

CITY OF MISSOURI VALLEY
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
RAND COMMUNITY CENTER
TUESDAY, AUGUST 15, 2023
6:00 P.M.

Mayor Kelly presided over the meeting and called it to order at 6:00 p.m. with the following Council Members present: Keizer, Stueve, Struble, Taylor, and Tuttle. Citizen's attending was: Jeannie Wortman, Adam Bellis, Evelyn Marshall, Linda Coddington, Mary Jo Buckley, John Harrison, Jason Babcock, Dakota Tish, Jim Olmsted, Steve Smith, Emily Daws, Linda Summers, Jerry Summers, Rich Gochenour, Daytona Smith, Minnie Fisher, Jerry Keizer, Georgia Johnson, and Katey Davis.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion to approve Agenda for August 15, 2023, made by Tuttle, second by Struble. Motion passes.

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda; a) Minutes from August 1, 2023, Council Meeting, b) Minutes from July 31, 2023, Planning and Zoning Meeting, c) Minutes from August 2, 2023, Park Board Meeting, d) Claims, e) Financial Report for July 2023, f) Utility Reconciliation Report for July 2023, g) Department Reports, and h) The Mayor's appointment of Michael Nielsen to the Planning and Zoning Commission, term expiring June 2028 made by Struble, second by Stueve. Motion passes.

Citizen Inquiries: Jeannie Wortman told Council about The Tennessee Hollow Boutique's grand opening and The Humane Societies Rescue Ride. She extended thanks from the Mo Valley Rally committee for everyone who had helped with the event. She also reminded Council that Senator Grassley will be at the Rand Center on August 28 from 4-5 p.m. Roger Miller addressed Council about a tap fee charge he received. He feels it should be waived because they had to do this to make a new line to his house. Council will put it on the next agenda for discussion. Katey Davis addressed Council about re-averaging her water. Cindy Plenger discussed her concern with the maintenance of a property. She is dissatisfied with how the City has handled the problem.

Project Updates: Jeff Frey apologized for the contractor's delay on the concrete work on Superior St. They were set back by the rain. On August 23, a crew will connect the Water Main on Canal St.

Jim Olmsted addressed Council about the Well Improvement Project and the WTP Control Project. The bids the City received were significantly over the budget they had prepared. An idea was had that rather than putting in a Well House, they put in a submersible pump with a pit-less unit. Council was in agreement. Will need to send out for new bids.

Motion to table the bids for the well improvement projects until September 19 at 6 p.m. at which time the Council will meet to further consider proposals made by Taylor, second by Tuttle. Roll Call: Aye – Tuttle, Keizer, Struble, Stueve, and Taylor. Motion passes.

Motion to approve Resolution to Provide a notice of hearing on proposed plans, specifications, form of contract, and estimate of cost for the 2023 Water System Control Improvement Project for September 5

made by Taylor, second by Stueve. Roll Call: Aye – Tuttle, Keizer, Struble, Stueve, and Taylor. Motion passes.

Park Board Update: Mary Jo Buckley presented the Council pictures of the trash receptacles and said that she will be applying to receive a grant.

People Service Update: Dakota Tish stated that the Tower Inspection results came back, and everything is good. They completed all the monthly work orders and meter changeouts. They also assisted Boruff with the water main locate. When all the rain came down, a large amount of iodine came in from the pipes. It caused a surge in the station and raised the lift station above capacity. They were able to maintain the problem. The Lagoons have increased by about 1 foot. Tish is monitoring it closely.

Motion to set the date of public hearing to enter into a lease with Valley Airport, Inc. for September 5, 2023, at 6 p.m. made by Struble, second by Stueve. Motion passes.

Minnie Fisher was asked to speak to Council about the Planning and Zoning meeting held on July 31, 2023, regarding property at 409 W Erie St. Fisher said they would not recommend spot-zoning. They are trying to get our City more cohesive and set it up for future generations. Unless everyone on the block wants to go to a commercial setting, we just cannot do it. After much debate, a motion was made to keep the property residential by Stueve, second by Struble; Ayes-Stueve, Struble, and Tuttle. Nay-Taylor and Keizer. Motion passes 3-2.

Discussion was held on the lease agreement with AYSO—a motion made to terminate the AYSO lease immediately made by Struble. Motion fails. After a heated debate, the Council agreed that each organization will report back to Council on September 19, 2023, with proposals.

Motion to approve Resolution Setting Wage – Non-Certified Police Officer made by Keizer, second by Stueve. Motion passes.

Motion to refund Britney Cunard's \$175 deposit for a pool party that was canceled due to weather made by Tuttle, second by Struble. Motion passes.

Motion to enter into closed session per IA 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 made by Taylor, second by Struble. Motion passes.

Motion to enter into open session made by Struble, second by Keizer. Motion passes.

No action was taken from the Closed Session.

Motion to enter into closed session 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 made by Tuttle, second by Taylor. Motion passes.

Motion to enter into open session made by Taylor, second by Tuttle. Motion passes.

Motion to increase Rich Gochenour's pay by \$2.50 per hour starting August 1, 2023, made by Taylor, second by Keizer. Motion passes.

Councilperson Keizer would like the Credit Card Statement included in the Council packets.

Mayor Kelly stated that he will be traveling for work in September and will be gone until October.

City Administrator Turri Colglazier told Council they received a thank you from Midstates Bank, SWIPCO's annual meeting, and about The Rural Summit 2023 with the Iowa West Foundation. She discussed with Council a medical bill received from an injured patron at the pool. Council agreed to pay for it. Colglazier talked to Dorsey and Whitney about the Urban Renewal Plan. They suggested the City have a boundary set up. Colglazier would like a Council member to help her set up the boundaries.

Motion to adjourn made by Taylor, second by Struble. Motion passes.

/S/Shawn Kelly, Mayor

Attest:/S/Turri Colglazier, City Administrator