

MINUTES  
GOODMAN BOARD OF ALDERMAN  
February 18, 2020 – 7:00 p.m.  
City Hall – Council Chambers  
203 W. Barlow St., Goodman, MO

A quorum being present Mayor Fisher called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

COUNCIL PRESENT:

J.R. Fisher, Calvin Wilson, Ed Tuomala, Ron Johnson

COUNCIL ABSENT:

Beth Hallmark

CITY OF GOODMAN STAFF PRESENT:

Georgia Holtz, City Clerk, Minutes taken by Clerk. Ben Shoemaker, David Brodie, Shirley Igisomar, Meghan Sexson, Denis Kolb

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Fisher led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Fisher introduced Samantha Hamilton, principal of Goodman Elementary. She discussed the HGTV Hometown Makeover. Some teachers at Goodman Elementary applied for this as Goodman fulfilled all the qualifications, i.e., town less than 20,000 people, had a Main Street, etc. The deadline for the application was February 7. Some teachers, none of which live here in Goodman, took photographs and sent in with the application. If Goodman is chosen, the show will do a makeover of Main Street. Ms. Hamilton also discussed the bond issue coming up for Neosho R-5 school district. She stated information about the bond issue can be found on [neoshofuture.org](http://neoshofuture.org) and distributed copies to the council. The district is needing FEMA shelters for every school. The district has spent a lot of money out of pocket for Goodman Elementary; Goodman can reciprocate with a Yes vote on the bond issue/Proposition C levy. It will include FEMA shelters for all the schools, a Performing Arts Center and updated locker rooms. The website also allows citizens to register to vote. She invited anyone to visit the Goodman facility any time they want. She stated its state of the art and was featured in Ed Tech magazine. Mayor Fisher thanked her for everything she does here.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion was made to approve the February 4, 2020 minutes by Alderman Tuomala; and seconded by Alderman Wilson. Ald. Wilson, Johnson and Tuomala voted aye. Motion carried.

Motion was made to approve the February 10, 2020 minutes by Alderman Tuomala; and seconded by Alderman Johnson. Ald. Tuomala and Johnson voted aye, Ald. Wilson abstained. Motion carried.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Mayor Fisher stated additional timeclock research was done and is provided. The original one we discussed during a prior meeting is \$214.49. Alderman Johnson noted the original timeclock discussed also comes with 25 timecards. Alderman Wilson made a motion to purchase the Pyramid Time Systems time clock in the amount of \$214.49; Alderman Tuomala seconded the motion. Ald. Wilson, Tuomala and Johnson voted aye, 0 nays. Motion carried.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Mayor Fisher introduced Katharine Grieser of Salvation Army. She stated the Salvation Army has board members for the newly established for McDonald County. Their initial fundraising efforts started with bell ringing at the end of the year and they raised \$5,000. Citizen Rose Dow lost her home in a fire and they were able to raise a few hundred dollars for her. They are trying to let everyone know they are here and want to help. They are currently housed in the Economic Security building in Anderson. The people who are working with us are really dedicated and want to get involved. They are having a dinner fundraiser on March 7 at the First Baptist Church in Anderson. Mayor Fisher told her what you did with Rose Dow really helped her. Alderman Tuomala commented they raised \$300 for Rose Dow and threw it together really fast. He said it was important in every community.

Mayor Fisher indicated to move our municipal court to Pineville, they have requested we open a court account at Cornerstone Bank as that's the most convenient for them. If we kept our current First Community Bank, they would have to drive to Goodman for deposits. Alderman Johnson stated if this is what the court is asking us to do, we should do it. Alderman Johnson made the motion to open a court bank account at Cornerstone Bank; Alderman Wilson seconded the motion. Ald. Wilson, Tuomala and Johnson voted aye, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Mayor Fisher stated the next item on the agenda is opening the City of Goodman Facebook page to comments, to open it for the public to respond. We would have to have policies in place regarding no vulgarity, etc. Alderman Johnson mentioned how we could control someone posting a comment at midnight and then taking it down a few hours later. We will have no way to retrieve comments such as that. Alderman Johnson and Alderman Wilson stated they didn't think it was a good idea and that there were several people attending the meeting in the audience shaking their heads no. Mayor Fisher stated per a consensus from the Alderman, we will just leave the Facebook page as is for now.

A motion was made by Alderman Tuomala to approve bills in the amount of \$31,324.90 including transfers; Alderman Johnson seconded the motion. Ald. Wilson, Tuomala and Johnson voted aye, 0 nays. Motion carried.

## **REPORT OF DEPARTMENT HEADS**

Ben Shoemaker stated the police department is trying to get a couple more part time officers.

Denis Kolb had nothing to report.

