

City of Marthasville

MINUTES OF THE CITY OF MARTHASVILLE BOARD OF ALDERMEN May 20, 2015

The May 20, 2015 regular meeting of the Marthasville Board of Alderman was held at Marthasville City Hall and called to order at 7:00 PM with Mayor David Lange, presiding. Roll call was taken by Assistant City Clerk, Lisa Irwin. Aldermen Dan Grafrath, Mike Kloepfel, Nick Lange, Pam Jensen and Mayor David Lange were present. After roll call Mayor Lange reported a quorum was present.

Also in attendance were Assistant City Clerk, Lisa Irwin; City Attorney, Jamis Kresyman; Police Chief Jenkins; Dennis Kopp; Tim Flag, ESA, Inc.; Dana Lange (103 Rottmann Dr); John Graham (806 Northridge Dr); Jim Struckhoff (902 Boone Terrace Dr); Tom and Lorna Haberberger (811 Northridge Dr); Butch Broeker (501 E Main St); Angela, John and Levi Carr (801 Northridge Dr); Eldon Green (105 Rottmann Dr); Pam & Sam Backhaus (603 E North St)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Lange said the agenda need to be amended. Remove the W. South Street Culvert Project from Unfinished Business and add it to New Business. We then need to add Highway D Culvert Cleaning to the Unfinished Business. Mayor Lange asked for a motion to approve the amended agenda. Motioned by Alderman Lange, seconded by Alderwoman Jensen, to approve the amended meeting agenda. All Aldermen present voted "Aye". Motion passed with a 4-0 vote. Agenda was approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motioned by Alderwoman Jensen, seconded by Alderman Lange to approve minutes from the April 15, 2015 Regular Meeting; the May 4, 2015 Closed Session and the May 12, Budget Meeting. All Aldermen present voted "Aye". Motion passed with a 4-0 vote. Minutes were approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Tom Haberberger commended Police Chief Jenkins, Officer House and the County for the job they do. He suggested hiring another part time officer to help with the speeding in town and the increase of break-ins in town. He feels the current officers are doing all that they are capable of doing. Lorna Haberberger asked about the video conferencing and spending money on this. Mayor Lange stated it would be used if an alderman was out of town and that the equipment could be used for other things. It would cost about \$2,000 . Alderman Lange stated that this would help continue with city business in case an alderman couldn't make it to a meeting, to ensure that a quorum was present. Jim Struckhoff asked if this will make the meetings impersonal. Lorna Haberberger stated she was concerned the alderman would use it inappropriately. Mayor Lange said it would be used sparingly.

Levi Carr with the Boy Scout 485 is wanting to do an Eagle Project by making a historical walk for Marthasville. He is asking the City's permission to put up informative signs around the city. These signs would be permanent and placed on City property. He needs the City's permission before he can go to the Eagle Board and ask for funding. Mayor Lange stated that he needs to come before the board with his final information and get the Boards approval before he can move forward. Mayor Lange asked for a motion to allow Levi Carr to go ahead with Historical Walk. Motioned by Alderwoman Jensen, seconded by Alderman Lange to allow Levi Carr to start on the Historical Walk. All Alderman present voted "Aye". Motion passed with a 4-0 vote.

John Graham stated that cars were still driving to fast on Northridge and he would like to see more police presence in town. He also wanted to make sure that this didn't reflect negatively on Chief Jenkins and Officer House.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN COMMENTS

Alderman Grafrath had concerns about the grass not being cut at 816 Daniel's Trail. Police Chief Jenkins stated that the owner was notified this morning.

Alderman Lange stated that Tiffany Court has had a lot of attempted break-ins lately.

MAYORS COMMENTS, REPORTS, APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Lange stated he attended the May 7, 2015 Board of Directors meeting for the Emmaus and they are closing the campus. He also stated that the Missouri Municipal League is having an Elected Officials Training Conference on June 11th and 12th. He knows that it would be hard to take off of work for this, but suggested going if they could.

REPORTS OF OTHER OFFICERS:

a. Treasurers Report -

- i. **Approval of Bills for the Month** - Motioned by Alderman Lange, seconded by Alderman Grafrath, to approve and pay bills for the month. All Aldermen present voted "Aye". Motion passed with a 4-0 vote. Payment of bills were approved.

b. City Clerks Report -

Assistant City Clerk, Lisa Irwin stated there wasn't anything to report at this time.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

