

CITY OF MISSOURI VALLEY  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING  
RAND COMMUNITY CENTER  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 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, Struble, Taylor, Stueve, and Tuttle. Citizen's attending was Linda Coddington, Evelyn Marshall, Nikki Dooley, Trina Zomers, Forest Dooley, Mary Jo Buckley, Dakota Tish, Jo Grimes, Steve Smith, Mark Wehrli, Rich Gochenour, Jeannie Wortman, Mike Dworak, Trenton Zomers, Katey Davis, and John Harrison.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion to approve Agenda for September 5, 2023, made by Tuttle, second by Taylor. Motion passes.

Public Hearing on proposed plans, specifications, form of contract, and estimate of cost for the proposed 2023 Water System Control Improvements Project. No written or oral objections. Motion to close Public Hearing made by Struble, second by Stueve. Motion passes.

Public Hearing on Valley Airport, Inc. Lease. No written objections. Oral objections: Trina Zomers would like the Council to wait to make a decision. The people who use the Airport were not aware of the Lease or that it was on the agenda for tonight. Steve Smith questioned the Council's decision to wait to sign the Lease. He feels that it has been publicly published and everyone should have known about it. Council Member Stueve questioned if the public knows when the Airport Board meets. Steve Smith said that they are a private board and it is not their responsibility to notify everyone of the meetings. City Administrator Colglazier stated that they are a City Board, the City Council appoints the members for the Airport Board, and they are subject to the Open Meetings Law and questioned why the Airport Board is not. Mayor Kelly stated that there is no communication between the Board and the Council. There have been new hangars built without the Council's knowledge. Mayor Kelly stated he tried to reach out to Board members to have a meeting and only received one response back. Steve Smith stated that they are a private board. They just lease the land from the City. Valley Airport, Inc. is independent of the City. They just lease the land from the City. They only answer to the City through the Lease on how they are supposed to operate the Airport. As long as they follow the Lease agreements, they are in compliance with the City. Mayor Kelly reminded them that a letter was sent out to have a meeting to discuss issues in March. This could have been handled back then. Kelly would like to have a meeting on September 13, 2023, to discuss Valley Airport Inc. and the Lease. Everyone agrees. Motion to close the Public Hearing on Valley Airport, Inc. made by Struble, second by Taylor. Motion passes.

After questions about Claims, a motion to approve the Consent Agenda a) Minutes from August 15, 2023, Council Meeting, b) Minutes from August 28, 2023, Board of Adjustment Meeting, c) Minutes from August 29, 2023, Special City Council Meeting, d) Claims List, e) Reappointment of Mike Dworak to the Planning and Zoning Commission term ending August 2028, f)

Reappointment of Mark Leusink to the Library Board of Trustees term ending August 2029, and g) Approval of Food Land Super Markets Liquor License; was made by Struble, second by Stueve. Motion passes.

Opening of Bids for 2023 Water System Control Improvement:

Hydro Optimization and Automation (HOA) Solutions - \$179,650.00

Citizen Inquiries: Mary Jo Buckley stated that the picnic tables and trash receptacles have been delivered.

Project Updates: Motion to approve Application for Payment #1 to Compass Utility in the amount of \$185,673.60 made by Tuttle, second by Struble. Motion passes.

Motion to approve Resolution 22-32 rejecting bids for the 2022 Well Improvements Project made by Stueve, second by Keizer. Motion passes.

Motion to approve Resolution 23-33 finally approving and confirming plans, specifications, form of contract and estimate of cost for the 2023 Water System Control Improvements Project made by Stueve, second by Struble. Motion passes.

Zimmerer stated that the USDA needs to approve the 2023 Water System Control Improvement Bid, so no action on the bid tonight.

Chamber update: Jeannie Wortman updated the Council on Senator Grassley's meeting, the Chamber's appreciation BBQ lunch, CHI hosting the Chamber After Hours event, Music in the Park, Zombie Walk on October 21, Zombie Scoop the Loop on October 21, Candidate Forum October 24 at Rand Center from 6 – 8 p.m., Halloween Parade on October 26.

Library update: Bruce Kocher updated the Council on all the fun activities happening at the Library.

Fire Update: Chief Forest Dooley stated they had 27 medical calls and 35 fire calls for the month. Fire Prevention Week is coming up. Meeting with the architects on Friday morning.

Motion to approve Resolution 23-31 setting wage – Public Works Director-Gochenour made by Taylor, second by Stueve. Motion passes.

Motion to adopt 1<sup>st</sup> reading on Ordinance 606 Amending Provisions Pertaining to Fiscal Management made by Stueve, second by Tuttle. Motion passes.

Motion to adopt 1<sup>st</sup> reading on Ordinance 607 Amending Provisions Pertaining to Liquor Licenses and Cigarette and Tobacco Permits made by Struble, second by Stueve. Motion passes.

Motion to table signing the Valley Airport, Inc. Lease Agreement made by Taylor, second by Tuttle. Motion passes.

Motion waiving tap fee for Roger Miller at 716 E Huron St. made by Taylor, second by Keizer. Ayes: Keizer, Taylor, Tuttle, and Struble. Nay: Stueve. Motion passes 4-1.

Motion to re-average sewer at 322 E Erie St. made by Taylor, second by Tuttle. Ayes: Taylor, Tuttle, Keizer, and Stueve. Nay: Struble. Motion passes 4-1.

Councilwoman Keizer discussed the parking by Longview. A concerned citizen approached her about parking in front of the building, making it a one-way street at times. This hinders our EMS from getting into the building.

City Administrator Colglazier discussed the Watson Steam Train building roof with the Council. Mark Warner would like the City to absorb the engineering costs into the City General Fund. This will have to be on the next agenda.

Motion to Adjourn made by Tuttle, second by Keizer. Motion passes.

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Shawn Kelly, Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Turri Colglazier, City Administrator