

**CITY OF OSBORN, MISSOURI
BOARD MEETING
Wednesday, April 12, 2023**

Mayor Carlana Bradford declared the meeting open at 6:00 P.M.

Roll call of council persons:

Present – Mayor Carlana Bradford
Alderman Valerie Kull
Alderman Brian Stone
Alderman Norman Baumgarden

Also present:

City Clerk, Jody Barlow
Water/Sewer, Doug Moeller

Absent:

Alderman Ferren Gibson
Streets, Koleby McClintick

Election Results:

The City Clerk presented the election results. A motion was made by Alderman Baumgarden, seconded by Alderman Stone to accept the election results from April 4, 2023, as presented. Motion passed 3-0.

Newly Elected Officials: Oath of Office:

New Board Members –

New board members were sworn in by Jody Barlow, City Clerk.

**Mayor – Carlana Bradford
Alderman – Valerie Kull**

Mayor Pro Tem –

The City Clerk explained that a new Mayor Pro Tem needed to be appointed for the next year. Alderman Kull moved it, second by Alderman Stone to name Alderman Norman Baumgarden as Mayor Pro Tem. Motion passed 3-0.

Consent Agenda:

- A. March 8, 2023, Board Meeting Minutes
- B. March 29, 2023, Budget Hearing Minutes
- C. March 29, 2023, Budget Meeting Minutes
- D. March Financial Report

Authorization of Bills

- A. April 2023 Bills

Reports:

- A. Mayor Report
- B. City Clerk Report
- C. Water Report
- D. Street Report

Agenda:

Old Business:

- A. None

New Business:

- A. Padraic Corcoran - Attorney
- B. Fences
- C. Cochran/Karr Property
- D. Alderman Comments

Alderman Baumgarden moved it, second by Alderman Stone to accept & approve the agenda for tonight's meeting. Motion passed 3-0.

Consent Agenda:

Alderman Kull moved it, second by Alderman Stone to approve the consent agenda. Motion passed 3 - 0.

Bills:

A list of bills was presented for approval and payment for April 2023. Alderman Stone moved it, second by Alderman Kull to approve the list of bills for April 2023 as presented. Motion passed 3-0.

Public Comment:

None

Mayor Report:

The Mayor reported that the City filled 2 dumpsters on clean-up day. The dumpsters are included in the City's contract with R&W Container.

Clerk Report:

The Clerk informed the Board that the grant cycle is open with Region D Recycling. The Clerk wanted to know if they would like to apply for benches in the park this cycle. It would be a 100% funded grant. The Board would like the Clerk to apply for the grant to acquire park benches. The Clerk explained that time has run out to purchase trees for the Missouri TRIM grant. Since this grant was a 50/50 match, the Board decided to roll the grant funds over. Alderman Stone moved it, second by Alderman Kull to roll the TRIM grant over. Motion passed 3-0.

Water Report:

Doug reported that DNR completed its annual inspection of the wastewater system. He needs to fix a few broken signs and he should receive the report in a month or so.

Water Loss – 16.1%.

Street Report:

Doug reported that he and Koleby bladed several blocks on Hunt St. He then spread rock on them with the budgeted amount remaining for the 2022-2023 budget year. During the spring cleanup, he broke the back window on the backhoe. He replaced it for \$300.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Padraic Corcoran –

The Clerk reported that he had last-minute issues, and he couldn't make it to the meeting.

Fences:

The Mayor would like the Board to discuss the possibility of creating an ordinance to regulate fences in town. Alderman Stone, Alderman Kull, and Alderman Baumgarden do not believe it is necessary to regulate fences. Mayor Bradford suggested that the Board members drive around town and look at what some citizens are using to make fences. Alderman Stone thinks that if a fence is being built to hide “junk” then the property owner’s insurance will take care of the issue. According to MML, they recommended that the City focus on the junk that homeowners are trying to hide by building uncommon fences.

Cochran/Karr Property:

The City Clerk was contacted by Stewart Title from Plattsburg that the City was claiming a piece of property on an unopened section of Baker St. Description follows:

That part of Hunt Street lying between Blocks 19 and 20, and 50 feet south of the South line of said Blocks, and that part of Baker Street lying South of Block 19 and South of Lots 1, 2, and 3, in Block 20, of said original town of Osborn, Dekalb County, Missouri; be and the same are hereby vacated, closed as a street, roadway, or thoroughfare.

The Clerk has researched the issue from old meeting minutes, titles, deeds, and help from Dekalb County Courthouse. The City had the property surveyed by Midland Surveying in 2007 and according to the survey, the unopened section of Baker St. is the City's property. When Stewart Title completed its title search, they found a Dekalb County court order from September 4, 1963, that permanently closed the portion of Baker St. and gave the property to the homeowners. The City cannot deny the directions of that court order. The Clerk contacted the surveyor at Midland Survey who conducted the survey in 2007 and asked if they were aware of the court order when they prepared the survey. The surveyor stated that he went off the information provided to him by city employees. After further research, the city will need to officially recognize the court order. After further review of all the details, Alderman Stone moved it, seconded by Alderman Kull to officially recognize the court order from 1963 and agree that the City does not own the unopened portion of Baker St. Motion passed 3-0. The Clerk will reach out to the City attorney and see if we can request the survey company to issue a new survey given the findings surrounding the property that was in question.

Alderman Comments:

None

Adjourn:

As no other business was presented, Alderman Stone moved, second by Alderman Kull to adjourn the meeting at 6:47 P.M. Motion passed 4-0.

Carlena Bradford, Mayor

Respectfully Submitted,

Jody Barlow, City Clerk