizens: Mary Jo Buckley presented the flags from WoodmenLife Chapter 635. Mark Warner addressed Council about a bid to put heat in Grooms Hall and is applying for a grant.

Project Updates: Jim Olmstead updated Council about the Highway 30 Bypass. He stated that the Railroad has commented that they do not want any closure structures across the tracks. They want the DOT or the USACE to raise the tracks to go over the levee or embankment of the Bypass. This will increase the cost significantly. He discussed the varied costs between the DOT, USACE and the City. He wants Council to discuss and think about this new information. Jake talked about pushing the bids back for 2 weeks on the Street Project.

Chamber Update: Jeannie Wortman discussed upcoming events. The Chili Cook off is January 21, 2023 and there are 16 different groups participating. Monday was Teacher Appreciation Day and the chamber provided cookies and water. Awards banquet will be held March 18, 2023, 5-8 pm at the Eagles Club. Community Recycle Day is March 25, 2023 at the Rand Community Center. The Chamber annual meeting is January 18, 2023. Wortman brought up getting more trash receptacles and planters for the around the city. She inquired about city funding and she will be applying for a grant with City of Missouri Valley being the fiscal sponsor.

Park Board Update: Mary Jo Buckley talked about applying for a grant to have a sidewalk from Park Playground to Parking Lot with the City of Missouri Valley being the fiscal sponsor. She thanked Turri for coming to the last Park Board meeting. The park board would like to ask the public if anyone wants to donate composite picnic tables. Buckley asked if the city can budget in a new picnic table each year and also asked for money to be budgeted in for upkeep on mulch.

Forest Dooley took the Oath of Office as Chief of the Fire Department.

Fire Department Workshop date to be held on January 26, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. at Missouri Valley City Hall.

Motion to approve Resolution 23-04 setting wages for Chief, Assistant Chief, and Captains made by Struble, second by Taylor. Motion passes.

Motion to table Resolution 23-05 Cash in Lieu of Insurance made by Struble, second by Taylor. 2 Aye, 1 Nay. Motion fails.

Motion to table Resolution 23-05 Cash in Lieu of Insurance made by Ford, second by Taylor. Motion passes.

Motion to approve resignation of Theresa Erixon as Career EMT made by Struble, second by Taylor. Motion passes.

Motion to approve retirement of Theresa Erixon as Volunteer Fire Department member made by Struble, second by Taylor. Motion passes.

Motion to approve tuition reimbursement from EMT student made by Taylor, second by Ford. Motion passes.

People Service Update: Tish addressed the council. The last cold spell there were several frozen water meters. He would like to get the message out to have citizens seal up the areas around the meters or use heat tape. There is a limited supply of meters and they are difficult to get right now. Garrett Borden is leaving PeopleService.

Motion to Authorize Mayor to Sign Letter from People Service Acknowledging the Annual Adjustment for Services in Accordance with the Operations and Maintenance Agreement made by Ford, second by Struble. Motion passes.

Motion to set Public Hearing on Urban Revitalization Plan Application made for February 7, 2023 at 6 p.m. made by Taylor, second by Ford. Motion passes.

Ford brought to attention the Iowa Code for Smoking on Government or State properties. Noticed that people have been seen smoking near City/Fire Hall building and asked that they please stop. He also discussed having the Career EMTs park on the side streets or behind the Fire Department storage to keep that area open for volunteers responding to emergency events.

Mayor advised to be careful and watch the weather over the next couple days.

Colglazier wants Council to appoint someone to the Emergency Management Commission. Career EMT's will begin a Monday through Friday schedule after the 27th. Budget Workshop dates are January 24 and January 31 at 6 p.m. at City Hall.

Motion to adjourn at 6:45 p.m. made by Taylor, second by Struble. Motion passes.

/S/ Shawn Kelly, Mayor

Attest: /S/ Turri Colglazier, City Administrator