

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

November 15, 2010

The Board of Aldermen of the City of Osage Beach, Missouri, met for a special meeting on Monday, November 15, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall. The following were present: Mayor Penny Lyons, Alderman Lois Farmer, Alderman David Gasper, Alderman Steve Kahrs, Alderman John Olivarri, and Alderman Kevin Rucker. Alderman Ron Schmitt was absent. Others present were City Administrator Nancy Viselli, City Attorney Ed Rucker, City Engineer Nick Edelman, Assistant City Administrator Jeana Albertson, Police Chief Dave Severson, City Treasurer Karri Bell, Building Official Ron White, Airport Manager Budd Hyde, IT Manager Jim Davis, and City Clerk Diann Warner.

2011 Budget Discussion.

Lee C. Fine Airport.

City Treasurer Karri Bell suggested that the interest earned be zeroed out to be consistent since there has been no balance since Tri-County and the City were partners. Budd Hyde, Airport Manager, projected that fuel sales in 2010 will surpass budgeted projections.

Grand Glaize Airport.

City Engineer Nick Edelman said that all property in the Airport Layout Plan may be purchased with grant funds, however prior to acquisition, an environmental impact study must be done which would be good for all property. The study takes about eighteen months to complete.

City Engineer Nick Edelman and Airport Manager Budd Hyde left the meeting at 6:37 p.m.

Law Enforcement.

Alderman Kahrs asked Police Chief Dave Severson to come up with a ratio of police officers to population and to the influx of people on the weekend. Chief Severson will provide a report. Mayor Lyons stated that there are three or four officers for 10 miles on the weekends. It was noted that Traffic Control Assistants are paid \$10 per hour and they are used during special events, and perform services that do not require a police officer.

Discussion followed on vehicles. Some vehicles have 80,000 miles on them and next year they will have 100,000 to 120,000 miles. Police Chief Severson said when funds are available, he would like to rotate out 2 Crown Victoria's and 2 Explorers. When that occurs, one vehicle will be kept for use in house according to Assistant City Administrator Jeana Albertson.

911.

Alderman Rucker questioned whether maintenance is contracted out. Police Chief Severson said that it is broken out in the 2011 budget to better track the maintenance on the equipment.

Mayor Lyons stated that the City does not charge for 911 services like other cities do, but it may be required in the future however it would require a positive vote of the people.

Ambulance.

Alderman Gasper said that ambulance service was discussed at the last meeting and due to budgetary problems, he asked staff to try to find a solution.

Alderman Gasper moved to direct staff to study the ambulance service and report back to the Board by December 15, 2010. Alderman Farmer seconded the motion which was voted on and passed. Alderman Gasper said that 1/8 of 1% would generate over \$500,000. Alderman Rucker suggested that a property tax be considered as well as a sales tax. Alderman Kahrs commented that if property tax is a part of the motion, he would change his vote. Alderman Gasper said he would not favor a property tax.

Emergency Management.

Police Chief Severson explained that he is requesting funds for a secondary dispatch center in the lower level to be used during emergencies such as tornados.

Police Chief Severson left the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

IT.

IT Manager Jim Davis explained that conduit could be installed when Engineering is doing another project. This is needed because the wireless system currently in use does not support the data. He added that if the phone system is upgraded, the fiber optics would support the phones, computers and cameras for monitoring.

Building Inspection.

There were no comments regarding this budget.

Building Maintenance.

Upon a question from Alderman Rucker about the electric bills, City Administrator Nancy Viselli stated that an Ameren Missouri specialist is coming next week to evaluate the City Hall building to determine if there are cost savings the City could take advantage of.

Assistant City Administrator Albertson recommended that the Fall Festival be discontinued because the cost is approximately \$11,000 and it is hard to get volunteers. Mayor Lyons said she has reservations about discontinuing the Fall Festival but she would defer to the Board.

Alderman Olivarri said that he has volunteered the last couple of years and everyone has a good time. He added he would not like to take this away from the citizens. Ms. Albertson said there is no money for entertainment which is something that the public wants.

Alderman Rucker suggested that the City maintain control of the Fall Festival but ask other civic groups to buy into it. Alderman Olivarri believed it is important to continue the Fall Festival.

Alderman Gasper said a big band draws a crowd and possibly the City should ask the food vendors for a percentage of the food sales.

Mayor Lyons said other options will be explored and the Fall Festival gives the citizens a sense of

community. Ms. Albertson said the bigger the Fall Festival gets the more it costs. She asked the Board to consider a beer garden at the Fall Festival. The Board had no objections to having a beer garden however they asked that a proposal be brought to the Board for consideration.

Alderman Kahrs stated that if the revenues increase, he would like to include the employee appreciation dinner in the 2011 budget.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Aldermen, the meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.


Diann Warner, City Clerk


Penny Lyons, Mayor