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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 December 7, 2020, at 701 Depot Avenue. Mayor Shannon Higgins presided, and the following members of the Board of Aldermen answered the roll call: Sharon Wingert, Carla Davis, Vicky Jones, Linda Welch, and Sara Beerly, Chris Peterson absent. Other city officials present were City Clerk Barbara Chappell, Deputy City Clerk Breeyn Pettengill, Fire Chief Eric White, and Public Works Director Allen Singer.

MINUTES: Jones moved, second by Beerly, the minutes of the Regular Session of November 2, 2020, be approved as presented. All in favor, Peterson absent. Motion carried.

Wingert moved, second by Jones, the minutes of the Special Session of November 17, 2020, be approved as presented. All in favor, Peterson absent. Motion carried.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Dale Beverley addressed the board about a leaky valve attached to the meter. After a short discussion Mayor Higgins informed Mr. Beverley to come into the office and the collector would take care of an adjustment.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

FIRE: Chief White submitted a report before the meeting. Chief White informed the board the chili feed numbers were down but with a \$500 donation they still raised \$930.

<u>PUBLIC WORKS</u>: Director Singer submitted a report before the meeting. Singer stated that with the money raised from the sealed bids he would like to purchase a generator to put on the work trailer. Jones motioned, seconded by Welch to use the money from the bids to purchase a generator. All in favor, Peterson absent, Motion carried.

SHERIFF DEPARTMENT: No logs were submitted this month. Deputy McManis was present at the meeting; he informed the public that there has been a lot of theft in the county and would like everyone to remember to lock their vehicles.

<u>UNFINISHED BUSINESS:</u> Mayor Higgins asked the Ways and Means committee to meet and assess the budget to see if there are any monies free for fire hydrants.

<u>NEW BUSINESS</u>: Mayor Higgins presented Resolution 04-2020. A resolution appointing financial signers for the City of Golden City accounts and authorization on contracts. Jones motioned, seconded by Davis to pass Resolution 04-2020, appointing financial signers for the City of Golden City accounts and authorization on contracts. Jones, Davis, Wingert, Welch, and Beerly Aye, Peterson absent.

Mayor Higgins presented the board with a Joint Statement from the Barton County Commissioners regarding the increase of Covid-19 infections in our county. The commissioners along with the cities in the county, the hospital, ambulance, and the health department are strongly suggesting that face masks be worn in public when social distancing is not possible (with exceptions). After discussion of the statement Beerly moved, that Mayor Higgins sign the Joint Statement on behalf of the city; Welch seconded. Beerly, Welch, Jones, Davis Aye; Wingert Nay; Peterson absent.

Mayor Higgins recognized City Clerk, Barbara Chappell, with a 30-year plaque thanking her for her service to the office and our community; there will be a retirement party on December 30th at City Hall from 2-4pm to honor Barbara.

Alderman Welch informed the board that the Ways and Means committee met with Community National Bank and Trust earlier that morning to hear a proposal for moving the city accounts to the local branch. Mayor Higgins recommended that the city support the business that is in town and recognized Lamar Bank and Trust for the job they had done to this point for our community and city. After some discussion **Welch made a motion to accept the proposal from Community National Bank and Trust, moving all accounts and combining savings as well as moving the CD's as they become due and liquidating the CD at Arvest bank. Jones seconded the motion. Welch, Jones, Beerly, Davis, Wingert, Aye; Peterson absent**

Welch informed the board that the new hire for the office resigned and recommended that they pursue another candidate that had already interviewed for the position. Welch motioned, seconded by Davis to hire Cody Brewer for the City Collector position working 29 hours a week at \$10.50 per hour. Welch, Davis, Jones, Beerly, Wingert Aye; Peterson absent.

Mayor Higgins presented a quote for the Laptops for the Mayor, Aldermen, and City Clerk. The laptops are to be used to replace packets as well as giving the ability to still meet amid the Coronavirus pandemic. Jones motioned, seconded by Wingert to purchase laptops for the Mayor, Aldermen, and City Clerk not to exceed \$3,000.00 and for the money to be used out of Capital Improvements. All in favor, Peterson absent.

Discussions were held on Broadband internet as well as the old clinic building.

Wingert made a motion to pay the bills, second by Davis, all in favor, Peterson absent, motioned carried.

Jones moved, seconded by Wingert, the meeting be adjourned. All in favor, Peterson absent, motion carried. (20:00)

Breevn Pettengill, Daputy City Clerk