

**Board of Alderman Regular Open Meeting Minutes**

**6:00pm**

**February 24, 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 will now lead the pledge of Allegiance**

**Mayor Steve Crosswhite will call the Public Hearing to Order:**

**Notice was given to the Public to receive comments on the City’s proposed changes to their wastewater rates.**

**Mayor Steve Crosswhite did ask if any interested person, corporation or political subdivision may present evidence regarding these matters.**

**He did also ask for discussion, question, comments or concerns.**

**If there are no more questions this public hearing on the new wastewater rates is now over.**

**Mayor Steve Crosswhite called for a motion for the first reading of Bill Number 02242020.**

**Alderman Zane Arends moved that Bill Number 02242020 be given its first reading by title only seconded by Alderman Stan Robinson with four in favor.**

**Mayor Steve Crosswhite reads Bill number 02242020 for the first time by title only. An Ordinance repealing section 700.140 of the Sturgeon City Code and replacing it with a new subsection section 700.140 of the Sturgeon City Code Establishing the water meter availability fee, water rate, and sewer rate, effective June 15, 2020 for the City of Sturgeon, Missouri.**

Mayor Steve Crosswhite called for a motion for the second reading of Bill Number 02242020 by title only.

Alderman Ron Sage moved that Bill Number 02242020 be given its second reading by title only seconded by Alderman Janice Butler with four in favor.

Mayor Steve Crosswhite reads Bill number 02242020 for the second time by title only.

**An Ordinance repealing section 700.140 of the Sturgeon City Code and replacing it with a new subsection section 700.140 of the Sturgeon City Code Establishing the water meter availability fee, water rate, and sewer rate, effective June 15, 2020 for the City of Sturgeon, Missouri.**

City Clerk Donna Tracy moved that Bill Number 02242020 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 02242020 shall now be Ordinance Number 916**

**AN ORDINANCE REPEALING SECTION 700.140 OF THE STURGEON CITY CODE AND REPLACING IT WITH A NEW SUBSECTION SECTION 700.140 OF THE STURGEON CITY CODE ESTABLISHING THE WATER METER AVAILABILITY FEE, WATER RATE, AND SEWER RATE EFFECTIVE JUNE 15, 2020 FOR THE CITY OF STURGEON MISSOURI.**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Aldermen have evaluated the current water meter availability fee, current water rates, and current sewer rates in the City of Sturgeon and have determined that an increase in the current fees is required to cover the cost and current operation of the system.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMAN OF THE CITY OF STURGEON, MISSOURI, TO WIT:**

**Section 1.** That Section 700.140, Use Rate Structure is hereby changed, altered, and amended to read as follows:

- A.** Each user shall pay for the services provided by the City based on his/her use of the waterworks and sewage system, as determined by water meter(s) acceptable to the City.
- B.** If a customer uses water which is not returned to the wastewater collection

system, they have the option to purchase, install and maintain a separate water meter at their expense. Such as watering the garden, lawn irrigation and filling swimming pool.

**C. Water Rates.**

1. **¾ inch meter**: The minimum availability fee for water for a ¾ inch meter shall be \$19.00 for the first 1,000 gallons of water usage. The water rate after that will be \$8.50 per 1,000 gallons, or part thereof of water usage.
2. **1 inch meter**: The minimum availability fee for water for a one inch meter shall be \$33.00 for the first 1,000 gallons of water usage. The water rate after that will be \$8.50 per 1,000 gallons, or part thereof of water usage.
3. **1 ½ inch meter**: The minimum availability fee for water for a one and half inch meter shall be \$64.00 for the first 1,000 gallons of water usage. The water rate after that will be \$8.50 per 1,000 gallons, or part thereof of water usage.
4. **2 inch meter**: The minimum availability fee for water for a two inch meter shall be \$102.00 for the first 1,000 gallons of water usage. The water rate after that will be \$8.50 per 1,000 gallons, or part thereof of water usage.
5. **3 inch meter**: The minimum availability fee for water for a three inch meter shall be \$202.00 for the first 1,000 gallons of water usage. The water rate after that will be \$8.50 per 1,000 gallons, or part thereof of water usage.
6. **4 inch meter**: The minimum availability fee for water for a four inch meter shall be \$315.00 for the first 1,000 gallons of water usage. The water rate after that will be \$8.50 per 1,000 gallons, or part thereof of water usage.
7. Any meter size above four-inch meter will be decided at the time of construction.
8. The rate per gallon after the first 1,000 gallons shall automatically increase at a rate of twenty-five cent per year beginning on June 15, 2021 through June 15, 2025. Rates will be reviewed yearly thereafter.
9. Each customer and user who receives water to be used on property located outside the City limits shall pay a premium rate of 50% in excess of the rate charged for use inside the City limits.
10. In addition, each customer and user shall be charged a monthly meter fee of \$1.00 per month per meter.