David Brodie stated Kevin Carter will be taking his wastewater certification class beginning April 2. The classes will be twice a week for six weeks in Springfield. The cost is \$250 but we have vouchers to cover

the cost of the class. Kevin can drive the city truck and we will pay for the fuel. Mayor Fisher stated this is a good investment in our community to cover for vacation, etc. Alderman Johnson asked if there would be any motel. David Brodie responded he would be driving back and forth for his classes. Meals were also discussed but it was stated no meals have been provided in the past. Alderman Johnson made the motion to approve Kevin Carter attending the wastewater certification classes in Springfield on April 2; Alderman Wilson seconded the motion. Ald. Wilson, Tuomala and Johnson voted aye, 0 nays. Motion carried.

David Brodie also stated the installation of the valve that needs replaced will be done by himself and Kevin as the company who was going to install it was going to charge \$2,300.

Meghan Sexson had nothing to report.

Georgia Holtz stated we had a visit from the Department of Agriculture Animal Health Officer last week. She did an inspection of our document reporting to ensure we were in compliance for our dog pound. We were in compliance. Our license for the dog pound needs renewed and it will be submitted tomorrow.

Mayor Fisher opened the sealed bids for the community building. He stated we will not be deciding tonight which bid we will be going with. The bids were as follows: Superior Family Construction in the amount of \$95,392, L&M Construction in the amount of \$74,987.50 and Buffalo Creek Builders in the amount of \$74,850.00. A meeting was set to discuss the bids for Monday, February 24 at 6:00 p.m.

## **CITIZENS BUSINESS**

Chet Sexson stated he had two subjects he wanted to talk about. The first was the city had talked about a sidewalk system in the City and he felt the City was rushing on the grant. Mayor Fisher stated it was a done deal and it wasn't going to happen. The second item was he had talked with the city inspector regarding ordinances, etc. and most of his questions had been answered except for one. He stated that if an individual buys a property in the city to flip it, there is no ordinance in the City that it needs to be inspected; there are no pressure checks. He wants it safe for people to buy homes in this town.

Clay Sexson spoke regarding Facebook issues. He stated the Facebook page he felt the City of Goodman Facebook page was not created legally as it was created outside of a city council meeting. He stated on the Nov. 19 council meeting, it was tabled for further discussion; then it was created on Thanksgiving weekend. He also stated the office hours are posted incorrectly on the Facebook page. He felt all the council should have access to the page to address issues. Mayor Fisher indicated we cannot get on the page and give our opinions as per Sunshine Law, that would be considered a meeting. Mr. Sexson stated one elected person shouldn't be doing it. If they aren't re-elected, they cannot be connected to that page. Personnel who are not elected should post agendas, etc. Alderman Tuomala stated we can get that in compliance easy enough. Mayor Fisher indicated he had a Facebook page but was not Facebook savvy. We will follow up.

Clyde Davidson first wanted to thank Samantha from Goodman Elementary for coming stating they have meetings online about that bond issue also. Mr. Davidson addressed the council and stated they passed an ordinance to change from an elected judge to an appointed judge and that went into effect upon signature of the ordinance. Mayor Fisher stated he still has the same commitment as before, he is still under contract. Mr. Davidson stated he needs a definitive answer as he has travel plans in March and

needs to know if he's needed for a March 2 court date. Mayor Fisher informed Mr. Davidson he would have an answer for him on Wednesday.

Bill Hackworth addressed the council regarding a zoning issue for his Wall Street property. The property was originally zone R-2 and needed it approved for R-3. There was discussion regarding the road, whether it had to be a cul de sac, a T or a dead end road. He needed acceptance of a variance exception. Alderman Wilson and Alderman Tuomala stated that Planning and Zoning Commission was in complete agreement but he needed council approval. There was additional discussion regarding the easement for utilities and the hard surface construction of the road and guttering. Alderman Wilson made a motion to change the zoning for 120 Wall St from R-2 to R-3; Alderman Tuomala seconded the motion. Ald. Wilson, Tuomala and Johnson voted aye, 0 nays. Motion carried. Alderman Tuomala made the motion to allow the road with a dead end T with curbing at 120 Wall St; Alderman Johnson seconded the motion. Ald. Wilson, Tuomala and Johnson voted aye, 0 nays. Motion carried.

Cecelia Corsbie addressed council with concern about the lot next to her on Whitmore Street. She stated the lot needed to be cleaned up. Alderman Tuomala stated we will send him a citation and we will address the issue.

**MOVE TO ADJOURN**

Motion was made to adjourn by Alderman Wilson, seconded by Alderman Tuomala. Ald. Wilson.

Meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.



Attest:

*Georgia Holtz*  
Georgia Holtz, City Clerk

*J.R.F. Fisher*  
J.R. Fisher, Mayor

Date: 2/24/20

Approved: gh