

# CITY OF GOLDEN CITY



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**PUBLIC HEARING:** 5:00pm Mayor Higgins opened the floor to any comments or discussion from the public regarding the proposed Water Bond as well as Water Rate Increase. Anderson Engineering was present to explain the bond as well as answer questions. Several residents expressed their opinion or wished to speak. Mayor Higgins addressed the public after Anderson. Mayor Higgins thanked everyone for coming and informed them the city would be having a board meeting following the hearing.

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Golden City, Missouri met in regular session at 7:12 p.m. on February 6, 2023, at 701 Depot Avenue. Mayor Higgins presided, and the following members of the Board of Aldermen answered the roll call: Vicky Jones, Danny Dillon, Carla Davis, Joe Brewer and Sharon Wingert, Sara Beerly absent. Other city officials present were City Clerk Breeyn Pettengill, Fire chief Eric White, and public works director Allen Singer.

**MINUTES:** *Brewer moved, seconded by Jones, the minutes of the Regular Session of January 6, 2023 as well as the minutes from January 16 2023, be approved as presented. All in favor, Beerly absent; motion carried.*

**NEW BUSINESS:** Mayor Higgins presented Council Bill Number 5-2023 Ordinance Number 855 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GOLDEN CITY, MISSOURI, REAFFIRMING THE GROSS RECEIPTS TAX TO BE IMPOSED UPON EVERY PERSON, FIRM OR CORPORATION ENGAGED IN THE BUSINESS OF TRANSMITTING, DISTRIBUTING OR SELLING NATURAL GAS UNDER FRANCHISE WITHIN THE CITY OF GOLDEN CITY, MISSOURI, AND MATTERS RELATED THERETO

*Jones motioned to approve the first reading of the ordinance by title only. Dillon seconded the motion. Jones, Dillon, Davis, Brewer, and Wingert- Aye, Beerly absent. Motion carried.*

Mayor Higgins read **Council Bill Number 5-2023 Ordinance Number 855** by title only for the second time. *Wingert motioned to approve the second and final reading of the ordinance; Davis seconded the motion. Brewer, Davis, Wingert, Dillon, and Jones- Aye; Beerly absent. Motion carried.* Mayor Higgins declared that council bill 5-2023, Ordinance 855 is duly adopted this 6<sup>th</sup> day of February 2023.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:**

**SHERIFF'S REPORT:** No report submitted.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT:** Chief White submitted a report prior to the meeting. Rescue One will be going to the shop for an oil change.

**PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT:** Singer submitted a report prior to the meeting.

**BUILDING INSPECTOR:** Rogers submitted hearing requests for the following addresses: 704 Mill, 508 B Street, 607 High, 605 High, 1103 Hicks, 524 Main, 500 Main, and 505 Mill. Mayor Higgins approved hearings for the slate of properties.

**MISCELLANEOUS:** Mayor Higgins informed the board that the city clerks conference will be held on the second full week of March. *Dillon motioned to send the city clerk to conference and the city to use the funds from the training budget as they do yearly, Davis second, All in favor, Beerly absent*

**motion carried.** The board discussed the upcoming water increase. Davis requested the clerk investigate information regarding sewer breaks during the summer months. **Brewer motioned, seconded by Jones to table the rate increase until the March 6<sup>th</sup> board meeting.** The Mayor asked the clerk to prepare an ordinance stating that the city will not be able to use additional bond funds without a public hearing and vote of the people.

Matthew Weiser submitted a proposal for redesigning the city's website. A resident in the audience asked if he could submit a bid. Brewer suggested that the city hold off until next month on the proposal.

**Davis motioned, seconded by Dillon, to pay the bills presented by the City Clerk. all in favor, Beerly absent; motion carried.**

**Jones motioned, seconded by Brewer, the meeting be adjourned. All in favor, Beerly absent; motion carried. (7:58)**

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The Board of Aldermen of the City of Golden City, Missouri met in special session at 6:00 p.m. on February 23, 2023, at 701 Depot Avenue. Mayor Higgins presided, and the following members of the Board of Aldermen answered the roll call: Vicky Jones, Joe Brewer, Danny Dillon, Carla Davis, Sharon Wingert, and Sara Beerly. Other city officials present were city clerk Breeyn Pettengill, and public works director Allen Singer.

## **DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:**

The city clerk informed the board of the matters brought forth by residents, as well as the steps taken to mitigate the complaints, due to the questions of what the staff is "allowed" to spend city time and resources on. Mayor Higgins went over the duties of the board, the employees, and the mayor. He stated that the board is the decision maker when it comes to anything passed in the city, the mayor guides the employees on what information needs to be addressed and researched, and the employees carry out the duties brought forth by these two entities. Much discussion was held, and the board asked the clerk to create a policy stating that the city workers are able but not required to coordinate, sponsor, and promote anything that would benefit the community including but not limited to parades, events, outreach, and advertising.

Discussion was held on the website revamp and possible city app. There was also discussion on whether to bring back the FB page with no ability for public comment.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

After much discussion the board decided to create an event pass in lieu of a business license for all vendors/organizations not collecting sales tax. Each vendor/organization must apply two business days prior to the event.

## **MISCELLANEOUS:**

The city is currently working on lawn watering sewer adjustments as well as creating an ordinance stating that the city will not be able to access any bond funds over what is needed for the current loan without voter approval.

***Brewer motioned, seconded by Dillon, the meeting be adjourned. All in favor, motion carried. (8:23)***