- a. **City Park Board** - Mayor Lange stated he will be looking to appoint five board members to the City Park Board and three board members to the Rusche Park Board. He stated there was a free concert in the park this Friday at 7:30 pm.
 - i. **Rusche Park Committee** - Alderman Grafrath told Alderman Jensen that he and a friend would be willing to mark the trees in the parks. They would see what should stay and which ones would be marked for removal.
- b. **Streets and Maintenance** - Dennis Kopp stated that the truck is fixed and repainted. Dennis asked if the Great Dane mower could be listed on craigslist. Motorcycles and More have not been able to sell it. Motioned by Alderman Lange, seconded by Alderman Kloepfel to advertise the Great Dane mower on craigslist for \$500. All Aldermen present voted "Aye". Motion passed with a 4-0 vote. Mower will be listed on craigslist. Mayor Lange asked Dennis to look at the big rocks on Holstein to see if anything can be done about them being close to the road.
- c. **Water and Sewer** - Tim Flagg stated that samples were all okay this month. The ammonia level is a little high, but the aerators are waiting on fans and once those are replaced it will alleviate the ammonia. Tim stated at the end of July they will be "smoking" the sewer lines to check for leaks. This is required by the state.
- d. **Police Department** - Police Chief, Eugene Jenkins presented his report. 5 Summons, 4 Warnings, 4 Reports, 1 Arrest, 0 Assist other Agencies, 0 Assist Citizens, 0 Derelict Vehicles, 1 Death, 0 Accident. There was a dog bite incident on Tiffany Court. A Pit Bull ran across the road and attacked a small dog. A lady was bitten as she was trying to separate the dogs. She doesn't want the dog put down, just medical bills covered. The owner of the dog was given a citation for a dog at large and for not being vaccinated.
- e. **Animal Control** - 5 visits in April; 2 Warnings, 1 Dogs and 1 Cats.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- a. **Highway D Culvert Cleaning** - In 2002 Lamke had a bid of \$6,800 and Chambers had a bid of \$7,200 to clean out the culvert under the bridge. Alderman Grafrath stated that Lester Lamke would still honor that bid price. Alderman Lange suggested that we put it out for bid again to clean the three cell box culvert. Mayor Lange stated we shouldn't need a permit to clean them out. Alderwoman Jensen stated we need to discuss the whole issue of the creek since a citizen has concerns about the creek bed washing out. Alderman Lange suggested that shot rock be placed on the park side of the bank. Motioned by Alderman Grafrath to rebid the cleaning of the three cell culvert on Highway D. It should include the maximum cleaning space allowed on either side of the culvert and leave existing shot rock in place on Highway D. Seconded by Alderwoman Jensen. All Alderman present voted "Aye". Motion passed with a 4-0 vote. An ad will be placed to rebid the cleaning of the three cell culvert on Highway D.
- b. **Video Conferencing** - Mayor Lange stated the MML sent their policy on video conferencing. The Attorney General would not write a legal opinion on video conferencing. Mayor Lange opened the floor for discussion. Alderman Kloepfel stated he had three calls from citizens stating they did not want video conferencing. They wanted representatives to be present at the meetings. Alderman Kloepfel stated that the MML put the policy in place for emergencies only. The surrounding cities do not use video conferencing and as an alderman it is your obligation to be at the meetings. Alderman Lange stated it is to be used for illness or emergency and not to be used in excess. City Attorney Kresyman stated that video conferencing does not count toward the quorum, but if a physical quorum is present, then they can count as votes. Mayor Lange asked Attorney Kresyman to write a letter stating why she doesn't agree with us allowing video conferencing. Alderwoman Jensen stated that although the City of Washington allows video conferencing they have not used in the last thirteen years. She doesn't think we need the expense at this time and wouldn't want it without a policy on attendance. Motioned by Alderman

Lange to set up video conferencing with a budget of \$2,000.00. Mayor Lange asked for a second. There being no second, the motion failed.

NEW BUSINESS:

a. Approval of 2015 Liquor Licenses -

i. No. 039 -Leon Hellebusch, c/o Marthasville Truck & Tractor Pull LLC (Temp Permit by Drink)
Motioned by Alderman Lange, seconded by Alderwoman Jensen, to approve liquor license No. 039. All Aldermen present voted "Aye". Motion passed with a 4-0 vote. Liquor License No. 039 Approved.

b. Mobile Home Ordinance - Mayor Lange stated this ordinance was used as leverage to get rid of abandoned mobile homes. All new mobile homes must be placed in a mobile home park and the City Clerk will issue permits until planning and zoning is in place. He asked if we could reinstate this instead of creating a new ordinance. Attorney Kresyman stated that in the City Code, Chapter 505: Dangerous Buildings, gave the City the right to enforce dealing with abandoned or derelict buildings. Since the City does not have planning and zoning we could not use the previous mobile home ordinance. She stated we would have to have an appointed building inspector to follow up with any recommendations that the Alderman have for the use of Chapter 505. Alderwoman Jensen stated that maybe the budget could be looked at to see if we can start planning and zoning..Alderman Kloepfel agreed and stated we need to look over the budget. Alderwoman Jensen made a motion to have Police Chief Jenkins to act as the building inspector agent under Chapter 505. Seconded by Alderman Kloepfel. All Alderman present voted "Aye". Motion passed with a 4-0 vote. Police Chief Jenkins will act as the building inspector agent under Chapter 505.

c. W. South Street Culvert Project - this was not discussed.

VOTE TO ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION - PERSONNEL

Motioned by Alderman Lange, seconded by Alderman Grafrath, to adjourn the meeting to executive session. All Aldermen present voted "Aye". Motion passed with a 4-0 vote. Regular meeting adjourned at 8:39 pm.

VOTE TO ADJOURN

Police Chief Jenkins wanted to note that he would only act as the building inspector agent for properties on recommendations from the board. He will prepare a notice and email it to Attorney Kresyman for approval.

Motioned by Alderman Lange, seconded by Alderwoman Jensen, to adjourn the meeting. All Aldermen present voted "Aye". Motion passed with a 4-0 vote. Meeting adjourned at 10:21 PM.

I hereby certify that these are the original minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen held on Wednesday, May 20, 2015.

Lisa Irwin, Assistant City Clerk

Date Accepted