**D. Sewer Rates.** The minimum availability fee for sewer shall be \$16.00 for the first 1,000 gallons. The sewer rate after that shall be \$6.00 per 1,000 gallons of usage. The rate per gallon after the first 1,000 gallons shall automatically increase at a rate of fifty cents per year beginning on June 15, 2021 through June 15, 2025. Rates will be reviewed yearly thereafter. Each customer and user who is connected to the water and sewerage system on property located outside the City limits shall pay a premium rate of 50% in excess of the rate charged for use inside the City limits.

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

**Section 3.** This Ordinance shall take effect June 15, 2020 and be in force from and

after its passage by the Board of Alderman and approval by the Mayor of the City of Sturgeon, Missouri.

**Section 4.** All other ordinances in conflict are hereby repealed.

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Mayor Steve Crosswhite called for a motion for the first reading of Bill Number 02242020-1.

Alderman Ron Sage moved that Bill Number 02242020-1 be given its first reading by title only seconded by Alderman Stan Robinson with four in favor.

Mayor Steve Crosswhite reads Bill number 02242020-1 for the first time by title only.

**An Ordinance to adopt a new Sturgeon City Code Section 140.280 regarding a provision not to close, vacate or abandon any more streets and or alleys in the City of Sturgeon, Missouri**

Mayor Steve Crosswhite called for a motion for the second reading of Bill Number 02242020-1.

Alderman Zane Arends moved that Bill Number 02242020-1 be given its second reading by title only seconded by Alderman Stan Robinson with four in favor.

**An Ordinance to adopt a new Sturgeon City Code Section 140.280 regarding a provision not to close, vacate or abandon any more streets and or alleys in the City of Sturgeon Missouri**

City Clerk Donna Tracy moved that Bill Number 02242020-1 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 02242020-1 shall now be Ordinance Number 917**

A BILL TO CREATE AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED:

“AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT A NEW STURGEON CITY CODE SECTION 140.280 REGARDING A PROVISION NOT TO CLOSE, VACATE OR ABANDON

ANY MORE STREETS AND/OR ALLEYS IN THE CITY OF STURGEON, MISSOURI.”

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

SECTION 1. Section 140.280 of the Sturgeon City Code is hereby adopted, to read as follows:

Section 140.280 There shall be no more streets and/or alleys in the City closed, vacate or abandoned, whether by ordinance or otherwise.

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Mayor Steve Crosswhite called for a motion for the first reading of Bill Number 02242020-2.

Alderman Zane Arends moved that Bill Number 02242020-2 be given its first reading by title only seconded by Alderman Janice Butler with four in favor.

Mayor Steve Crosswhite reads Bill number 02242020-2 for the first time by title only.

*AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE BUSINESS DISTRICT AND HOURS OF OPERATION FOR NON-TRADITIONAL VEHICLES*

Alderman Stan Robinson moved that Bill Number 02242020-2 be given its second reading by title only seconded by Alderman Ron Sage with four in favor.

Mayor Steve Crosswhite reads Bill number 02242020-2 for the second time by title only.

*AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE BUSINESS DISTRICT AND HOURS OF OPERATION FOR NON-TRADITIONAL VEHICLES*

City Clerk Donna Tracy moved that Bill Number 02242020-2 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 02242020-2 shall now be Ordinance Number 918**

**Bill No. 02242020-2**

**Ordinance**

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE BUSINESS DISTRICT AND HOURS OF OPERATION FOR NON-TRADITIONAL VEHICLES**

WHEREAS, the planning and zoning commission has recommended changes to the definition of “Business District”;

WHEREAS, the planning and zoning commission has recommended changes to the language for which properly equipped non-traditional vehicles may operate between sunset and sunrise;

WHEREAS, the City desires to implement the recommended changes of the planning and zoning commission;

NOW THEREFOR, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF STURGEON, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 340.105, subsection B, BUSINESS DISTRICT is hereby changed, altered, and amended to read as follows:

**BUSINESS DISTRICT**

That portion of the City right-of-way (including the adjacent sidewalks) on either side of the following streets:

- a. Wentz, Ogden, Ruby, Rochford, and Rollins Streets between Harris and Wall Streets.
- b. Harris, Smith, and Wall Streets between North Wentz and North Rollins Streets.

Section 340.105, subsection F (1) (e), shall be amended as follows:

- e. Not operated between the hours of official sunset and sunrise (except that a **vehicle** ~~golf cart~~ that is properly equipped with headlights, taillights, brake lights and turn signals may be operated in hours after sunset and before sunrise if the operator chooses to do so)

Cole Stanberry came to the meeting wanting to expand his business at 100 North Ogden. He is wanting to move the sewer main he needs to talk to Bruce and Stacy Griffin. Also there needs to be some paper work between the two property owners. Just to make sure everything is clear. John Gingerich wants to do some upgrading on some of the City’s water lines while the project is going on.

It was noted the City will want to inspect all of the work done. Also the City will look up the setbacks for a commercial building. He wants to put some water jet machinery in the building.

Mayor did ask for a consensus of the Board all board members were in favor of this project.

There was a discussion on the burn pile at Sterling Meadows. Lyvonne Smith did attend the meeting she does live out there. She did express her concerns that it did smell bad and would like the burn pile moved.

Mayor did speak and said the City is in compliance, they are also going to watch the wind and burn only at the best times. If there should be a major storm with much debris and limbs John and Todd will pick up the excess and burn over at the lagoon. With the hopes this will keep the burning down to a minimum at the burn pile.

If there should be any illegal dumping out there the City will enforce with written tickets.

Mayor Steve Crosswhite called for a motion to keep the burn pile where it is at this time. Alderman Janice Butler made a motion to keep the burn pile where it is at this time. The motion was seconded by Alderman Stan Robinson with four in favor.

John Gingerich told the Mayor and Council Matt Cope will cost \$125.00 an hour to trim trees for the City. Alderman Zane Arends made a motion to hire Matt Cope to trim trees for the City for \$125.00 an hour. Alderman Ron Sage seconded the motion with four in favor. John told everyone we have enough in the budget for him to work 18 hours.

He also told the Mayor and Council he is no longer wanting to dig the hole for the urn. Scott Whalen has open and closed cremation on his agreement and will do it for \$300.00. Now we need to rewrite the Ordinance and to update the price sheet.

John Gingerich told everyone All Clear came to town they did a lot of the City's sewer with a camera and cleaned up what they could. They found around 850 feet of sewer that needs to be fixed. All Clear said they can fix it and clear it out

for \$20.00 a foot this is around \$17,000.00 Mayor and Council wants John to go out for bids.

Sergeant David Kelb gave his Police Report he also asked Mayor and Council to sign a paper he will be turning into MoDot as so the City of Sturgeon can participate in Missouri's Highway Safety Program.

The City is working on a mutual aid agreement with Hallsville once the agreement is signed we will have to have a new Ordinance.

Concerns were expressed at the meeting the City of Sturgeon needs more Police Friday and Saturday nights. Also Police should drive around town once every hour.

Youth Center Rentals after much discussion it was decided to let the non-profit organization use the Youth Center.

