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The Board of Aldermen of the City of Golden City, Missouri met in regular session at 6:00 p.m. on August 14, 2023, at 701 Depot Avenue. Mayor Higgins presided, and the following members of the Board of Aldermen answered the roll call: Sharon Wingert, Vicky Jones, Linda Welch, and Carla Davis. Absent was Danny Dillon. Other city officials present were City Clerk Loretta Scheetz, public works director Allen Singer, and fire chief Eric White

MINUTES: Wingert motioned Davis seconded the minutes of the regular meeting July 3, 2023 be approved as presented. All in favor, Dillon absent, one seat vacant, motion carried.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Jim O'Neal, O'Neal Service Station, informed the board he had received a letter from the building inspector about the house at 601 Wyatt Avenue. He is in the process of tearing down the house and asked for a 60-day extension. After discussion, Davis motioned to grant O'Neal the 60-day extension, seconded by Welch. ***All in favor, Dillon absent, one seat vacant, motion carried.***

Mayor Higgins asked the public to be patient with the removal of the storm debris. Lockwood is sending over an excavator and operator, Brubaker's Hardwood, Baptist Disaster Relief and the Mennonite Church are in town helping with clean up and debris removal. Governor Parson has declared Missouri a disaster and Golden City is included in the declaration. SEMA and FEMA representatives will be in the area shortly.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

Mayor Higgins commended the fire department for their response to the storm. The department went above and beyond their duties. Fire dept submitted a report prior to the meeting. Eric White addressed the board and went over the numbers of calls for the month. Chief White wanted to thank everyone who helped during the power outage, with manual labor, the cooling station, and the food donations. The insurance adjuster will be coming to look at the fire building that was destroyed.

Public works submitted a report prior to the meeting. Allen Singer also addressed the board about the front mounted brush hog for the New Holland tractor. The cost for the brush hog is \$6400. After discussion ***Davis, motioned, seconded by Jones. If the purchase had been funded in the current budget to proceed with the purchase. All in favor, Dillon absent, one seat vacant, motion carried.*** Singer informed the council he thinks the rotor in the ditch has been struck by lightning. Toddz Electric is coming to look at the rotor.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Mayor Higgins informed the council the water bond passed 78 yes, 30 no. ***Davis moved, seconded by Jones to approve, and accept the election results. All in favor, Dillon absent, one seat vacant, motion carried.*** A discussion was held on water rates, no decision was made.

NEW BUSINESS:

The city clerk requested to attend a MML conference on September 11th in Kansas City, MO. After discussion, ***Davis motioned, seconded by Welch, to approve Loretta Scheetz to attend the MML conference. All in favor, Dillon absent, one seat vacant, motion carried.***

Mayor Higgins presented Council Bill 09-2023, Ordinance Number 859, An ordinance adopting and enacting a new code of ordinances of the City of Golden City. Said bill being furnished in advance for all Alderpersons and posted at City Hall for public inspection prior to the meeting was read by title only for the first reading. ***Jones motioned, seconded by Davis, to approve the first reading of the said ordinance. Jones, Davis, Welch, Wingert, Aye, Dillon absent, one seat vacant. Motion carried.***

Said bill being furnished in advance for all Alderpersons and posted at City Hall for public inspection prior to the meeting, was read by title only for the second and final reading. **Jones motioned, seconded by Davis, to approve the seconded and final reading of said ordinance. Jones, Davis, Wingert, Welch, Aye, Dillon absent, one seat vacant. Motion carried.**

Mayor Higgins declared that Council Bill Number 09-2023, Ordinance Number 859, is duly adopted this Fourteenth (14th) day of August 2023. Council Bill Number 09-2023, Ordinance Number 859 was signed and sealed.

Discussion was held about applying for another TAP grant. It was decided to not apply for a TAP grant at this time, since the city currently is in progress with a TAP grant for the Main Street sidewalks.

Mayor Higgins informed the council he had requested the Community Center to be open to serve as a cooling center during the power outage. He approved to pay for the rent and electric cost associated with the cost incurred to the Community Center during the power outage. The council agreed with him to absorb those costs. After discussion, **Davis motioned, seconded by Wingert, to have Mayor Higgins meet with the Community Center board to let them know the city is still interested in the building. All in favor, Dillion absent, one seat vacant, motion carried.** The city received a \$5,000 donation from the Community Foundation of the Ozarks. After discussion, **Jones motioned, seconded by Davis, to donate the \$5,000 to the Golden City Community Center, to upgrade the equipment at the Community Center. All in favor, Dillon absent, one seat vacant. Motion carried.**

Discussion was held on the annual Christmas Parade. The city staff will not be able to organize the Christmas Parade this year. Chief White volunteered the fire department to organize the parade this year.

Samples of tiny home ordinance was handed out to the council, and they were asked to look them over and bring back to the next meeting with their recommendations on the city implementing a tiny house ordinance.

Mayor Higgins asked for a motion to temporarily close the regular meeting and go into a closed session. **Jones moved, seconded by Davis, the regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen be temporarily closed in order that the Board may convene into Closed Session pursuant to Section 610.021(3) RSMo., pertaining to the discussion of hiring, firing, promoting, or disciplining employees. Vote: Jones, Davis, Wingert, Welch Aye, Dillon absent, one seat vacant. (19:38)**

Following the closed session, the regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen reconvened, and Mayor Higgins called the session to order. The following members of the Board of Aldermen answered the roll call: Vicky Jones, Carla Davis, Sharon Wingert, and Linda Welch, Absent, Danny Dillon, one seat vacant.

Mayor Higgins stated that no motions were made, nor any action taken during the closed session except the **motion by Sharon Wingert, seconded by Carla Davis to adjourn the closed session and reconvene back into regular session. Vote: Wingert, Davis, Jones, Welch, Aye, Dillon absent one seat vacant. (20:21)**

After discussion, **Davis motioned, seconded by Jones, to approve the increment raise for Loretta Scheetz, from \$15.50 to \$16.00 per hour. Davis, Jones, Wingert, Welch, Aye, Dillon absent, one seat vacant. Motion carried.**

Wingert motioned Jones seconded to pay bills as presented. All in favor, Dillon absent, one seat vacant.

Jones moved, seconded by Wingert, to adjourn the meeting. All in favor, Dillon absent. One seat vacant. Motion carried. (20:20)

Loretta Scheetz
City Clerk