

DECEMBER 19, 2018

The Monett City Council met in regular session, Wednesday, December 19, 2018 at 9:30 a.m. in the Monett City Hall Council room at 217 Fifth Street, Monett, Missouri. Attendance was as follows: Mike Brownsberger-Mayor, Jerry Dierker-Commissioner, Al Dohmen-Commissioner, Dennis Pyle-City Administrator, Lisa Crawford-City Clerk, Bonnie Witt-Schulte-Emergency Management Director, Kevin Sprenkle-Anderson Engineering, Murray Bishoff-Media.

Mayor Brownsberger called the meeting to order and minutes of previous meetings dated November 20, 2018 and December 6, 2018 were approved as written with a motion from Commissioner Dierker and a second from Commissioner Dohmen. The following vote was taken: Brownsberger-yes, Dierker-yes, Dohmen-yes.

Monthly expenditures were approved for payment in the amount of \$1,818,593.90. A motion was made by Commissioner Dohmen to approve payment with a second from Commissioner Dierker. The following vote was taken: Brownsberger-yes, Dierker-yes, Dohmen-yes.

BILL 8627 SECOND READING: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF TITLE VII, SECTION 715 OF THE CITY CODE OF MONETT, MISSOURI, RELATING TO BAD CHECK SERVICE CHARGES AND DISCONTINUANCE OF SERVICES

Mayor Brownsberger asked for public comment. There being no public comment, Mayor Brownsberger called for a motion.

Motion was made by Commissioner Dohmen to approve the bill with a second from Commissioner Dierker. The following vote was taken: Brownsberger-yes, Dierker-yes, Dohmen-yes.

RESOLUTION 8636: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MONETT, MISSOURI, STATING INTENT TO SEEK FUNDING THROUGH THE HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT PROGRAM AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO PURSUE ACTIVITIES IN AN ATTEMPT TO SECURE FUNDING AND IDENTIFYING A PROJECT MANAGER

City Administrator, Dennis Pyle stated the City must follow the Stafford Act. This will require the property purchased to be left as open space. Pyle stated the only structures permitted would be open on all four sides, such as the pavilion the City has downtown, public restrooms, or structures that are approved by the Director in writing prior to construction.

Motion was made by Commissioner Dohmen to approve the resolution with a second from Commissioner Dierker. The following vote was taken: Brownsberger-yes, Dierker-yes, Dohmen-yes.

RESOLUTION 8637: APPROVING A VOLUNTARY BUYOUT POLICY RELATING TO THE DOWNTOWN MONETT FLOOD BUYOUT PROJECT

City Administrator, Dennis Pyle stated the buyout policy followed the same guidelines as the Stafford Act. Only open structures will be allowed, restrooms or recreational and wetland areas. Pyle noted the area would be no larger than one acre and property to be purchased must be clear of all liens. All properties will be appraised by a State of Missouri board certified appraiser, to determine fair market value.

Motion was made by Mayor Brownsberger to approve the resolution with a second from Commissioner Dierker. The following vote was taken: Brownsberger-yes, Dierker-yes, Dohmen-yes.

RESOLUTION 8638: AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A RECREATION SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH THE OZARKS REGIONAL YMCA

Dennis Pyle stated the YMCA experienced greater attendance at the Aquatics Center than expected and had to employ more individuals, and with the minimum wage increase, found it necessary to negotiate new operating costs. Mr. Pyle noted the new annual rates would be \$11,000 for 2019; \$16,000 for 2020; and \$18,000 for 2021. He noted that even with the increase in operating expenses, it was a vast savings for the City from previous years the YMCA operated the Municipal Pool at \$40,000 per year. Murray Bishoff asked if the City was pleased with the first-year usage. Pyle stated the City was pleased and estimated there were approximately 2.5 times more visitors than what had been in attendance at the Municipal Pool. This also led to increased numbers using the indoor facility as well.

Motion was made by Mayor Brownsberger to approve the resolution with a second from Commissioner Dierker. The following vote was taken: Brownsberger-yes, Dierker-yes, Dohmen-yes.

