

# City of Marthasville

## MINUTES OF THE CITY OF MARTHASVILLE BOARD OF ALDERMEN September 16, 2015

The September 16, 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; Tim Flagg, ESA, Inc.; John Graham (806 Northridge Dr); Joe Barker, Missouriian Publishing; Butch Broeker (501 E Main St); Jim Struckhoff (902 Boone Terrace Dr); Judith & Michael Moorefield (201 Depot St); Charles Heggemann (818 Tiffany Ct).

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mayor Lange asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Motioned by Alderman Kloepfel, seconded by Alderman Lange, to approve the meeting agenda. All Aldermen present voted "Aye". Motion passed with a 4-0 vote. Agenda was approved.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mayor Lange noted that in the August 19, 2015 Regular Meeting, Alderwoman Jensen voted "Nay" on the Street Paving Bid. Motioned by Alderman Lange, seconded by Alderman Grafrath to approve the minutes from the August 19, 2015 Regular Meeting, with the amendment to the Street Paving Bid vote; the August 19, 2015 Public Hearing and the August 19, 2015 Executive Session. All Aldermen present voted "Aye". Motion passed with a 4-0 vote. Minutes were approved with the amendment to the vote for the street paving bid in the August 19, 2015 Regular Meeting minutes.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Jim Struckhoff (902 Boone Terrace Dr) asked if we had any progress on the sewer line extension and if we had any luck talking to the farmers. Mayor Lange stated we were still in discussion with the farmers. Jim also questioned what the new tax rates were. Mayor Lange stated the new rate for Lights is 0.1281, prior rate was 0.1280, the new rate for General Revenue is 0.5613, prior rate was 0.5608.

Butch Broeker (501 E Main St) stated that in the May meeting, condemning properties was discussed. He was wondering what the holdup was on taking care of some of the abandoned or burnt mobile homes in town. Mayor Lange stated he did not pursue it due to the fact that we would have to have a hearing to declare a property unsafe and he thought we would have a hard time proving them unsafe. Alderman Lange will send information to Attorney Kresyman on properties in town so we can start proceedings.

Judith Moorefield (201 Depot St) stated they are rehabbing the house on Depot St. She wanted to see if there was any validation to the rumor she heard about switching the local Police Department to Warren County. Judith stated that the number one reason they chose our town to open their business in was because the City had its own Police Department.

Mayor Lange responded that he was not aware of this. Alderman Lange stated that we haven't discussed this. Judith also stated that the sidewalk in front of their building is in need of repair. She was wondering if this was something that the city can discuss. Mayor Lange stated the City doesn't have a sidewalk program and that Philly's Pizza repaired the sidewalk in front of their business themselves. Judith responded that it is too costly to repair and was wondering if someone would trip on the sidewalk, when they open for business, who would be responsible? She stated the property owner would be and the City owned the sidewalk. Alderman Lange stated we couldn't fix just one sidewalk, we would have to look at all the sidewalks in need of repair. Judith offered to have the sidewalk installed if the City would pay for the concrete. Alderman Lange asked that they present something to the Board at the next meeting. Alderwoman Jensen stated maybe we should look into all of the Main Street sidewalks that need repair.

John Graham (806 Northridge Dr) asked how many street lights are being installed, how much will it cost and did the public ask for it. Mayor Lange stated that this is on the agenda, but he looked into upon the request from citizens.

## BOARD OF ALDERMEN COMMENTS

Alderman Grafrath stated that there was a domestic on Hiawatha and Chief Jenkins was called and he responded quickly to the call.

Alderwoman Jensen nothing at this time.

Alderman Kloepffel nothing at this time.

Alderman Lange wants to get with Attorney Kresyman on what we can do for nuisances, junk yards and solid waste. Attorney Kresyman said we need to use what ordinances we have and we can go from there. Mayor Lange stated that we need to let Chief Jenkins know and he will issue the summons, but the board has to be in favor of Chief Jenkins issuing the summons. Chief Jenkins stated that warnings would have to be issued first. Alderman Lange will get the addresses to Chief Jenkins.

## MAYORS COMMENTS, REPORTS, APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Lange stated he will be at the MML Annual Conference September 20th - 23rd in Kansas City, Missouri.

