

November 15, 2023

The Rock Port Board of Aldermen met on Wednesday, November 15, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor Amy Thomas presiding. Board members present were Lisa Farmer, Kelley Herron, Kory Paris, and Raechel Schoonover. Also present was Chief of Police Derek Morriss, Utility Office Manager Terri McGuire, and Superintendent Brentlee Thomas. Visitors present were John Mueller, Mike Farmer, Zailynn Cook & Jennifer Geib.

Mayor Thomas called the meeting to order then led the meeting in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Meeting Agenda & Minutes

Paris moved to approve the meeting agenda. Herron seconded. All votes aye.

Herron moved to approve the October 24, 2023 & November 11, 2023 meeting minutes. Farmer seconded. All votes aye.

Visitors

John Mueller gave a presentation on Greenlight Dispensaries.

City Consent Agenda

Herron moved to approve the City financial statements, accounts payables, tax report, delinquent tax list, the City Clerk, Chief of Police, and all board reports. Farmer seconded. All votes aye.

Utility Consent Agenda

Herron moved to approve the Utility financial statements, accounts payables, purchased power and water statements, take or pay water use report, water loss reports, Utility Office Manager report and City Superintendent report. Paris seconded. All votes aye.

Bill #1239 – 2024 General Budget

The General Budget was tabled until the reserve lines within the budget could be further clarified.

Linemen Compensation

Herron moved to approve Employee Handbook Section 5-3 Increases in Compensation revision. Farmer seconded the motion. All votes aye.

Original Excerpt

An increase in compensation of .50 cents per hour will be issued to employees upon completion of their 2nd year of MPUA Linemen Training.

An increase in compensation of .50 cents per hour will be issued to employees upon completion of their 4th year of MPUA Linemen Training.

Revised Excerpt

An increase in compensation of .50 cents per hour will be issued to employees upon completion of each year of MPUA Linemen Training.

Bill #1240 - 2024 Utility Budget

Due to the policy revision regarding MPUA Lineman Training compensation, Herron moved to give Brentlee Thomas, Jarod Hudson & Dennis Sherlock an additional \$.50 per hour raise. This would compensate for Brentlee's 3rd and Dennis & Jarod's 1st year training completion. Farmer seconded. All votes aye.

The Utility Budget was tabled until revisions reflecting the additional lineman training compensation are made.

Bill #1241 - 2024 Park Budget

The Park Budget was reviewed and tabled.

Telephone Bill Review

The Board questioned why the City & Utility telephone bills were so high and a breakdown of each was reviewed.

RenoSys Pool Liner Contract

Clerk McGuire did not have an update on the request for refund of the \$20,000 pool liner down payment to RenoSys. However, she did inform the Board that to date \$643.50 has been paid in attorney fees out of the general fund in an effort to obtain a refund.

Park Maintenance Agreement

Jen Geib asked the status of the Park Maintenance Agreement. The Board informed her the terms would be revised before the January meeting.

Chief of Police Derek Morriss

Chief Morriss reported he would be obtaining quotes for 2 SUVs.

Alderman Lisa Farmer

Alderman Farmer relayed compliments she had received recently on staff's customer service.

Mayor Amy Thomas

Mayor Thomas thanked Schoonover for acting as a liaison between the Board and Office Staff relaying questions from the Board of Aldermen budget meeting.

Alderman Raechel Schoonover

Alderman Schoonover asked Superintendent Thomas if a Utility Maintenance Plan existed. Thomas stated, usually yes, but they have been so busy this year they have not had time to follow it.

Business License

Schoonover moved to approve the Business License Application for THF Partners, LLC. Herron seconded. Schoonover, Herron & Paris votes aye. Farmer abstained.

Adjournment

Paris moved to adjourn. Herron seconded. All votes aye.

Submitted by: Terri McGuire