

April 25, 2024

The Rock Port Board of Aldermen met on Thursday, April 25, 2024, at 6:15 p.m. with Mayor Amy Thomas presiding. Board members present were Jeff Geib, Michael Graves, Kelley Herron, and Raechel Schoonover. Also present was City Clerk Emily Schulte and Superintendent Dennis Sherlock. Visitors were Regan Griffin, WC Farmer, Holly Huntley, Thea Lewis, Jen Geib, Sheena Roup.

Mayor Amy Thomas called the meeting to order.

### **Approval of Meeting Agenda**

Schoonover recommended an amendment to the agenda to add the Tourism Board as visitors to discuss their bylaws and event approval process and revision of the Kloseks contract to the business agenda.

Schoonover moved to approve the amended meeting agenda. Graves seconded. All votes aye.

### **Request to Sign: Contract for Grant Writing Services - CDBG**

Griffin was present on behalf of Restore Rock Port. He requested the council consider entering the submitted *Contract for Grant Writing Services – Community Development Block Grants 2024* with NWMO Regional Council of Governments. There is an initial \$1,500.00 fee and additional costs upon the approval of applications. Not all the grant information has been released so it will need reviewed once available, however the application is time sensitive with a quickly approaching deadline.

Questions regarding which entities would cover costs were discussed. Griffin relayed that would be on the parties involved with each grant application to discuss, however he imagined Restore Rock Port would be interested in participating in those discussions. It was determined there isn't a current line item nor money designated in the city's 2024 General Fund budget for these items, however the budget can be amended.

Graves moved to approve entering the Contract for Grant Writing Services – CDBG 2024 with NWMO Regional Council of Governments. Schoonover seconded. All votes aye.

Clerk Schulte was given authority to sign the appropriate documents on behalf of the city.

### **Kloseks Contract for Solid Waste Disposal**

A slight revision of the Solid Waste Disposal contract was submitted by Klosek the morning following the April 17<sup>th</sup> meeting bid opening. Only slight changes were included, which were given to the board for review. They also stated the city should publicize the pricing changes to the citizens.

Graves moved to approve having Mayor Thomas re-sign the revised Solid Waste Disposal contract. Herron seconded. All votes aye.

### **Tourism Board**

Tourism Board President Huntley requested a copy of the board's bylaws referenced within their ordinance. She was curious if they stated that events approved by the Tourism Board also had to be approved by the Board of Aldermen, as they've never done this previously. They submit a budget annually, including this year's, which is approved by the Board of Aldermen. They keep record of where everything is spent, as each approved event is allocated its own budget.

Summer Palooza is a short 4 weeks from now, and that was never approved though the city council, so it was inquired if it were supposed to be as they have contracts needing signed. She also wanted to highlight purchases and events the group has contributed to or hosted in the last couple of years, including multiple ping pong drops, provided funding for the Fire Department's Santa visit candy, large contributions towards fireworks every the 4<sup>th</sup> of July as well as funds towards 4<sup>th</sup> of July activities and event giveaways, cruise nights, ice cream socials, band nights, quilt shows, new Main Street Christmas lights and banners for the light poles, Blue Jay banners, website build and funding, and Summer Palooza. Additionally, any event which collects proceeds is then donated back to the community.

Graves didn't believe they needed approval for everything, but suggested reaching out for input for events that might be considered questionable by some, including the proposed micro wrestling. Herron also mentioned receiving complaints that a comedian could potentially be booked that would have more mature "rated R" content, as people believe clean comedians for the entire family would be preferred. Huntley stated that what individuals consider questionable is open to interpretation. Individuals are also offended by different things. Additionally, they've heard more interest regarding a more mature comedian than one for all ages.

Conversations continued and Huntley asked for final clarification on whether the Board of Aldermen needed to approve each event. The Board of Aldermen agreed they should do better at reading through the Tourism Board business packet within the city consent agenda, and if they have questions regarding events taking place, they will bring them to the Tourism Board.

Huntley and Lewis then stated that the next Tourism Board meeting will take place May 21<sup>st</sup> at City Hall and is open to the public for anyone with questions or concerns. Summer Palooza is also quickly approaching. The event is free and open to the public, and they could always use additional volunteers.

**Adjourn into executive session for real estate matters pursuant to Section 610.021 (2) RSMo.**

Graves moved to adjourn into executive session pursuant to Section 610.021(2) RSMo. Schoonover seconded. At 7:14 p.m.

**Adjourn executive session and resume regular session.**

Herron moved to adjourn into regular session at 7:20. Graves seconded. All votes aye.

Schoonover moved to adjourn at 7:20 p.m. Geib seconded. All votes aye.