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Jeremy Bridges – North Alderman David Hummel – North Alderman Matt Cunningham Mayor

Matt Sears – South Alderman Jeff Vick – South Alderman

# REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN Monday, January 09, 2023 7:00 p.m.

Forum: Regular Meeting, Monday January 09, 2023, in the City Hall of Adrian, Missouri.

Officiate: Mayor Matt Cunningham presided and called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Present:** Aldermen Vick, Hummel, Bridges joined via Zoom, Sears

**Absent:** None

In Attendance: Sarah Oldridge, City Attorney, Ryan Wescoat, City Administrator,

Evon Hall, Acting City Clerk

#### **Visitors:**

Mark Griffith, Amanda Rowland, Gary Dizney, Tom Williams, Ken Newsome, Doug Mager, Chris Dillon, Jackie Underwood, Ella Tindle, Todd Tindle.

Call to Order: Mayor Cunningham called the meeting to order.

**Roll Call:** Alderman Vick, present, Alderman Hummel, present, Alderman Bridges, present, Alderman Sears, present.

## Pledge of Allegiance:

**Approval of the Agenda:** Alderman Sears moved to approve the agenda. Alderman Hummel seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

**Personal Appearances:** Mayor Cunningham presented awards to Evon Hall for Employee of the Year in special recognition of your significant accomplishments and your exceptional service to the citizens and City of Adrian. Brian Bearce for First Responder award in recognition of your outstanding dedication and commitment to serving the citizens of Adrian, Missouri, and the Adrian Police Department. Gary Dizney for the Mayor's Meritorious Award in special recognition of your passion and commitment to the citizens and City of Adrian, Missouri.

### **DEPARTMENT REPORTS:**

**Emergency Management:** Ken Newsome reported the siren testing went as planned with all sirens working properly.

**Fire Department:** Gary Dizney reported 36 calls this last month. Gary also reported there is a rise in Narcan overdoses. Gary named new firefighters to the roster as Kevin Dizney, Brantley Dennison, Greg Bendorf, Ben Smith, and Lucas Rowe. Some will be attending winter fire school.

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# **Police Department:**

Chris Dillon turned in a written report and gave a health update on Brian Bearce due to a car accident while on duty.

## **City Administrator:**

Ryan Wescoat, Administrator gave updates on the software installation for the accounting program and the utility billing. Water billing should be installed next week. Mr. Wescoat presented a comparison report showing the interest gained in the city's investments for the month of December. The city will need to put in place a Planning and Zoning Committee made up of nine residents of the City of Adrian.

# **Public Works Department:**

Mark Griffith turned in a written report. The Bowling Alley trash can has been replaced after a car accident earlier last year damaged it. More new meters are being installed. Some lift station pumps will need to be replaced soon. The floating dock suction line in the old city lake will need repairs to keep it in place avoiding the intake of debris while pumping raw water to the water plant. The city hall lights have been replaced with the help of a grant leaving the city to pay half the cost of the lights and no installation costs.

## **Water Production Department:**

Tom Williams reported the generator at the water plant still has issues that are being addressed. The serviceman that came has since quit that company and did not order the panel to fix the problem. Therefore, a new service person must be sent to make sure the correct part is ordered. Tom Williams and the Administrator Ryan Wescoat also attended the #5 Water district meeting.

#### **Park Committee:**

Alderman Hummel reported that Hay and Pasture bids and mowing bids for the park will be advertised soon. The park board will need to replace one board member.

#### **City Attorney:**

Sara Oldridge, City Attorney discussed the recreational marijuana law that was passed in the last election and how it has affected some of the city's policies.

#### **Finance Committee:**

Alderman Bridges discussed dissolving the finance committee. The resolution requirements for the committee are being met by the administrator since his hire. An oversight committee with a different purpose will be discussed at the next meeting.

#### **Consent Agenda:**

Approval of Regular Council minutes for December

Approval of Bills paid in December

Alderman Bridges moved to approve the consent agenda items. Alderman Hummel seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

#### **Unfinished Business:**

## **Methodist Church Gate Installation update:**

Jackie Underwood and Ella Tindle attended to ask the board for permission to install gates across the alley behind the church. The board ask the administrator to obtain in writing the State of Missouri's decision on the gate installation in the alley behind the Methodist church and issue a new permit with the changes. The board also asked for the times, hours, and days the gate in question would be closed.

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# Street vacating Elgin at 318 South Virginia (Ella Tindle Residence)

Alderman Vick read Bill No. 23-01 Vacating the portion of Elgin at 318 South Virginia. Alderman Vick moved to approve Bill No. 23-01. Alderman Sears seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Alderman Vick read Bill No. 23-01 for a second time. Alderman Vick moved to approve Bill No. 23-01. Alderman Sears seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Roll Call – Vick – Aye| Hummel – Aye| Bridges – Aye| Sears – Aye.

Mayor Cunningham declared Bill No. 23-01 adopted and added to the ordinance book as Ordinance No. 1151 "Street vacating of a portion of Elgin at 318 South Virginia".

# No Smoking Ordinance- Marijuana on Public Property:

Alderman Sears read Bill No. 23-02 No Smoking Marijuana on public property. Alderman Sears moved to approve Bill No. 23-02. Alderman Vick seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Alderman Sears read Bill No. 23-02 for a second time. Alderman Sears moved to approve Bill No. 23-02. Alderman Vick seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Roll Call – Vick – Aye| Hummel – Aye| Bridges – Aye| Sears

Mayor Cunningham declared Bill No. 23-02 adopted and added to the ordinance book as Ordinance No. 1152 "No Smoking Marijuana on public property".

# Park Mowing RFP:

Alderman Hummel moved to approve advertising for Park Mowing. Alderman Sears seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

# Discuss Maintenance of Old 71 from Main Street to AA Highway:

Micro-seal old 71 from Main Street to AA Highway is tabled for more information on costs before a bidding process is started.

# **Employee Boot Allowance:**

Alderman Hummel moved to raise the boot allowance to \$200.00 per year. Alderman Vick seconded. Motion carried 3-1 with Alderman Bridges abstaining.

#### **Public Comments:**

Alderman Vick discussed the implementation of a zoning board for the City of Adrian which would have to have 9 different members than the zoning board of appeals. Ella Tindle inquired about the city allowing horses on her property. A "State of the City" letter from Mayor Cunningham outlining the future steps for zoning enforcement will be sent later this month. Active enforcement of ordinances will begin after the citizens have been notified.

Alderman Hummel moved to close the regular session meeting. Alderman Sears seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Alderman Hummel moved to open a closed session meeting. Alderman Sears seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Roll Call – Vick – Aye| Hummel – Aye| Bridges – Aye| Sears

Alderman Bridges moved to open the regular session meeting. Alderman Hummel seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

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Adjournment:		
Mayor Cunningham adjourn	ed the regular meeting at 9:05 P.M.	
Draft:		
The minutes above are a dr	off copy until approved at the February 2023 council meeting.	
Evon Hall	Final Approval:	
Acting City Clerk	Mayor	

Date\_\_\_\_\_

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