## REPORTS OF OTHER OFFICERS:

### a. Treasurers Report -

- i. **Approval of Bills for the Month** - Motioned by Alderwoman Jensen, seconded by Alderman Lange, 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 gave the clerks report to the Board. The MML offers a program to "Certify Municipal Officials". This program costs \$150 to enroll. After 12 hours of study in core areas and 4 hours of elective training, the individual becomes certified and receives a plaque. In addition, there is an online course for \$99 per user/per year, which allows access to all of their Online Learning Courses. Motioned by Alderwoman Jensen, seconded by Alderman Kloepffel to approve the cost equipment needed to take the courses and the cost of any Alderman or employee to sign up for these courses. All Alderman present voted "Aye". Motion passed 4-0. Assistant Clerk, Lisa Irwin was asking for approval to make utility accounts inactive in the Utility Billing Program after three months of no payment or usage. The properties would have to be vacant and the monthly minimums for water and sewer would be stopped, along with the late fees. The account would be forwarded to the collection agency and all balances would have to be paid in full in order for the account to become active again and the water service restored. Motioned by Alderwoman Jensen, seconded by Alderman Lange to allow accounts that are vacant with no payments or usage for at three months to be made inactive. Alderman Kloepffel "Aye", Alderman Grafrath "Aye", Alderman Lange "Aye", Alderwoman Jensen "Nay". Motion passed with a 3-1 vote.

## DEPARTMENT REPORTS

- a. **City Park Board** - No one from the City Park Board was present. Mayor Lange attended the park board meeting. They walked the City Parks and are looking into prices on surveying the parks to show the property lines before starting any projects.
- i. **Rusche Park Committee** - No one from the Rusche Park Board was present. Mayor Lange attended the Rusche Board meeting. They are looking for approval to take down the four cedar trees along the sidewalk and grind down the stumps. John's Tree Service gave a price of \$900 to take down the four cedar trees and grind down the stumps. Motioned by Alderman Lange, seconded by Alderman Grafrath to take down the four cedar trees and grind down the stumps. All Alderman present voted "Aye". Motion passed with a 4-0 vote.
- b. **Streets and Maintenance** - Nothing at this time.
- c. **Water and Sewer** - Tim stated water and sewer is ok. Smoke testing was done last week. They ended up smoking the majority of the town. There were 12 manholes with leaks and 39 clean outs, laterals on private property, that needed caps replaced. Tim stated the lumber yard will give a good price on caps when we buy them by the box. He recommends Dennis replace the caps. Tim also stated that he will get pricing and present it to the Board on getting a GPS locate on manholes and shut offs in the city limits.
- d. **Police Department** - Police Chief, Eugene Jenkins presented his report. 22 Summons, 26 Warnings, 3 Reports, 4 Arrest, 10 Assist other Agencies, 29 Assist Citizens, 0 Derelict Vehicles, 0 Death, 0 Accident. Chief Jenkins stated that he removed all of the extra patrols from the list he presents to the Alderman. Alderman Lange requested that the list be emailed to the Alderman. Chief Jenkins stated that the Chevy Tahoe will need new tires within the next couple of months. Budget money will be used and some Federal funds could be used also. The price is \$600 on state bid price. They must be rated Patrol H.P. type tires. Chief Jenkins stated that the

department is getting more mini grants each month. They had two grants in August, one for \$500 and one for \$400.

- e. **Animal Control** - 5 visits in August; 1 Warnings, 1 Dogs and 0 Cats.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- a. **Addition of Street Lights within City Limits** - Mayor Lange stated that lights numbered 1-11 on the Ameren map could be installed at no charge, since there are existing poles in those locations. The only cost would be the monthly bill of the lights themselves. Numbers 22 (\$614.87), 23 (\$652.67) and 27 (\$652.67) would cost \$1,920.21 to have them installed. The City Park Board would like two light installed at the park. One in front of the pavilion and one on the side of the pavilion.

Cuivre River Electric uses 800 series lights, but Mayor Lange recommended that we use dusk to dawn lights. On the Cuivre River map, to install numbers 1 (\$52), 2 (\$25), 3 (\$25), 4 (\$25), 6 (\$1,975) and 9 (\$25) would cost \$2,127.00. The total cost to install the lights mentioned from Ameren and Cuivre River would be \$4047.21.

Mayor Lange stated that taxes would not have to be raised to pay for the additional lights. Alderwoman Jensen stated she could not get the attachment sent to her on the Cuivre River lights to open and would like more time to look at those lights before making a decision. Alderman Lange made a motion to install Ameren's lights numbered 1-11, two lights at the City Park and numbers 22, 23 and 27. Also, to install Cuivre River's lights numbered 1,2,3,4,6 and 9. No second was made, motion failed.

