

City of Merriam Woods

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An open meeting of the Board of Alderman was held on Tuesday, March 8, 2022, in the city of Merriam Woods Complex.

Mayor Rusty Ault called the meeting to order at 5:57 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Mayor Rusty Ault, Alderman Ward 1: Sheila Karges, Vacancy, Alderman Ward 2: Rhonda Merriman, Terri Conner, Alderman Ward 3: Nikki Hendrick, Louella Kamkar was absent.

A Quorum was established for the meeting.

City Attorney, Joe Allen, present.

City Clerk, Nicole Rodman, present.

MINUTES:

Rhonda Merriman made a motion to approve minutes from February 8, 2022, meeting. Nikki Hendrick seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion approved.

MONTHLY REPORTS:

Fuel Usage Report: Chief Atchison reported total fuel used in February was 242.8 gal. 181.9 used by P.D and 60.9 by P.W.

Treasury Report: Chief Atchison reported total income for February was \$55,336.81. Total expenses: \$59,157.03. Net income was \$-3,672.47.

Road Fund -\$170,983.81 Road related Supplies- \$1,6377.51

Administration Report: Chief Atchison reported City Hall answered 842 calls. 85 were P.D related. Terri Conner reported almost \$5000 was paid in past due water accounts, due to shut offs this week.

Public Works: Danny reported they worked on and repaired 4 water-main breaks in February. Four roads were worked on.

Sheila Karges reported the Merriam Woods Dog Pound is almost finished. All the labor was free.

Law Enforcement Report: Chief Atchison reported 114 calls for service. 84 were handled by MWPD and 30 by TCSO.

Chief Atchison reported he applied for 2 more local grants. MWPD was awarded a \$360 EVOC Driving grant with classes to be set up online.

Chief Atchison introduced the new Merriam Woods Police Department Safe Residence Program for Landlords. This program is free and helps landlords keep properties safe.

A special thanks was given to Merriam Woods Public Works for cleaning out the dog kennel so work could begin, There was a large rodent infestation.

Chief Atchison is now a certified Notary Public, at his own expense.

Nikki Hendrick made a motion to approve. Terri Conner seconded it. All in favor. Motion carried.

New Business:

Nicole Rodman reported on delinquent account from 1025 Old Farm Rd. This is a sewer only account. The past due amount is \$1,306.36. Warning letters have been sent in the past and still no payment has been made. Attorney Joe Allen said our legal recourse is, send a certified letter to 1025 Old Farm RD declaring resident must pay bill in full, switch to city water, citing the corresponding ordinance, and pay \$40 utility inspection fee, with in 5 days of receipt of letter. If not done, the city will hire a plumber to find and cap off the sewer. This cost of this will be added to the customers total amount due. The city will place a lien on the property if all requirements are not met and payment is not made in full.

Terri Conner made a motion to send certified letter and hire a plumber to locate and cap off sewer.

Sheila Karges seconded it. All in favor. Motion carried.

Sheila Karges stepped out of the meeting.

Mike Karges bid on 6 lots owned by Merriam Woods. He bid \$300/ea. Rhonda Merriman motioned to table this until more research had been done to location and value of each lot. Terri Conner seconded it. All in favor. Motion carried.

Sheila Karges re-joined the meeting.

Mike Karges reported tires all over Merriam Woods and the cost to remove them. He offered to pay the cost of removal of the first 100 tires if Taney County would do the rest. Rhonda Merriman volunteered to call Commissioner Sheila Wyatt, to see if we can bring them the tires.

Rhonda Merriman made a motion to spend up to \$250 for City Clerk, Nicole Rodman to become a Notary Public. This would include the \$25 exam and application fee and cover any cost of supplies and a \$10,000 bond. Nikki Hendrick seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion Granted.

Marking snow routes was discussed but Nikki Hendrick made a motion to table until Public Works Supervisor Gary Linegar is present. Rhonda Merriman seconded. All in favor. Motion granted.

Mayor Rusty Ault asked the board to consider changing the start of the fiscal year from December to July to better factor in inflation. The board discussed some, but nothing decided.

****Mike Karges was awarded a special plaque by The Merriam Woods Police Department, thanking him for his outstanding service in rescuing a puppy last month.***

Terri Conner moved to close open meeting. Rhonda Merriman seconded. Meeting closed at 7:00pm.

Closed Session: Rhonda Merriman made a motion to start closed meeting. Nikki Hendrick seconded. Closed meeting started at 7:07pm. One legal matter was discussed. One personnel concern was discussed.

Meeting closed at 8:10pm

Rhonda Merriman motioned to re-open open meeting at 8:11p.m. Terri Conner seconded. Open meeting re-opened at 8:11p.m

Mayor Rusty Ault made board aware that he had received a message from Chris Robertson of Greenway Environmental, that booster pumps at the Ambulance well were not working correctly. The quote to replace booster pump was \$1,750.00. This had been replaced 4 months ago, and had been under warranty, but now the warranty had expired. Chris felt the replacement had just been another under quality booster pump and was going to ask them to honor the previous warranty and replace at no cost to us.

Rhonda Merriman made a motion to spend up to \$1750.00, if warranty is not honored, to replace booster pump. Terri Conner seconded. All in favor. Motion granted.

Meeting closed at 8:10p.m.