

Board of Alderman Special Open Budget Meeting Minutes

March 9, 2020 at 10:00 am

303 East Station Drive Sturgeon Mo 65284

Roll Call:

Mayor Steve Crosswhite – yes

Alderman Ron Sage- yes

Alderman Janice Butler -yes

Alderman Zane Arends –yes

Alderman Stan Robinson- no

Mayor Steve Crosswhite called the meeting to order:

Mayor told everyone we are getting close to knowing if the City will be applying for the CDBG demolition grant but it will depend on a few things and he will keep them updated.

The City is looking into a street and road grant one of the first things you must do is Preliminary Engineer Report the cost for this could be around \$4,000.00. This report does not expire, you can use the same report every year you would like to apply for the grant. Alderman Zane Arends did ask to check with Gary Cunningham and ask him what does an engineer report cost.

You cannot apply for the demo grant and the street and road grant at the same time.

When building a new home in Sturgeon there are two different residents that would like to live in a camper while building their home. Council would like to set a time line on how long you can live in a camper. The City would like to send a letter you have one year to get your home built.

David Ritchie is building a new home they are going to move the water service the cost will be \$1,400.00 same price as installing a new service. Alderman Ron Sage made a motion to have David Ritchie pay the \$1,400.00 to install a new service at the building site of the new home he is going to build. The motion was seconded by Alderman Janice Butler with three in favor.

Sterling Kelley has a letter of credit due on March 12, 2020 at 3:00pm. Alderman Zane Arends made a motion to have the Mayor and the City Attorney deal with the letter of credit in the best way they decide. The motion was seconded by Alderman Ron Sage with three in favor.

Mayor called for a motion to accept Todd Johnson letter of resignation. Alderman Janice Butler made a motion to accept Todd Johnson letter of resignation. The motion was seconded by Alderman Zane Arends with regrets with three in favor.

Todd Johnson has asked to be added to the list of back up operators to be called if the City of Sturgeon has an emergency.

Alderman Zane Arends made a good point we need more rules and regulations to the backup water operator. What are we paying for, are they coming with their own equipment, do we pay the same if they have no equipment. He would like to see a more detailed list of what are we asking for and what will we pay.

Todd Johnson did offer to keep his license up for a backup water operator for \$500.00 a month. He also said he would come and help when needed for \$25.00 an hour. After much discussion the Alderman did say offer him \$200.00 a month for being a backup water operator and \$20.00 an hour? If Todd Johnson does not want to do it for that amount have John Gingerich ask Homer Coley if he will do it for \$200.00 a month?

It was asked again about shut offs for non-pay water bills yes the Alderman want everyone shut off on the shut off day. The Mayor will be the only one who can decide if we would allow someone more time to pay.

After much discussion Alderman did not want to pass the burn ordinance yet they want to look into this a little closer before passing.

Mayor Steve Crosswhite called for a motion for the first reading of Bill Number 03092020-1. Alderman Ron Sage moved that bill number 03092020-1 be given its first reading by title only seconded by Alderman Janice Butler with three in favor.

Mayor Steve Crosswhite reads Bill number 03092020-1 for the first time by title only.

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING USER FEES FOR USE OF CITY OWNED CEMETERIES

Mayor Steve Crosswhite called for a motion for the second reading of Bill Number 03092020-1.

Alderman Ron Sage moved that Bill Number 03092020-1 be given its first reading by title only seconded by Alderman Janice Butler with three in favor.

Mayor Steve Crosswhite reads Bill number 03092020-1 for the second time by title only.

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City Clerk Donna Tracy moved that Bill Number 03092020-1 be passed and adopted by roll call vote.

Alderman Ron Sage: yes

Alderman Stan Robinson: yes

Alderman Janice Butler: yes

Alderman Zane Arends: yes

Bill Number 03092020-1 shall now be Ordinance Number 920

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING USER FEES FOR USE OF CITY OWNED CEMETERIES

WHEREAS, the City of Sturgeon cemetery department is operating at a deficit, and

WHEREAS, the City desires to attempt to increase the income to a point where the cemetery department incurs no operating loss,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMAN

OF THE CITY OF STURGEON, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Section 140.110(A) shall be amended as follows:

A. Cemetery User Fees. The following fees shall be charged for the Cemetery Department:

- a.** A burial lot: \$400.00. (There is no discount for purchase of multiple lots.)
- b.** Excavation of a grave: \$850.00
- c.** Excavation for a cremation urn: \$425.00
- d.** Inspection for placement of a permanent headstone or marker: \$50.00.

Section 2. **Effective Date:** These fees shall be charged March 9, 2020 after the passage of ordinance by the City's Board of Alderman.

Section 3. **Hancock Amendment:** These fees are not charges in the nature of a tax, and the City believes voter approval of this Ordinance is NOT required.

Mayor and Alderman went over the budget for water after it was gone over it was the consensus to have Marsha key it into the software. The water budget is now done.

Sewer budget up next after discussion Alderman Ron Sage made a motion to allow \$30.00 a month cell phone reimbursement to City Clerk Donna Tracy effective July 1, 2020. The motion was seconded by Alderman Zane Arends with three in favor.

It was the consensus of the Mayor and Alderman the sewer budget is ready to put into the software and is now done and will be ready to be approved.

The Police Budget also gone over and ready to key into the software system.

Alderman do have concerns with driving to fast on Burks Street on Sunday afternoon. Also still seeing too many kids driving Golf Karts on the week-ends.

Mayor and Alderman have set the next budget meeting for Tuesday March 17, 2020 at 6:00pm.

Motion to adjourn special budget meeting made by Alderman Ron Sage seconded by

Alderman Janice Butler all three in favor.

Meeting Ended: 12:10pm

Minutes Approved on: March 25, 2020

ATTEST:

City Clerk Donna Tracy

Mayor Steve Crosswhite

The news media may obtain copies of this notice by contacting:

Donna Tracy, City Clerk 303 E Station Dr. Sturgeon Missouri 65284