

Board of Alderman Regular Open and Close Meeting Minutes

6:00pm

February 22, 2021 303 East Station Drive

Roll Call:

Mayor Steve Crosswhite – yes

Alderman Ashley Long – yes on speaker phone

Alderman Janice Butler - yes

Alderman Kyle Schultz – yes

Alderman Stan Robinson- yes

Mayor Steve Crosswhite lead the pledge of Allegiance. Gary Cunningham was the guest for the evening he gave his report to Mayor and Council. This report reviewed the wastewater system flows and loadings. He gave a very good report on the City of Sturgeon's Lagoon the report is on file in City Office if anyone would like to see the report. This report cost the City of Sturgeon \$3,000.00 this is step one of what needs to be done.

Alderman Stan Robinson made a motion to hire Gary Cunningham for a flat fee of \$5,000.00 this will be step two applying for a DNR sewer permit. The motion was seconded by Alderman Kyle Schultz with four in favor.

Parks & Trees Board: none

Fair Grounds Board: Stan Robinson said there was no meeting and at this time it is hard to book events until the Covid-19 restrictions lift.

Cemetery Committee: none

Planning & Zoning Commission: Mike Jacoby spoke to Mayor and Council about the last meeting they worked on the compresence plan for the City. He said they are done with the plan now they want to hand it out to different groups for their review. Police, Maintenance Department, School Board once they have reviewed with the hopes it will be ready to pass in June.

Planning and Zoning did talk about mobile homes and if the City should regulate how they are set. After much discussion they are not let the pros do it the City will stay out of it.

Recreation Center Board: Johnny Robinson they are going to meet again on Tuesday night the 23rd of February. They will have a full report at the next meeting.

Maintenance Department: John Gingerich said they have been busy with water breaks and plowing snow. He would like to hire two people to mow this year. The board would like to see they were eighteen and out of high school. John did say the dump truck is broke and they are looking for parts. Thomas is done with all his classes on waste water. John did ask the Council if Thomas can have more time off because he started in June of last year and should get something for working June to December. After much discussion Alderman Kyle Schultz made a motion to give forty hours plus he will then accrue his 120 hours with a total of 4weeks off to use until the end of December 2021. The motion was seconded by Alderman Stan Robinson with four in favor.

Police Department: Sergeant David Kelb gave his police report. This report is on file at the City Office. The Council would like the report in the packet as so there is time to review before the meeting.

Approval of the Regular Open and Closed Meeting Minutes January 25, 2021. Alderman Stan Robinson made a motion to accept the Regular Open and Closed Meeting Minutes January 25, 2021. The motion was seconded by Alderman Janice Butler with four in favor.

Approval of the monthly expenditures and to pay all bills prior to the next meeting.

Alderman Janice Butler made a motion to approve the monthly expenditures and to pay all bills prior to the next meeting. The motion was seconded by Alderman Stan Robinson with four in favor.

Williams Keepers came to the office on January 27, 2021 looked over the books they gave a good report. Stating the City is in compliance with the State Auditor recommendations and had a net gain of \$22,000.00 in the last six months.

We did renew two Rec Center CDs at 0.40% APY for eight months also will be doing the same thing with the Mt. Horeb CD it will renew on February 23, 2021.

The City Attorney discuss the process of annexation City owned property. It is a process and is taking longer than he first thought. This will take time and he may turn this project over to a title company he will let the Mayor know.

Use Tax Revenue receive for the month of January 2021 was \$1,746.00. The total amount collected year to date is \$3,481.00 this money has its own line item at this time.

Discuss possible need for future water & sewer rates increase. The Mayor went over the information in the packets and asked if they want to hold a special meeting just to talk about water and sewer. The meeting is set for Monday March 8, 2021 at 6:00pm.

Discuss forming a five-person water & sewer committee/infrastructure committee. Alderman Janice Butler made a motion to form a five-person committee. The motion was second by Alderman Kyle Schultz with four in favor.

Discuss 2021-2022 budget pre-planning everyone needs to start thinking about when to meet for budget meetings.

City Clerk Donna Tracy: Updates none at this time.

City Attorney Jackie Rodgers: Updates none at this time.

Alderman Janice Butler: Updates none at this time.

Alderman Kyle Schultz: Updates none at this time.

Alderman Stan Robinson: Updates none at this time.

Alderman Ashley Long: Updates none at this time.

Mayor Steve Crosswhite:

Ask the question would the Council want to put camera's up around the recycle bin. Not at this time they do not.

Mayor wants the office to do a March newsletter and send it out March 20, 2021 with the bills.

The Chamber of Commerce bought eight snowflakes for the town Christmas decorations.

The Mayor asked the Council if they want to open the City Office up to the public. After some discussions no don't open up the City Office yet give it some more time.

Mayor Called for a Motion to go into Closed Session at 8:30pm

Alderman Stan Robinson made a motion that the Board of Alderman of the City of Sturgeon, Missouri hold a closed meeting and closed vote now, and the specific reason for closing the meeting and having a closed vote in subsection 610.021 (1) Legal Action, causes of action or litigation involving a public governmental body or its representatives and its attorneys. Also subsection 610.021 (3) RSMo, the hiring, firing, disciplining or promoting particular employees by the City of Sturgeon where personal information about the employee will be discussed or recorded. The Revised Statutes of Missouri. The motion was seconded by Alderman Kyle Schultz.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Alderman Janice Butler- yes

Alderman Stan Robinson- yes

Alderman Ashley Long- yes

Alderman Kyle Schultz- yes

Mayor and Alderman are now in closed session

Mayor wanted to speak to Council about giving Connie Whitney a raise she is doing a great job and deserves more money.

City Attorney Jackie Rodgers spoke to the Council letting them know the Halderman Case has been delayed due to Covid-19. It might be six more months before going to court just not sure.

Alderman Kyle Schultz made a motion to go out of closed session. The motion was second by Alderman Janice Butler.

Roll Call Vote to go out of Closed

Alderman Janice Butler- yes

Alderman Ashley Long-yes

Alderman Kyle Schultz-yes

Alderman Stan Robinson-yes

Closed Meeting Ended: 8:50pm

Now the Mayor and Council are back into open Session:


Alderman Kyle Schultz made a motion to give Connie Whitney \$1.00 an hour raise effective Monday March 1, 2021. The motion was seconded by Alderman Janice Butler with three in favor. Ashley Long did abstain from the vote.

Alderman Kyle Schultz made a motion to adjourn seconded by Alderman Janice Butler with all four in favor.

Meeting Ended: 8:51pm

Minutes Approved on: March 22, 2021

ATTEST: 
City Clerk Donna Tracy


Mayor Steve Crosswhite

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