

Board of Alderman Regular Open Meeting Minutes

6:00pm

January 27, 2020 303 East Station Drive

Roll Call:

Mayor Steve Crosswhite – yes

Alderman Ron Sage- yes

Alderman Janice Butler - yes

Alderman Zane Arends – yes

Alderman Stan Robinson-yes

Mayor Steve Crosswhite led the Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor did explain to everyone the City of Sturgeon will have a Public Hearing next month on the sewers rates. The new Ordinance will take effect July 1, 2020 with the new water rates, sewer rates and the new surcharge rates.

John Gingerich from the maintenance department came to the meeting. He told the Council the shop heater is still broke he is waiting on Stevens to come out and fix it. The Chevy truck is back in the shop they put a vibrator on the salt spreader. Ace Pipe Cleaning sent the \$4,000.00 check back to the City. All Clear out of Jeff City will come out and do some work for the City. They will bring a camera and a jetted truck to clean out the sewers. He has tried to get Matt Cope back to trim more trees but Matt will not give a day he can come to Sturgeon. John was wanting to know what the Council thought of renting a forty-five foot lift for \$2,200 a month. This would enable the City to trim the trees up around town themselves. After discussion John will do some more research and the Council will discuss at a later date.

John told the Council he did get the Street light ordered that was ran over by a hit and run driver in front of Foy Trent Dog Show Business. When the bill comes into the City Office the City Clerk will mail the invoice to the person who ran over the light to their insurance company.

John did ask the Mayor and Council do you want him to attend the Council meetings. Yes they do come for his part give his report answerer any questions and then he would be able to clock out and go home.

Officer David Kelb did give his police report. He also told the Council he attended a class on medical marijuana. He does not have any more information on cameras at this time. The City Attorney and he needs to draw up a contract between home owners and the City for cameras to be placed at their homes.

Discussion on Bill Number 01272020 before passing this Ordinance tonight discussion on making it clear. Once a ticket is wrote for a violation this ticket violation must go thru the entire process of the court system. After it has gone thru the entire process of the court and the violation is still there a second ticket can be written. The City Attorney did want to make it clear to everyone an Ordinance violation can take time to process. It can take months if they should ask for a trial or the court has many tickets to process.

After much discussion Mayor Steve Crosswhite is asking the Council to pass the ordinance as to add a new definition for inoperable vehicles.

Alderman Zane Arends moved that Bill Number 01272020 be given its first reading by title only seconded by Alderman Stan Robinson with four in favor.

Mayor Steve Crosswhite reads Bill Number 01272020 by title only for the first time.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE CITY OF STURGEON,
TITLE II PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE, CHAPTER 217
ABANDONED PROPERTY TO ADD A NEW DEFINITION FOR
INOPERABLE VEHICLES

Alderman Ron Sage moved that Bill Number 01272020 be given its seconded reading by title only seconded by Alderman Janice Butler with four in favor.

Mayor Steve Crosswhite reads Bill Number 01272020 for the second time.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE CITY OF STURGEON,
TITLE II PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE, CHAPTER 217
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Alderman Zane Arends moved that Bill Number 01272020 be passed and adopted by roll call vote seconded by Alderman Janice Butler.

Roll Call Vote:

Alderman Janice Butler- yes Alderman Stan Robinson-yes
Alderman Zane Arends- yes Alderman Ron Sage- yes

After the Roll Call vote City Clerk Donna Tracy said motion passes Bill Number 01272020 shall now become Ordinance No. 915.

BILL NO. 01272020 ORDINANCE NO. _____
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CODE OF THE CITY OF STURGEON,
TITLE II PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE, CHAPTER 217
ABANDONED PROPERTY TO ADD A NEW DEFINITION FOR
INOPERABLE VEHICLES

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMAN OF THE CITY OF STURGEON, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Section 217.010 Definitions, of Chapter 217 Abandoned Property, of the Sturgeon City Code is hereby amended to add a new definition to read as follows:

INOPERABLE VEHICLE shall mean any vehicle which is not licensed and insured according to State law for operation on public highways, and also any vehicle which cannot be immediately and safely driven on public highways by reason of a flat tire, or the lack of a tire, or a defective or run-down battery, or any other defective part or parts necessary to the safe operation of the vehicle. A vehicle shall be presumed to be inoperable if, upon request of the Police Officer, or his or her delegate, the owner or possessor thereof shall fail to demonstrate to such officer or delegate within twenty-four hours that the vehicle is operational.

SECTION 2. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. This ordinance shall take effect and be in full force and effect from and after January 27, 2020.

The Mayor ask the Council about training for Marsha she wants to go to an excel training January 31, 2020 in Moberly and in the afternoon go to a GOFA training on the same day. It is in the budget and they said yes that is fine.

The City Clerk Donna Tracy wants to go to a training February 5th in Madison and in June in Centralia and the Annual City Clerk training in March in Columbia. It is also in the budget and they said yes that is fine.

One thing the Council did talk about is they don't want to see anyone going far away for a training. They feel there will be lots of training close to home.

Also Mayor did remind the Council MML will host the newly elected officials training in Columbia. In June all elected members are encourage to go the cost is \$135.00 per person.

Mayor did ask the Council if they would like to be asked about each employee before each training even though it is in the budget. Yes the Council wants to know who is going to training when and how much it will cost.

