**BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING MINUTES**

**CITY OF WOOD HEIGHTS –2098 EAST RIDGE DRIVE**

**WOOD HEIGHTS, MO 64024-2871**

**March 20th, 2023 6:00 PM**

Meeting was called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call – Mayor Frank Davitt – Aldermen Kathy Hart – Randy Jones – Bernard Allen – Ron Lambert and City Clerk Merry Marler, Police Chief Brandon Ehlen and Public Works John Ward.

Also present at meeting were: Ken Smith with United Fiber, Greg VanPatten with Lamp Rynearson, Max McLiney with McLiney and Company, Residents David Stephens, Denise Bedford, Trent Grimes, Jeff Philippeit, Ron Prewitt, Laverna Ruckman, Michelle Lambert, Michelle Bosley, Robert and Marilyn McCloud and several others that did not sign in.

Alderman Kathy Hart made a motion to approve the minutes from February 13th, 2023 and Alderman Ron Lambert seconded the motion. All in Favor.

Alderman Kathy Hart made a motion to approve the closed minutes for February 13th, 2023 and Alderman Randy Jones seconded the motion. All in Favor.

Alderman Bernard made a motion to approve minutes for March 13th, 2023 Special Meeting and Alderman Bernard Allen seconded the motion. All in Favor.

Alderman Kathy Hart made a motion to approve the financials for February14th thru March 17th, 2023 and Alderman Bernard Allen seconded the motion. All in Favor.

Kelly Leroy former resident at 111 Valley informed the board that she had given permission for the city to build walking trail on her property, but it was never recorded.

Ken Smith with United Fiber informed the board that they will start installing United Fiber Internet and offer to the residents within the next few months and they left pamphlets for packages to purchase.

Greg Van Patten with Lamp Rynearson presented to the board a breakdown on expenses to do the roads if the bond passes and also Max McLiney with McLiney & Company gave a breakdown of what the Bond would cost the residents.

City Clerk Merry Marler read **Bill # 324** first Reading.

**“AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A PURCHASE AGREEMENT AND CLOSING DOCUMENTS ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF WOOD HEIGHTS AND MISSOURI-AMERICAN WATER COMPANY TO EFFECTUATE THE SALE AND TRANSFER OF THE CITY’S WATER AND WASTEWATER UTILITY ASSETS”**

Alderman Kathy Hart made a motion to accept **Bill # 324** on its first reading and Alderman Randy Jones seconded the motion. All in Favor.

City Clerk Merry Marler read Bill # 324 second Reading.

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Alderman Randy Jones made a motion to accept **Bill # 324** on its second reading and Alderman Bernard Allen seconded the motion. All in Favor.

Alderman Ron Lambert made a motion to Adopt **Ordinance # 32023-2** and Alderman Bernard Allen seconded the motion. All in favor.

Eric Shook presented a drawing to add a Garage to his property at 204 Cedar; it follows all the setbacks and regulations. Alderman Ron Lambert made a motion to accept building permit and Randy Jones seconded the motion – All in favor.

John Ward with Public Works informed the board that he had saved the City $700.00 on the mower worked he performed. He has contacted 3 construction companies to replace culvert at lake and Willow Lane, he has only received 1 bid back from Decker Construction for $9,000. He needs to know if he should move forward.

Kelly Leroy that had owned property at 111 Valley had given permission to City to add walking trail to her property several years ago. The property is being surveyed.

Communication from the Audience:

We had several questions and concerns from the audience about the GO Bond that is on the Ballot April 4th. What if there is overage how will the city pay for it, how much will it be yearly for 15 years?

Michelle Bosley thanked the administration for all they have done to better the city.

Police Chief Brandon Ehlen told the board he had 10 calls in March and that he has 24 hours of service he needs to complete.

Alderman Hart informed the Board and Audience about Easter Egg Hunt on April 8th at the Fire Station and asks if the city could help the Fire Department with $300.00 to buy supplies for the hunt.

Alderman Randy Jones made a motion to help with buying Candy, Hot Dogs, Buns Chips of $300.00 and Alderman Ron Lambert seconded the motion. All in favor

Mayor – No report

Alderman Kathy Hart made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Alderman Ron Lambert seconded the motion. All in Favor.

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Mayor Frank J Davitt

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City Clerk Merry Marler