

MINUTES
GOODMAN BOARD OF ALDERMAN
March 3, 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, Beth Hallmark

CITY OF GOODMAN STAFF PRESENT:

Georgia Holtz, City Clerk, Minutes taken by Clerk. Ben Shoemaker, David Brodie, Kevin Carter, Denis Kolb

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Fisher led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made to approve the February 24, 2020 special session minutes by Alderman Wilson; and seconded by Alderman Hallmark. Ald. Wilson, Hallmark and Tuomala voted aye; Ald. Johnson abstained. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Railroad crossings safety arms and signals were discussed for the crossing at Whitmore Street. Alderman Hallmark stated the railroad safety specialist will be in our area on Wednesday, March 4 to look at the Whitmore Street crossing.

Mayor Fisher stated the Recreational Trails Program grant project was canned, the City didn't have the time needed to complete the process. The Thursday before the grant proposal was due, concerns were raised about liability on certain properties. This is just postponed, we will start up next year. Alderman Hallmark read some comments from Ryan Cooper of HSTCC, they will help us navigate through the process. Mr. Cooper was very supportive and discussed a possible public meeting in the future. Mayor Fisher mentioned Pineville had applied for the same grant program this year and had some difficulties.

Police department personnel was discussed. Mayor Fisher indicated we have posted the position openings and no one has responded. The interim police chief and interim assistant police chief have met their probationary period and it was suggested that we drop the interim status and give them a raise. Alderman Tuomala made the motion to promote Ben Shoemaker to Goodman Police Chief to include a \$1 per hour raise, Alderman Hallmark seconded the motion. Ald. Wilson, Hallmark, Johnson and Tuomala voted aye; 0 nays. Motion carried. Alderman Tuomala made the motion to promote Kyle Hackworth to Goodman Assistant Police Chief to include a \$1 per hour raise, Alderman Wilson seconded the motion. Ald. Wilson, Hallmark, Johnson and Tuomala voted aye; 0 nays. Motion carried. Alderman Johnson asked how many current police officers we have. The Mayor responded five total and named each of them.

The training conference for the City Clerk in Columbia on March 9 was discussed. It's a new city clerk conference put on by the Missouri City Clerk and Finance Officers Association. The city clerk stated the conference will cover Sunshine Law, public administration, ordinances and resolutions, parliamentary procedures, etc. The cost of the conference is \$125 and will require one night's stay at a hotel. Alderman Tuomala made the motion to cover the cost of the city clerk's conference to include the seminar, hotel, mileage and meals, Alderman Hallmark seconded the motion. Ald. Wilson, Hallmark, Johnson and Tuomala voted aye; 0 nays. Motion carried.

A block grant was described by Alderman Johnson. The grant is federal, not state or MoDOT, and is for streets only. The grant is to upgrade infrastructure across America. Various criteria for the grant was discussed. It is designed to help towns like us but does help larger towns also. The deadline for the application is May 18. Alderman Hallmark is also working on it. Mayor Fisher stated Gerritt of HSTCC is willing to help; they will meet on Wednesday, March 4. There doesn't appear to be a split for the grant, we simply apply but there are stipulations. It is very competitive. There is a total of \$25 billion set aside for the award with a maximum per state limited to \$100 million.

The City's health insurance quotes were discussed. City Clerk explained that Beimdiek had offered three quotes and our renewal date is April 1. Our current health insurance plan annual amount is \$37,582.20 which includes the \$25,000 life insurance for our four full time employees. The renewal quote on the current plan is \$47,779.80 annually which is an increase of \$11,496.60 over what we paid last year. The next quote is an Anthem MEWA plan which is through the Missouri Chamber of Commerce. It requires us to join the McDonald County Chamber of Commerce and the quote includes a \$25,000 life insurance policy for each of our four full time employees. The annual quote for this plan is \$31,155.00 which is a decrease of \$16,624.80 from the renewal quote on our current plan. There was also an additional quote from United HealthCare of \$42,385.56. This is a decrease of \$5,394.24 but does not include a quoted amount for life insurance. The Anthem MEWA plan has a \$500 per year higher deductible but does have lower office visit copays and lower prescription costs. Alderman Hallmark made the motion to approve the Anthem MEWA quote for \$31,155, Alderman Wilson seconded the motion. Ald. Wilson, Hallmark, Johnson and Tuomala voted aye; 0 nays. Motion carried.

Municipal court moving to Pineville is in the last stage of completion. The next court date in Pineville will be March 19. Alderman Johnson asked Officer Shoemaker if we had the new tickets yet. Shoemaker stated we didn't have the new ones yet but are currently using stickers/labels until the new ones arrive.

Our Sensus water meter equipment software will be getting an upgrade this week at no cost to the City.

There will be a Rabies Clinic held at City Hall by Anderson Animal Hospital on April 18th from noon until 1:00 p.m. David Brodie mentioned in the past the City would sell City pet tags at the same time the clinic is being held.

Alderman Tuomala made the motion to approve bills in the amount of \$35,549.36 including transfers, Alderman Hallmark seconded the motion. Ald. Wilson, Hallmark, Johnson and Tuomala voted aye; 0 nays. Motion carried.

Mayor Fisher discussed the LED lights for the small field at the ballpark, they will install. Cost of the new lights are \$6,000. We have budgeted \$4,000 for capital improvements at the ballpark, there is no need to postpone as ball season is coming soon. Alderman Wilson made a motion to approve purchasing the

new LED lights for the ballpark in the amount of \$6,000, Alderman Hallmark seconded the motion. Ald. Wilson, Hallmark, Johnson and Tuomala voted aye; 0 nays. Motion carried.

MOVE TO ADJOURN

Motion was made to adjourn by Alderman Hallmark, Alderman Tuomala seconded the motion. Ald. Wilson, Hallmark, Johnson and Tuomala voted aye; 0 nays. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

J.R. Fisher
J.R. Fisher, Mayor

Attest: Georgia Holtz
Georgia Holtz, City Clerk

Date: 3/17/20

Approved: gh

