

CITY OF MISSOURI VALLEY
CITY COUNCIL MEETING
RAND COMMUNITY CENTER
TUESDAY, JANUARY 16, 2024
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: Tuttle, Keizer, Struble, Stueve, and Taylor. Citizens in attendance were Jake Zimmerer, Brad Harris, Evelyn Marshall, Todd Bade, Jerry McCarthy, Bruce Kocher, Dakota Tish, Aneitah Garmann, Rich Gochenour, Lee Lange, Phyllis Henrich, Forest Dooley, Nikki Dooley, and Jerry Keizer.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion to approve Agenda for January 16, 2024, made by Struble, second by Tuttle. Motion passes.

Motion to open public hearing on proposed plans, specifications, form of contract, and estimate of cost for the proposed 2022 Well Improvements Project made by Tuttle, second by Taylor. Motion passes.

No written or oral objections.

Motion to close public hearing on proposed plans, specifications, form of contract, and estimate of cost for the proposed 2022 Well Improvements Project made by Stueve, second by Keizer. Motion passes.

Motion to approve Consent Agenda: a) Minutes from January 2, 2024, Council Meeting, b) Minutes from January 3, 2024, Park Board Meeting, c) Claims List, d) Utility Reconciliation for December 2023, e) Financial Report for December 2023, f) Renewal of Liquor License for Eagle's Club #3876, and g) New Liquor License for Eagle Food Mart LLC, 502 W Erie St made by Struble, second by Stueve. Motion passes.

Opening bids for the 2022 Well Improvement Project; all bid bonds are at 5%: Eriksen Construction - \$807,650.00; Layne Christensen Company - \$728,580.00; Vrba Construction - \$611,645.00; McCarthy Trenching - \$699,615.00; and King Construction - \$791,172.50.

Motion to approve Resolution 24-04 finally approving and confirming plan, specifications, form of contract, and estimate of cost for the 2022 Well Improvement Project made by Struble, second by Stueve. Motion passes.

The City will consider bids for the 2022 Well Improvement Project and will act on them at a future time.

Aneitah Garmann gave the Park Board Update. The Park Board would like to purchase new playground equipment for Summit Park. They have selected an activity set called Monkey in the Middle. The Council agreed to purchase the Monkey in the Middle Playset.

Dakota Tish, PeopleService, explained all the meters they changed out because of the cold

weather. He suggested everyone try to have a heat source around pipes and meters.

Motion to approve quote to purchase a new Quincy QGS 10 air compressor for \$15,301.00 with hookup of the current tank made by Taylor, second by Struble. Motion passes.

Motion to Authorize Mayor to Sign Letter from PeopleService Acknowledging the Annual Adjustment for Services in Accordance with the Operations and Maintenance Agreement made by Taylor, second by Stueve. Motion passes.

Public Works Director Gochenour discussed vacating Walnut Street. He explained how difficult it is to maintain the road. He would like the Council to discuss it further. He updated the Council on the Snow Emergencies we have had. He is working with the Police Department on making a plan to have the vehicles towed that are not moving. Mayor Kelly praised the Departments for getting the roads cleaned and told them Thank You.

Motion to adopt 2nd reading on Ordinance #610 Amending the Code of Ordinances of the City of Missouri Valley, Iowa by Amending Parking Regulations made by Struble, second by Tuttle. Motion passes.

Motion to approve Prochaska & Associates invoice for construction documents relating to the Fire Station Addition for \$40,853.80 made by Struble, second by Stueve. Motion passes.

Council entered into the Budget Workshop. Discussion was had on employee salaries; Police Department expenses including the Police Academy, new rifles, and possibly a new Police Cruiser; Building inspector expenses with the possibility of new software; Park expenses with the continuation of Mosquito Control, new equipment ideas, dog park expenses, and the pool will be discussed during next workshop; Library revenue was questioned and it was decided to give them \$168,000.00 and transfer \$100,000.00 from Library reserve back into the City's general fund; Fire Department expenses including training, new building, bat problems, electrical wiring, and new radios/pagers; EMS Department expenses included new radios/pagers, pump testing, new helmets, and new ambulance; Street Department expenses including Midwest Coating project, new truck with new plow, side by side, new frontend loader, and possible grants to apply for.

Councilman Struble had questions regarding a water bill for a citizen.

Councilwoman Stueve thanked the departments for keeping the City plowed and maintained.

Councilman Tuttle discussed different types of grants that we should apply for.

Councilman Taylor addressed comments on social media. He feels that when you represent the City on a board, you should not be making derogatory comments. They should be held to the same standard as the employees of Missouri Valley. He would like to see a policy in place for this reason.

Mayor Kelly stated that when people post on social media, they should have the facts before they post anything against anybody.

City Administrator, Turri Colglazier, questioned if a person comes in to get a water deposit back,

when there is no water meter or water going to the property, do they get it back? The council agreed to allow them to have the deposit back. She also handed out the City's audit to the Council.

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

Shawn Kelly, Mayor

Attest: _____
Turri Colglazier, City Administrator