

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
OF THE CITY OF OSAGE BEACH, MISSOURI

November 10, 2014

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Osage Beach, Missouri, met to conduct a special meeting on Monday, November 10, 2014, at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall. The following were present: Mayor Penny Lyons, Alderman Steve Kahrs, Alderman Phyllis Marose, Alderman John Olivarri, Alderman Kevin Rucker, Alderman Ron Schmitt, Alderman Tom Walker. Others present were City Administrator Jeana Woods, Public Works Director Nick Edelman, Park Manager Brian Willey and City Clerk Diann Warner.

2015 Budget.

City Administrator Jeana Woods explained the process for preparing the budget, for determining the year-end projections and the projected expenses for next year.

Water. Revenues

City Administrator Woods said projected revenues are forecasted except for amounts that are known such as revenues received from grants. Rates were increased at the beginning of 2014 and a study will be conducted to determine whether or not an increase is needed in 2015. Penalties are based on late fees, and the Capital Improvements Sales Tax subsidizes the water and sewer rates. Revenue is based on water consumption. When it is dry, more water is used because customers irrigate. More revenues are collected in the last half of the year than the first half of the year.

Expenses.

Public Works Director Nick Edelman said the budget includes funds to lease a mini excavator to do smaller construction contracts in house. Also included are funds to paint the Swiss Village Water Tower and a vehicle to replace a large locator truck. Mr. Edelman said he is trying to purchase smaller vehicles for a locator truck to save money on fuel.

Administrative reimbursement was explained.

Alderman Rucker inquired about line items being over budget. City Administrator Woods explained that unless a fund is over budget, state statute does not require a budget amendment. She added that she keeps a close watch on each fund and she is working on a purchasing ordinance that she hoped to complete in 2015.

Discussion followed on cell phones and the line item for GPS equipment. Mr. Edelman said with GPS capabilities, vehicles will be able to be located at all times for safety reasons. Mrs. Woods said the GPS installations began in 2014 and the plan is to install GPS in remaining City vehicles in 2015.

Improvements to the public works facility are split among sewer, water and transportation. Mr. Edelman explained that an architect has been selected and he is working on negotiating a contract price and construction estimates.

New water connections are projected to be \$158,000 due to Grandview and Fountain View Condominiums hooking onto the water system.

City Administrator Woods explained that funds are placed in the depreciation and replacement account each year to complete projects such as the Swiss Village water tower. Mr. Edelman plans

to replace some water meters along Osage Beach Parkway in 2015 because they are old and water loss occurs with old meters.

Sewer. Revenues

Mr. Edelman explained that revenue will be up in 2015 due to the extension of sewers to the State Park. He said there will be fifteen miles of pipe to connect the state park facility plus there are 300 condominium units that may connect if they want. Mr. Edelman said that most of the capacity on Highway 42 will be used up if the condo development connects. He said that the state is paying about \$50,000 for inspections on the sewer installation.

Expenses.

Mr. Edelman said included in the budget are funds to replace some of the lift stations that are nearly 30 years old and some of them will be done in house. He also plans to flush the entire sewer system to prevent future problems. Also included is a sewer line to Spring Valley which he said could be done in house. When the engineering is complete, a permit application will be submitted to DNR for approval.

There was a sewer project on Mace Road in 2013 however, the contractor damaged Aver Road and failed to repair it. The bonding company denied responsibility, but there are funds in the line item to make the repairs. There are pending legal issues with this project.

Transportation. Revenues

City Administrator Woods explained that \$2.3 million is expected from the one-half cent sales tax. She explained other revenues anticipated in 2015.

Expenses.

Director of Public Works Edelman explained that the pilot program for crack seal last summer was successful and \$35,000 is budgeted for a crack sealing machine. Funds were also budgeted for a striping machine. Pavement markings will no longer be done by an outside contractor however the cost of paint will increase to \$30,000. The striping machine will also be used at the park and at both airports. Mr. Edelman said he has budgeted \$4,000 for traffic counters to be used on various City streets.

Mr. Edelman said that the transportation, sewer and water departments are considering renting a chipper in 2015. He added that the sewer department needs mulch to use in the bio filter for odor control and mulch can be used in other departments as well.

Capital expansion projects include repairs at Osage Beach Parkway and Barry Prewitt. Mr. Edelman said there is a problem with the asphalt in that area and he is thinking of replacing the asphalt with concrete; however he needs to know what the problem is before he can estimate the cost of the repair.