RESOLUTION 8639: A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF REPEALING THE E-911 TELEPHONE SURCHARGE IN LAWRENCE COUNTY, MISSOURI AND REPLACING IT WITH A SALES TAX FOR THE PURPOSE OF FUNDING EMERGENCY TELEPHONE SERVICES

Emergency Management Director, Bonnie Witt-Schulte stated the current tariff on the land line usage was not sufficient. Cell service and text messages account for 70% of incoming calls, which do not contribute funds to support operations of enhanced 911 emergency services. Ms. Witt-Schulte stated the radio consoles alone were \$250,000 to \$500,000. This resolution expresses the City Council's support for a one-half cent Lawrence County sales tax to fund emergency dispatching operations.

Motion was made by Commissioner Dierker to approve the resolution with a second from Commissioner Dohmen. The following vote was taken: Brownsberger-yes, Dierker-yes, Dohmen-yes.

RESOLUTION 8640: APPROVING CHANGE ORDER #3 WITH JEFF ASBELL EXCAVATING & TRUCKING RELATING TO THE ENTERPRISE DRIVE STREET IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Kevin Sprenkle with Anderson Engineering stated the change order was for an extension of time only. He stated due to weather conditions, the pouring of concrete has been delayed. This would extend the time for an additional 111 days and revise the completion date to April 5, 2019.

Motion was made by Mayor Brownsberger to approve the resolution with a second from Commissioner Dohmen. The following vote was taken: Brownsberger-yes, Dierker-yes, Dohmen-yes.

RESOLUTION 8641: REAPPOINTMENT OF TAX INCREMENT FINANCING COMMISSION MEMBER JOHN BRUNER

Mayor Brownsberger stated this would appoint Mr. Bruner to the TIF Commission for another four years commencing on January 1, 2019.

Motion was made by Mayor Brownsberger to approve the resolution with a second from Commissioner Dierker. The following vote was taken: Brownsberger-yes, Dierker-yes, Dohmen-yes.

BILL 8642 FIRST & SECOND READING: AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A MUNICIPAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF MONETT, MISSOURI, AND THE MISSOURI HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION RELATING TO THE TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF WALDENSIAN ROAD DURING CONSTRUCTION ON THE U.S. HIGHWAY 60 VIADUCT

Bill 8642 was presented for introduction and first reading. City Administrator, Dennis Pyle stated the temporary closure is to ensure public safety on Waldensian Road and a portion of the Greenway Trail. Kevin Sprenkle with Anderson Engineering stated the rehabilitation of the westbound portion of the bridge is scheduled to begin on May 6, 2019 with a projected 100-day work schedule, and completion date of December 1, 2019.

Council proceeded with a second reading of the ordinance at which time, the Mayor called for public comment. Murray Bishoff stated, he assumed the westbound traffic would be diverted to the eastbound lane. Kevin Sprenkle stated it would, making both lanes of traffic merge to single lanes at the bridge and diverting back to double lanes past the construction.

Motion was made by Commissioner Dierker to approve the bill with a second from Commissioner Dohmen. The following vote was taken: Brownsberger-yes, Dierker-yes, Dohmen-yes.

REVIEW BIDS FOR CITY HALL RENOVATION PHASE II: City Administrator, Dennis Pyle stated the City received five bids, ranging from \$266,385 on the low end, to \$445,000 on the high end. He stated the low bidder, Construction Services Group from Neosho, was asked to refigure the bid with some plan modifications. The resubmitted bid was \$136,000, which was still higher than budgeted. Mr. Pyle advised Council to reject all bids.

Motion was made by Commissioner Dierker to reject all bids with a second from Commissioner Dohmen. The following vote was taken: Brownsberger-yes, Dierker-yes, Dohmen-yes.

There was a citizen request to address Council concerning the homeless. The individual was unable to attend, and requested to be rescheduled to a later meeting.

Department reports were submitted to Council in writing.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned with a motion from Commissioner Dohmen and a second from Commissioner Dierker. The following vote was taken: Brownsberger-yes, Dierker-yes, Dohmen-yes.


Lisa Crawford, City Clerk