The Mayor wanted to know the wishes of the Council if the water department had a water break after hours and neither one of the guys could come into work. What would we do? Council said to have the guys make a backup plan so the office staff would know who to call.

Discussion on Chapter 215.050 Nuisances after much discussion City Attorney will be taking the wording out of this section that pertains to a hearing for a violation.

Memorandum of Agreement between Sturgeon & Hallsville the City Attorney is doing more research on this.

Use Tax Ordinance & Board member filings have been submitted to the Boone County Clerk. The Use tax will be on the ballot for voters to decide if the City of Sturgeon will collect a use tax.

Animal control agreement with Boone County Council does not want to do this at this time.

New Contract with Water District #10 still waiting on the Attorney from water district #10.

MML Use Tax Workshop 1/15/20. Good information See the Fireside Guard article

Do we want to consider new ordinance changing Sturgeon to 1 Alderman Ward, versus current 2 Alderman Ward. After it was talked about we are going to wait until after the 2020 Censes is complete. If the City has more than 1000 people they must stay in two different Wards.

Sale of existing City Property this is tabled until a later date.

How do we fix City sidewalks? Do we need to consider ordinance to share replacement cost? Lots of good ideas came up after discussion going to do more research. One question was should we fix the sidewalks in front of the Churches and the Council said no not at this time. The City does not have it in the budget this year. We will continue to evaluate the situation and always keep an eye out for grants. The Mayor will let the Churches know of the decision that was made.

Approval of the Regular Open Meeting Minutes of December 23, 2019 and Special Meeting Minutes of January 21, 2020.

Alderman Zane Arends made a motion to accept the Regular Open Meeting Minutes of December 23, 2019 and Special Meeting Minutes of January 21, 2020.

The motion was seconded by Alderman Stan Robinson with four in favor.

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

Alderman Zane Arends made a motion to approve the monthly expenditures and to pay all bills prior to the next meeting. The motion was seconded by Alderman Ron Sage with four in favor.

Parks & Trees Board, Fair Grounds Board, Cemetery Committee, Recreation Center Board and the Board of Adjustments none.

Planning & Zoning Commission Mike Jacoby said they are working on a marijuana ordinance. Ordinance on golf karts and storage units he will send the draft to the City Clerk and she will get the Ordinance ready for review. Also Ordinance 856 closing of the alleys will be ready for the next meeting to review and maybe pass.

City Clerk Donna Tracy no updates at this time.

City Attorney Jackie Rodgers is looking into annexation at this time.

When ask none of the Alderman had updates at this time.

Mayor Steve Crosswhite updates:

On December 16, 2019 the Mayor and Council met and in close session they had a discussion on how to pay for the audit. After it was brought to the Attention of the Mayor and Council it should have been in an open meeting. Mayor wanted to reopen for further discussion on how to pay for the State Audit. This is what was typed up on the December 16, 2019 meeting.

Closed Board of Alderman meeting on Monday, 12/16/19, regarding the auditor invoice

- We will use the \$16,500 in our 2019 – 2020 budget to start the payment of the audit.
- We will then use the \$5700 from the audit payment we are not giving to Lisa Wright.
- Whatever balance remains from the auditors invoice, we will pay as follows:
 - Divide the amount left **by Eight (8)**, (Water Sewer, Police, Youth Center, Park, Mt. Horeb, Trash, Fairground and Recreation Center). Each department mentioned will pay an equal amount of the remaining balance.

Closed Board of Alderman meeting on Monday, 12/16/19, regarding the repayment of the Mt. Horeb CD, to reimburse Mt. Horeb \$25,000. This is in accordance with what the State Auditor indicated we needed to repay.

- Use the \$25,000 Money Market balance in our Treasurer Fund to purchase a \$25,000 CD to reimburse Mt. Horeb.

Mike Jacoby made some suggestions and the board did talk about it at this point in an Open Public Meeting.

Alderman Zane Arends made a motion to leave the payment plan as written the motion was seconded by Alderman Ron Sage with four in favor.

Mayor did want everyone to start thinking about yearly employee evaluations. Also budget time is approaching fast. When should we start to work on the budget? Think about what days and times will work best for everyone.

Mayor Steve Crosswhite called for a motion to go into closed session at 8:40pm.

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

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 motion was seconded by Alderman Janice Butler.

Roll Call Vote:

Alderman Janice Butler – yes Alderman Stan Robinson- yes
Alderman Zane Arends – yes Alderman Ron Sage- yes

Mayor and Alderman are now in Closed Session

Alderman Ron Sage made a motion to go out of closed session. The motion was second by Alderman Stan Robinson.

Roll Call Vote to go out of Closed

Alderman Janice Butler-yes Alderman Zane Arends- yes
Alderman Ron Sage- yes Alderman Stan Robinson- yes

Closed Meeting Ended: 8:55pm

Mayor and Alderman are now in Open Session

Alderman Zane Arends made a motion to promote Officer David Kelb to Sergeant David Kelb effective immediately without pay increase. The motion was seconded by Alderman Ron Sage with four in favor.

Alderman Ron Sage made a motion to adjourn seconded by Alderman Zane Arends with all four in favor.

Meeting Ended: 9:00 pm

Minutes Approved on: 2-24-2020

ATTEST:

City Clerk Donna Tracy

Mayor Steve Crosswhite

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