

**BOARD OF ALDERMEN MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING
December 16, 2019**

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Weston, Missouri, met in special session at the Weston City Hall, 300 Main Street on Monday, December 16, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. Board members Rebecca Rooney, Michael Goentzel, Joyce Priddy, and James Lowe were present with Mayor Steven George presiding. Also present for some or the entire meeting was Brooke Mosier, Coy Taylor, Ed Farrand, Chief Terry Blanton, Eric Mosier and Stephen Cornelius.

Closed Session

Alderman Lowe moved to go to Closed Session pursuant to RSMo Section 610.021(1) to discuss legal matters; pursuant to RSMo Section 621.021(3) to discuss personnel matters (hiring, firing and disciplining of employees); and pursuant to RSMo Section 610.021(13) to discuss personnel matters pertaining to individual employee performance ratings. Alderman Priddy seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was Rooney, Aye; Goentzel, Aye; Priddy, Aye; and Lowe, Aye. Nays: none. The motion carried.

Open Session - Item Agenda

Alderman Lowe moved to resume open session at 7:04 p.m. Alderman Priddy seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was Rooney, Aye; Goentzel, Aye; Priddy, Aye; and Lowe, Aye. Nays: none. The motion carried.

Medical Marijuana Ordinance- Discussion- Passage of Ordinance if agreed upon

Alderman Goentzel stated he was open to allowing one more zoning area, which is Light Industrial. Hopefully in the future there will be more light industrial areas. In his research he discovered that Dr. Keith would not rent her basement to this type of business. He also talked with downtown merchants who felt it didn't fit the "vibe" of Weston. It wasn't really a benefit to Weston. Although we don't have anyone lined up for this in city limits, the board should be pro-active, not re-active. Alderman Lowe stated the rumors were that Sur-Gro would be moving, so why deny the opportunity to have a business in that building. Alderman Goentzel stated that if someone approached the city, we should try to get them in the Sur-Gro building. Alderman Goentzel moved to amend the Medical Marijuana suggested ordinance to say a Cultivation Facility, Testing Facility and Manufacturing Facility would be allowed in I-1-Light Industrial Zoning District and A-1 Agricultural Zoning District. Alderman Lowe seconded the motion and the motion passed with all in favor.

Mayor George stated this ordinance would be changed and on the agenda for the January 13th meeting.

Rock-Goodlet Water Line Replacement- Engineering Change Order for Construction Documents & Staking of Right-of-Way

Kim Kirby explained that she did not get a figure until late in the day from Lamp Rynearson. The original engineering amount budgeted was \$3,000.00, but that did not include the engineer attending the pre-construction meeting nor printing of the contract documents and plans. The city has no means to print those documents. Chad Harrington quoted a per hour cost up to \$1,000.00. Eric Mosier noted that he had not seen the plans for construction and needed to review them. Kim Kirby stated she would make sure he received a copy. Alderman Lowe moved to approved up to \$1,000.00 in additional engineering fees with

Lamp Ryneanson for the Rock-Goodlet water line project. Alderman Priddy seconded and the motion carried with all in favor.

Fiddler's Ridge- Update on Lift Station Repair/Replacement Eric Mosier reported the parts to repair the downed pump were on order and would take approximately three to five weeks. Empire Electric inspected the Lift Station and quoted \$88,000.00 to install a new working unit. Empire said they felt another town would purchase the old lift station from the city. It doesn't have to be re-engineered, just a written specification for placing the project out for bid.

Oath of Office- Eric Mosier City Clerk Kim Kirby administered the Oath of Office to Eric Mosier, Superintendent of Public Works effective December 29, 2019.

Budget Meeting – Discuss various Department Budgets and the following items:

The 2020 budget was reviewed by department. Various changes were made to line items with the board agreeing upon those changes.

Some highlights of the budget discussion included:

- Changing Strategic Plan line item to \$25,000.00.
- Street Department Budget increased by \$3,500.00 in line item for asphalt patch.
- \$30,000.00 was set aside to help the Weston Bottom Levee Association repair the levee.
- Alderman James Lowe put forth an increase in salary for Stephen Cornelius, Water Plant Superintendent based on job performance. His suggested salary placed in the budget would be \$20.41 per hour. The change impacted the Water Operating Fund by an increase of \$10,946.72.
- The Water Rehab Fund - Filter Valve Replacement line item was increased by \$20,000.00
- Several Changes were made to the Sewer Budget's, including decreasing the operating budget by \$23,500.00, setting aside \$90,000.00 to the Rehab Fund, rather than \$60,000.00 and adding the Fiddlers Ridge Lift Station cost of \$100,000.00 to the Rehab Fund. A re-distribution of Public Works Salaries will be completed.
- \$130,000.00 will be transferred from the General Fund to the CIP/Transportation Tax Fund to set aside for re-asphalting Main Street in the future.
- The Tourism Tax was increased by \$20,000.00 to accommodate repairs to 526 Main St.

Eric Mosier reported Jimmy Jones was asking for a refund of his sewer fees since his wastewater was not going to the lagoon, but in his own line for the last several years due to not being connected to the new sewer main on Spring Street. Mayor George asked that the matter be discussed and voted on during the January 13th meeting.

With no further business to discuss, Alderman Rooney moved to adjourn at 9:43 p.m. Alderman Lowe seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

Minutes prepared by Kim Kirby, City Clerk

Minutes approved January 13, 2020

Attest:

Mayor Steven George

Kim Kirby, City Clerk

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