

# EDGERTON, MISSOURI

## BOARD MEETING

3/7/18 6:00 PM

A board meeting was called to order at 7:00pm on Wednesday, February 17, 2018 by the Mayor Shawn Harmer in the American legion at 203 Belt. On roll call the following members were present.

Sandi Lehman, Myrna Weese, Cory Lammers and Rick Roan.

Also present was superintendent of public works Audrey Stapleton. Chief of Police Chris Stackhouse and Attorney Gary Collins.

Shawn led the pledge of alliance.

Rick made motion to waive minutes seconded by Sandi and carried on roll call vote to approve the minutes as presented

AYES: Myrna, Sandi, Rick and Cory

Sandi made motion to approve bills Myrna second motion and carried on roll call vote to approve the bills as presented

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At this time Shawn stated he will suspend all other business for now and go straight to citizen input.

Shawn stated we are going to go back and review the ordinance on the water rate but to keep in mind there is no longer sewer bills this will be a water bill. Trash is going up since there past 13 years it has only

increased 89 cents. And also we will still have the 2 dumpsters for city clean up.

John Kaul 4140 Hwy Z- Regardless its 56.00 even on septic? My wife and I use 4500-5000 a month sometimes more in the summer so my understanding if I use or not I have to pay 56.00? That's a tax your charging me a customer service charge. My bill starts t 56.00 so then my bill will run around 101.00 that's way more then I pay now! Where is the rest of the park grant? Shawn advised 41 takes care of the 3 bonds the city has out there John stated the bonds are on you not me to pay. Shawn advised the main line has asbestos casing which will cost more to fix looking at grant for the water tower but the 56.00 will cover the maintenance on the water. John also stated to charge him to use the sewer is illegal.

Jennifer Ralston 3925 Hwy Z: Her concerns were she heard all this through the grape vine none of this was sent in a letter nor the fact the meeting was moved to the American legion. Asked where does it have to be posted? I think it's unfortunate that you have to find out the hard ways. The city board was being conniving. Shawn advised her we have a meeting every month that is open to the public. We are in the process of having the minutes added the website so if you cannot make the meeting they will be available for the citizens to keep informed.

We also have a bulletin board outside city hall that advised when the meetings are. Jennifer wanted to know what you were going to do to let the people know about the rates. Shawn advised we did post the ordinance on the board outside of city hall for 30 days then after that you were going to be informed with you next water bills of the new rate.

Terry Peterson from Redgate: I haul trash for a living and in the last meeting I was at I was told I was able to bid the trash service but now I'm finding out I am unable to so I am very disappointed and confused. Terry then left the meeting.

Gordan Sherwood 6603 Hwy Z- Has there been a cost analyses? How much goes to trash how much is water and how much is sewer? You need to know all cost factors before you raise any rates. Why would the city buy land if you're just going to rent it out for farmland? When I owned the levee the core of engineer to fix it why can the city not do the same? Mistakes were made in the past and the cost is being put on us. Shawn advised the water rate will cover all 3 bonds.

Bill Bacon 3220 Hwy Z: To my understanding water for us is 56.00 so we are going to be charged 41.00 to just have a meter.

Darrell Shafer 23065 Union Mill- You are tripling my water bill. Rick advised we are going to go back and look at this.

Michael James 4155 ballpark road- When are you going to review this? Is there a time frame? Shawn stated I hope to have information by the next meeting.

Cathy Best 3815 Hwy Z: Is the business charged the same? Was advised yes So we are paying for sewer if that's the case I want sewer at my house. Rick advised we are going to review the ordinance.

Larry Novotny 6505 Hwy Z: these bonds you want us to pay off do these bonds help us? Yes it goes to repairs water breaks and water levee. Do

we use tower? Advised yes it is always in use. My point is we do not want to pay for bonds or anything else.

Darrell Shafer: whos idea was this. Shawn stated it was him who reviewed the water the water has not been adjusted in 4 years.

Robert Manthe 5825 Hwy Z: I have heard the board explain several times about relooking at this but my concern is my water volume is low and have a lot of air in my lines. Was advised there was a leak out at Snooks and air may have got in the lines. Audrey advised she would go open some hydrants out in that area and if it not any better to call down to city hall.

Butch Masoner : What 3 bonds do we have? Was advised they are for the property maintenance for water and water lines. And how are you going to justify the 175,000.00 for the 2 people that want hooked up to sewer? Was advised that it is 2 people now but there is room to grow in that area and others will be able to hook up.

Debbie Pack & Stanley: We are here because we need help from the board. Stanley is trying to go national right now he just represents the state. We are asking the board to write a letter stating we support his efforts. Stanley teaches acceptance through differences.

David Williams 6355 Hwy Z: I have water no sewer and no trash. Back when Hay was Mayor we annexed into the city. I have been in the water business for over 40 years. Did you analyze? If not there is a great tool on DNR's website that will show a fair rate. The 3 bonds are they water related? Was advised yes for all. David also stated he appreciates water and will pay for what is fair and just fair the water system

benefits all. Do I have to take trash since I am inside city limits? The board advised will have to look into it.

Sandy Masoner: It has never been enforced in the past to take the trash company the city uses.

