

# **CITY OF OSBORN, MISSOURI**

## **BOARD MEETING**

### **Wednesday, May 13, 2025**

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

#### **Roll call of council persons:**

Present –Mayor Carlena Bradford

Alderman Norman Baumgarden

Alderman Dale Stinson

Alderman Brian Stone

Alderman Koley McClintick arrived at 6:28 P.M.

Also present:

City Clerk Jody Barlow

Doug Moeller

Jason Graeff – Osborn Fire Department Chief

Nick Bestgen- Osborn Fire Department Fire Captain

Jim Perry – Osborn Fire Department Board Member

#### **Agenda:**

#### **Authorization of Bills**

#### **Consent Agenda:**

- A. April 16, 2025, Board Meeting Minutes
- B. April 2025 Financial Report

#### **Reports:**

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

#### **New Business**

- A. Osborn Fire Department
- B. Alderman Comments

#### **Old Business**

- A. Colfax Township Reports

Alderman Stone made a motion, seconded by Alderman Stinson, to accept and approve the agenda for tonight's meeting. The motion passed 3-0.

**Bills:** A list of May 2025 bills was presented for approval and payment. Alderman Stone moved, seconded by Alderman Baumgarden, to approve the presented bill list. The motion passed 3-0.

**Consent Agenda:**

Alderman Baumgarden moved, and Alderman Stone seconded the motion to approve the consent agenda. The motion passed 3 - 0.

**Public Comment:**

None

**Mayor Report:**

None

**Clerk Report:**

The Clerk reported that resident Jason Majors inquired about the regulations for applying dust control on the street in front of his house. He is considering starting a business to provide dust control services for City streets. Currently, the city does not have any regulations regarding the application of dust control.

The Clerk also consulted with the City's liability insurance carrier, who indicated that allowing individuals to self-apply dust control could create liability issues for the City. After some discussion, it was decided to conduct further research and to contact the City attorney before developing any policies.

The Clerk will inform Mr. Majors of the Council's decision.

**Water Report:**

Water Loss .5%. Doug reported that the tower repainting was successful, and they plan to refill the water tower next week. He has been attending a water class on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, which will conclude at the end of the month.

**Street Report:**

Doug informed the board that the tires on the backhoe need to be replaced. A motion was made by Alderman Stone, seconded by Alderman Baumgarden, to replace the backhoe tires if they are under \$5,000.00. Motion passed 4-0.

**New Business****Osborn Fire Department:**

Members of the Osborn Fire Department were present to discuss an incident involving city employee Jeff McCartney that occurred on May 4th at the City Park.

Jason Graeff, Chief of the Osborn Fire Department, explained that the fire department was conducting training at the city park on that date. During this time, Jeff McCartney approached the firefighters and informed them that they could not touch the fire hydrants. The conversation escalated, and Jason felt that the firefighters did not deserve to be treated in that manner. He wanted to bring this incident to the attention of the City Board to prevent similar occurrences in the future. Jason presented written statements from the firefighters involved.

Nick Bestgen, Fire Captain of the Osborn Fire Department, noted that practices have changed over the years; they no longer use dump tanks and instead connect directly to hydrants. He added that they also take measures to protect the water system.

Doug mentioned that Jeff went to the park because he received a low-pressure warning alert. Unaware of the ongoing training, Jeff approached the firefighters to assess the situation.

The Board and the Fire Department agreed that improved communication is essential moving forward, so both the water department and fire department are kept informed.

Mayor Bradford extended an apology to the Osborn Fire Department on behalf of the City for how the situation was handled.

### **Old Business**

None

### **Alderman Comments:**

Alderman Stinson stated that the incident involving the fire department and Jeff McCartney was unacceptable. Mayor Bradford and Alderman Baumgarden will meet with Jeff in accordance with the personnel policy.

### **Adjourn:**

As no other business was presented, Alderman Stone moved, second by Alderman Baumgarden to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 P.M. Motion passed 3-0.

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Carlena Bradford, Mayor

Respectfully Submitted,

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Jody Barlow, City Clerk