Funding for four tablets have been budgeted so that on call employees would not have to come in to make utility locates. They could access the GPS system from the tablet and they would not have to drive in. Tablets are being requested for the water and sewer foremen as well as the public works supervisor and the utility locator.

The lighted sign at the west end of the City limits is not included in the budget due to the cost of approximately \$400,000. It was noted that the water tower could be used to do some type of advertising for the west end. The possibility of doing something at each exit off the expressway was discussed.

Repairing the shoulders on Nichols Road that were damaged by contractors working on the school was discussed. Mr. Edelman included \$80,000 for repairs in the budget for installing guard rails at some locations on Nichols Road and for overlaying Robins Circle.

Salt Hollow was identified as a location for a road to be constructed between Three Seasons and Nichols Road to provide another access to the new elementary school. Public Works Director Nick Edelman said the budget includes funds to install a water line from Nichols to Three Seasons to provide the needed loop in the water system. He added that the owners of the golf course have offered land at no cost to construct the road on the golf course to reduce construction costs. Mr. Edelman said a commitment from the owners would be necessary before any engineering is done.

The portion of sidewalk on Dude Ranch is deteriorating. Mr. Edelman said there are many requests for sidewalks however the priority is to finish the sidewalk on Osage Beach Parkway since ADA regulations require sidewalks to be up to standards before any improvements can be made, including overlay. He explained that the Transportation Advisory Committee of LOCLG has nine applications for sidewalks that are due to MoDOT Friday. He said the likelihood of Osage Beach getting one of those grants is low because other municipalities have applied that have never received a grant.

Mayor Lyons asked the Director of Public Works to prepare an estimate of the cost to repair the sidewalk on Dude Ranch Road. Director of Public Works Edelman said he would like to continue the sidewalk to the new school.

#### Parks.

Public Works Director Nick Edelman said there are grants to dredge the pond at the Osage Beach City Park. Mayor Lyons mentioned there is a section at the park that the City cannot maintain because the City gave the Corps of Engineers a deed restriction in order to move the creek to construct the park. Mr. Edelman said he recently was notified the City may buy back the rights for \$125,000. He added that this is the way the Corps did things in 2005, but now they want to follow the current practice to buy stream credits. Mr. Edelman said the Corps has approved the application to buy back the rights. City Administrator Woods said these funds are just to mitigate the issue; however Transportation Department staff could install the culverts from the playground to the road.

Funds are budgeted to relocate the basketball court at Peanick Park to provide more parking. The project includes fill, compaction and a twelve foot fence.

Park Manager Brian Willey presented his idea to convert one of the soccer fields by the creek to a dog park. Improvements would include fencing, gates and covered picnic tables. The area would be sprayed and it would be cleaned out regularly.

Discussion followed on the concessions and it was noted that Peanick Park has no concession stand since the electric and water are inadequate. It was noted that the concessions at the Osage Beach

City Park does not make money. City Administrator Woods said concessions are a necessary part of operating the park and when labor is considered, the concession stand is not profitable.

Discussion followed on the training and conference line item. Alderman Olivarri said it has been determined that sporting events are major attractions that bring many visitors to Osage Beach to shop, eat and stay. He added that he did not see funding for someone to attend the Tri-County Lodging conference to attempt to sell Osage Beach and he wanted funds to be included either in the Parks or Economic Development budget.

Park Manager Willey said many municipalities attend the national conference however he cut the line item for this conference due to funding. City Administrator Woods said she asked each manager to cut 8% from their budgets and they determined what their priorities are. She added that with the economy, whether it is marketing the park or something else, the City needs to decide what to do. City Administrator Woods said she would like to build on the Little League because the park is also for locals. Alderman Olivarri commented that the park was not built for locals but for bringing in visitors by scheduling tournaments. He added that Tri-County has identified sporting events to be a real economic generator and an area that is lucrative.

City Administrator Woods said there some revenues and expenses that will carry over into 2015 due to the park repairs. She said when all the purchases have been made to replace destroyed equipment, the insurance company will pay, and after the contractor completes the repairs, FEMA funds will be released.

City Administrator Woods explained that the sign rental business was suspended after the flood occurred however, when the park repairs are complete, renewals will be sent to those who have advertised before.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

I, Diann Warner, City Clerk of the City of Osage Beach, Missouri, do hereby certify that the above foregoing is a true and complete journal of proceedings of the special meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Osage Beach, Missouri, held on November 10, 2014.

  
Diann Warner, City Clerk

  
Penny Lyons, Mayor

**APPROVED**  
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