Jerry Dennis 3875 Hwy Z: We are on the other side of the water tower so we do not even use it. Butch stated it would go to you even though you're on the main highway. Also stated how do we know our meters are even being read? The board advised they make sure the employees are doing their jobs.

Larry Novotny: All I'm asking is you understand why we are here, think about our rates.

Nancy Montgomery: How many accounts have water and no sewer? The board advised her 46. Where are we at with getting the minutes on the website? Still working with Becky on meeting with the clerk to teach them how to use it. Shawn thanked Nancy for all she does and for her support. Nancy asked if we took bids on the lift station to hook 2 houses up. The board advised DNR did come out they did the appraisal the surveying and is sending the bids out

Clerk report: Sent out 50 past due notices, 1 on payment plan, shut off 2 residences, set up animal clinic for May 5<sup>th</sup>, set up account for public works to get their shots, got the bid out for street and ditches, put ad in paper for building inspector, got the inbox emails cleaned out, completed and faxed back paperwork for Sema and working with Us bank to have Jeff removed from credit card we currently have.

Sewer: I have 2 weeks of waste water class left. I have a strong understanding of the lagoon and its operation and have also set up the

weekly operational monitoring report required by the state and I have been working closely with DNR.

Street: Dragging city parking lots, Trimmed trees in streets and hauled off brush.

Water: Our daily average use for February are down to 38,000, Gravel was ordered for water line repairs, Fire hydrant at Snooks Rd had slipped off the mail and was repaired., DNR inspection waiting for the report to come back, Repaired water tower over flow sprout, Worked on water loss report for DNR inspection, We are currently at 14.2228% water loss DNR wants use down to 10% or less, I have started a water loss recording program and I feel with accurate recording of water loss that numbers will drop very soon, On the 27<sup>th</sup> we had another leak we repaired a service line that snapped in tow, We had two services shut off for nonpayment, Double checked all unusual meter read. The board advised to find out what the fire department believes they use to get the loss number down some.

Parks: Ordered Park signs, Worked on falling creek bank in anticipation of spring weather, collected trash in parks.

Buildings: Motion light at city hall was installed.

Equipment: All mowers and generators have been started up and appear to be operational with the exception of the irrigation pump which has to be on site for startup, Mechanic is coming tomorrow to look at dump truck.

Work orders completed: Electrical plate at City hall was installed.

Outstanding work orders: Side walk repair.

Police: Stackhouse 31 Ehlen 30 hours. Report of stolen license plate, personnel matter, information on a fraud, court docket work, welfare check

Parks TJ Adkins: Ball season will begin April 1<sup>st</sup> 18 teams signed up. We are looking at more games here due to Camden point has not lights. We will have the concession stand open and will be hiring the kids to work it. We also will be replacing the door due to the frame is rotted. The cost of the door is 740.00. The board advised will pay TJ back for the door from the park fund. Cory asked if we have got the bleachers back. TJ advised not yet. Sandi would like a schedule posted at city hall for the games. TJ advised need water turned on April 1<sup>st</sup> need for the concession stand. The board advised TJ on Pioneer days plan. She stated it goes back to the city by then and the city would be responsible for the lights used will cost around 15.00 a day.

Aldermen: Sandi No.

Myrna: I got a coffee pot for city hall. We really need to get that storage room cleaned out. Shawn advised when dumpsters are here.

Rick: I have had people ask why there are 2 aldermen. Sandi advised its state required. Where are we at hiring a public works employee?

Audrey stated the 1<sup>st</sup> applicants references did not check out but the 2<sup>nd</sup> applicant had wonderful references. The board advised if not happy with choices can repost in paper.

Old Business: Waste management signed contract with the city, Shawn advised have to take minutes to Platte valley bank to get his name added to account.

TJ explained that that account was created in 2009 we went to buy land took loan out County suggested Platte valley bank. We paid back loan and accumulated 27,000.00 that was kept in that account. Cory asked if we have to use it for parks? TJ advised if you want a parks fund then yes.

Cory asked if we had spoken with Dan about Hoy? Advised Audrey and Amy both emailed Dan. Gary stated he will follow up with Dan on that.

Levee work will start when the weather is better. Shawn asked Audrey to follow up with the bidder to see if we are any closer to a date.

Land rented: They can only plant non-human consumption on the land, they put in beans last year corn and Milo. It's a roll able contract it should not harvest anything that is consumed it is breaking the contract.

New Printer for water bills: Already been purchased.

Any word about Perry & Frank Street? Audrey advised still waiting to hear back from Platte county. Sandi advised to jog their memory.

Shawn advised we have to spend 24,000.00 on roads and has to be used by September.

Sandi made a motion for Rick to attend the MML meeting on new elected officials Myrna second the motion Cory AYES Rick abstained. Motion passed 3-1.

New Business: Sandi provided the Mayor and city clerk with the MML approved agenda. Sandi advised the board if they want anything on the new agendas they will need to contact Amy it has to be provided to the board 24 hours in advanced.

Petty cash: The money in safe needs to be deposited in the general fund.

Ordinance amending section of the code of ordinance to eliminate the requirement that unapproved minutes be read orally.

Sandi YES

Myrna YES

Rick YES

Cory YES

Ordinance read 2x's passes 4-0

There was no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:55PM

Minutes taken by \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Approved by \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