Motioned by Alderman Grafrath to install Ameren's lights numbered 1-11, 22, 23, 27 and not to install any of the Cuivre River lights or the two lights at the park at this time. Seconded by Alderman Lange. All Alderman present voted "Aye". Motion passed with a 4-0 vote. The locations for lights 1-11, 22, 23 and 27 are as follows:

1. 15998 Hwy 47; 2. 15956 Hwy 47; 3. 200 Hwy 47; 4. City Park, South St; 5. Depot St across from Post Office; 6. S One St, south of the Katy Trail; 7. 101 W Hwy 47, north of Gables; 8. Public Works Bldg, behind City Hall; 9. Across from 404 E South St; 10. 904 Ozark St; 11. Sycamore & Hwy D; 22. Corner of S One St & Hwy 47; 23. City Limit Sign on Hwy 47; 27. Across from 303 Griswold St.

- b. **Planning & Zoning Discussion** - Mayor Lange stated that several citizens have asked when they will get to vote on planning and zoning. The citizens would like a say on whether planning and zoning gets implemented. Mayor Lange talked with Boonslick about how to have it worded so it could be put on the ballot for a yes or no vote. Alderwoman Jensen and Attorney Kresyman thought that the City should have planning and zoning commissions in place and let the citizens comment at that time. Alderman Kloeppeel agreed that citizens need to be informed about planning and zoning. Alderwoman Jensen suggested we have an informational meeting with Boonslick about planning and zoning so that the citizens could attend and learn more about it. Alderwoman Jensen thought we could move forward with setting up the commissions, but Alderman Lange would like more information. Tabled to the next meeting.
- c. **Approval of Engineering Services for Hiawatha Street Improvements** - Alderman Kloeppeel thought that the bridges in town had more concerns than Hiawatha St at this time. Alderwoman Jensen stated the culverts need fixed before Hiawatha St. After a brief discussion Alderman Lange motion to approve the \$8,550 bid from BFA for the Hiawatha Street Project. Seconded by Alderman Grafrath. Alderman Lane "Aye", Alderman Grafrath "Aye", Alderman Kloeppeel "Nay", Alderwoman Jensen "Nay". Mayor Lange voted "Aye" to break the tie. Motion passed.
- d. **Discussion of Rabies Vaccination** - Attorney Kresyman looked at what other cities in the area require and most cities require a veterinarian to give the rabies vaccination. She stated that the City's ordinance is current and as long as the rabies tag is given with the vaccine and can be shown at the time of registering a pet with the City, it would be okay to issue a pet tag.
- e. **Approval of Lamke Trenching Bill: Additional 9 Feet of Curb & Gutter Installed on Hiawatha St** - Mayor Lange stated he approved this on the construction site. Motioned by Alderman Lange, seconded by Alderwoman Jensen to approve the additional work performed with the extra cost of \$402.75. Alderman Lange "Aye", Alderman Kloeppeel "Aye", Alderwoman Jensen "Aye", Alderman Grafrath abstained. Motion passed with a 3-0 vote.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

a. **None**

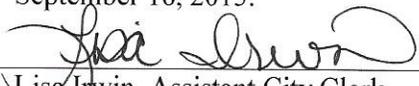
**VOTE TO ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION - PERSONNEL & REAL ESTATE**

Motioned by Alderman Grafrath, seconded by Alderman Lange to adjourn the meeting to executive session. Aldermen Kloepfel "Aye", Alderman Grafrath "Aye", Alderwoman Jensen "Aye", Alderman Lange "Aye". Motion passed with a 4-0 vote. Regular meeting adjourned at 8:53 pm.

**VOTE TO RE-ENTER REGULAR MEETING & ADJOURN REGULAR MEETING**

Motioned by Alderman Kloepfel, seconded by Alderman Grafrath, to re-enter the regular meeting and adjourn the Executive Session. All Aldermen present voted "Aye". Motion passed with a 4-0 vote. Returned to the regular meeting and closed the meeting. Executive Session adjourned at 9:37 PM

I hereby certify that these are the original minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen held on Wednesday, September 16, 2015.

  
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Lisa Irwin, Assistant City Clerk

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Date Accepted