

Board of Alderman Regular Open Meeting and Vote to Close

6:00pm

January 25, 2021 303 East Station Drive

Roll Call:

Mayor Steve Crosswhite – yes

Alderman Ashley Long - yes

Alderman Janice Butler - yes

Alderman Kyle Schultz – yes

Alderman Stan Robinson- yes

Mayor Steve Crosswhite led the pledge of Allegiance.

Janet Thompson made a Presentation of our Bicentennial Mural piece to the City of Sturgeon. This is a piece the art students of Sturgeon painted. Mayor Crosswhite did ask if the piece could be displayed at the High School Alderman said yes it can.

Parks & Trees Board: none

Fair Grounds Board: Stan Robinson did report at the Fair Grounds Board Meeting they are not sure there will be a Rodeo with Covid only twenty-five percent could attend. That will not break-even chances are they will not have the Rodeo this year.

Cemetery Committee: none

Planning & Zoning Commission: none

Recreation Center Board: Johnny Robinson said the Rec Center Board voted to raise the monitors pay rate from \$8.60 per hour to \$9.00 per hour effective January 17, 2021. He also said they did rent the gym out on Saturday and tape was put down on the floor. This will peel the paint up off the floor it is a very big rule no tape on the floor. They will not return the deposit to these people.

Maintenance Department:

John Gingerich talked about all the water breaks here in town the last two weeks. He wanted to thank everyone that helped in any way it is all much appreciated. He told Mayor and Council there are nine new houses going up right now. His water line budget is spent Sturgeon is growing it is going to take a lot of supplies to keep up with the demand at this time. He then spoke of the no discharge sewer system at this time we do controlled discharges there will be a time this could cause problems.

He has spoken with Gary Cunningham about getting our permit changed the first thing Gary will do for us is an engineer evaluation of the capacity of the sewer system. To determine the number of connections can safely allow.

City Attorney Jackie Rodgers said the City does not need bids but a list of three qualified engineers on file to refer to. The best recommendation is let Gary do the first process as so at the meeting in February the Mayor and Council will have more facts to make a better decision.

Alderman Kyle Schultz made a motion to allow Gary Cunningham to initially prepare an engineering evaluation of the capacity of the sewer system to determine the number of connections that the existing system can safely allow. Not to exceed the estimated cost of \$3,000. The motion was seconded by Alderman Stan Robinson with four in favor.

John Gingerich had a discussion on completing the new road to the proposed new burn pile location. They are waiting on more money for more gravel before the new burn pile will open up.

Guidelines for tree debris removal after weather related storms was the next question asked. After much discussion on what to do with tree limbs after a storm. Alderman Ashley Long made a motion for the Maintenance Department to stop picking up storm debris out of the resident's yards only limbs in the road. The motion was seconded by Alderman Kyle Schultz with four in favor.

Police Department: Sergeant David Kelb gave his Police Report this report is on file with the City Office.

Minutes & Expenditures: Approval of the Regular Open Meeting Minutes December 21, 2020. Alderman Ashley Long made a motion to accept the Regular Open Meeting Minutes December 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 Ashley Long 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.

Old Business:

Williams Keepers visit scheduled for Wednesday January 27, 2021 at 9:00am.

Review expansion of our City employee benefit package the Mayor presented the Council with many choices and different options on other benefits the City employees could have. It was decided to wait until the new budget and new Council are on board. Before making any decisions about what to offer and how much to pay.

New Business:

Use Tax Revue has brought in \$1,700.00 so far in the first two months. We will see where this will go but for now it is on its own line item.

City Clerk Donna Tracy Updates:

Discussion on the City Credit Card City Clerk Donna Tracy said the Central Bank Credit Card statement is too hard to read. Has now ask if the City can get a different Credit Card one that will be easier to read. Council said yes that will be just fine.

Upcoming City Clerk Seminar in Columbia March 9thru 11th, 2021 cost is \$205.00. Alderman Stan Robinson said yes City Clerk Donna Tracy can attend the Seminar in Columbia it is the annual MOCCFOA meeting for City Clerks from the state of Missouri. The motion was seconded by Alderman Ashley Long with four in favor.

City Clerk Donna Tracy asked the Council if it was ok if Connie Whitney worked more than twenty-four hours in a week if need be. Everyone said that would be just fine.

Two (2) Recreation Center CD's due 2/8/21 & (1) Mt. Horeb CD due 2/23/21 everyone did agree they want the CD's to renew at a short-term rate.

City Attorney Jackie Rodgers: Talked about three-to-four-inch pipes for fire hydrants he said he did find Boone County will sign off on the permit it is at that time they will determine what size pipe you should have.

He wants to annex all the City Properties in at the same time, he is asking anyone with information to bring it to his attention we can get all the City Properties annex at the same time.

He is also working on the City Employee Handbook and will have it ready for the March meeting. He is also working on the other policy's and should have those at the next meeting.

Alderman Janice Butler: none, **Alderman Kyle Schultz:** none, **Alderman Stan Robinson:** none

Alderman Ashley Long: She has reported she has gotten complaints about people speeding on Fairgrounds Road. Sergeant Kelb said he is aware of the problem and has given speeding tickets this week.

Mayor Steve Crosswhite: He wanted to let the Council know last year he did employee evaluation in February and will plan to do so again this February. He will have them ready for Council review also last year they gave raises in April while working on the budget.

Storm Water Grant if approved and the Demo if approved with both need match money with the hopes, we will hear something soon.

The first meeting to start working on the budget will be March 2021 no date set yet just the month.

Mayor Crosswhite did remind everyone to go to the web-site and sign up to get alerts.

Open Meeting was over at 7:36pm.

Mayor Called for a Motion to go into Closed Session

Alderman Janice Butler 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

This is a zoom meeting with old and new Council members. Michael Berry is speaking to everyone about the Halderman case. This case is set for a jury trial on April 12, 2021.

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

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: 8:45pm

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

Meeting Ended: 8:45pm

Minutes Approved on:

ATTEST:

City Clerk Donna Tracy Mayor Steve Crosswhite

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