Rules are: fill the paper work out each group must have a \$100.00 deposit. At the Youth Center there will be a check list with a list of things that must be done. Turn down the heat, wipe off all tables, sweep the floor and take out the trash.

If everything is not done on the list you will get a strike when you get three strikes you are out. You will no longer be able to use the Youth Center for your group.

Approval of the Regular Open and Closed Meeting Minutes of January 27, 2020 and Special Open and Closed Meeting Minutes February 11, 2020.

Alderman Stan Robinson made a motion to accept the Regular Open Meeting Minutes of January 27, 2020 and Closed Meeting Minutes of January 27, 2020. And Special Open and Closed Meeting February 11, 2020.

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 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 Stan Robinson with four in favor.

Parks & Trees Board, Fair Grounds Board and Cemetery Board no one was present for any of these Boards. Mayor did remind everyone Todd Johnson is working on



the Park Improvement Project. With hopes the FFA Chapter is going to help with planting a tree for Arbor Day.

Planning & Zoning Commission Mike Jacoby spoke to Mayor and Council about an ordinance for medical marijuana.

Recreation Center Board: Mayor said the Rec Center Board might get new cameras if they do it was suggested to get two cameras for outside the building.

City Clerk Donna Tracy did ask the Council what they thought about water shut offs should the Office staff call everyone on the shut off list? Different Alderman were giving different ideas. The Mayor thought it best we have more data so at this point we will discuss it at more length in March.

Mayor called for a motion to amend the agenda as Mr. Neil could speak at the meeting. Alderman Zane Arends made a motion to amend the agenda. Alderman Janice Butler seconded the motion with four in favor.

Mr. Neil spoke to everyone letting them know this is a 3.5 million dollar bond extending the debt out this is a no tax increase program.

City Attorney Jackie Rodgers came back with an agreement between the City of Sturgeon and Water district number 10. City Attorney Jackie Rodgers told the Council it was a good deal.

Alderman Zane Arends made a motion to have City Attorney Jackie Rodgers move forward with the agreement between the City and Water district number 10. The motion was seconded by Alderman Ron Sage with four in favor.

It has been recommended to the City to move the speed limit sign of 35mph past Sterling Meadows Subdivision. If Council decides to do this there is a six step process that must be done and then an Ordinance must be passed.

City Attorney Jackie Rodgers said he could draw up an agreement and draft the gift deed and give it to the Mayor. This will allow Mr. Sterling Kelley to give Lot 11 adjacent to the Fairground to the City of Sturgeon.

It was asked if the City could find the Ordinance stating you cannot park on the street in the City of Sturgeon.

City Attorney Jackie Rodgers spoke to the Mayor and Council letting them know the letter of credit is due from Sterling Kelley on March 12, 2020. He has expressed to the City he does not want to renew the letter.

City Attorney suggested the City send Mr. Kelley a letter stating if this letter is not renewed the City will call the letter of credit due and build the road as far as they can.

Alderman Zane Arends made a motion to send Mr. Kelley a letter stating just that. The motion was seconded by Alderman Stan Robinson with four in favor.

City Attorney Jackie Rodgers spoke about removing the five day notice period on sidewalks if a sidewalk is damaged it is the property owner problem.

Alderman Janice Butler, Alderman Ron Sage and Alderman Stan Robinson did not have any comments at this time.

Alderman Zane Arends let everyone know he has started on the water and sewer budget working with the guys.

Mayor Steve Crosswhite said the YC2 Youth Collation is picking up speed. He is very pleased with the way the program is going.

Also he did remind everyone to fill out the Census on March 10<sup>th</sup> to March 12<sup>th</sup> be looking for this in the mail. Everyone counts it is very important to get yours filled out.

The Mayor did tell everyone himself and some others are going to speak with Century Link about broad band coming to the area. They are also thinking of meeting with Socket trying to get better service in the surrounding area.

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

Meeting Ended: 8:40pm

Minutes Approved on: March 25, 2020

ATTEST:

City Clerk Donna Tracy

Mayor Steve Crosswhite

