



Minutes of the City Board Meeting April 24, 2024

The Meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Cool Valley was held Wednesday, April 24th, 2024, at 6:09 p.m. at the City Hall, 100 Signal Hill Drive. The following members of the Board of Aldermen were present:

Mayor Jermaine Matthew- Present
Board President Alvin Robinson- Present
Don Johnson –Present
Floyd Blackwell - Present
Ms. Earline Jones Collins– Present
City Attorney – Mr. Craig Smith

Approval of the Agenda

The motion for approval of the agenda made by Alderman F. Blackwell was seconded by Alderman A. Robinson the board approved the agenda for the board meeting on April 24, 2024. The vote was polled as follows: A. Robinson -Yes, E. Jones Collins – Yes, F. Blackwell- Yes, D. Johnson- Yes, Motion Carried.

Approval of the minutes from the Regular Meeting

The motion for approval of the March 27, 2024, meeting minutes made by Alderman F. Blackwell was seconded by Alderwoman E. Jones Collins the board approved the regular meeting minutes of March 27, 2024. The vote was polled as follows: A. Robinson -Yes, E. Jones Collins – Yes, F. Blackwell-Yes, D. Johnson- Yes, Motion Carried.

RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENT

The motion for approval to pay receipts and disbursement made by Alderman F. Blackwell was seconded by Alderman A. Robinson. The vote was polled as follows: A. Robinson -Yes, E. Jones Collins – Yes, F. Blackwell- Yes, D. Johnson- Yes, Motion Carried.

Police Department Report

Detective Beekman reported 265 service calls, 41 summons and/or tickets, and 25 reports and 4 arrests. Officers made four traffic arrests to include one DWI for the month. There has been an increase in thefts of motor vehicles in the Metro area, especially during spring break. The department is encouraging citizens who own Kia's or Hyundai vehicles to utilize an anti-theft device. Officers have stepped up patrols in the area to help curb the issue.

Officers have addressed the parking violations in the City of Cool Valley. They have made contact with residents and addressed the issues through verbal warnings.

MAYOR REPORT



BOARD MEMBER REPORT

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Re-elected City Mayor swearing In.** C. Smith City Attorney administered the Oath of Office for Jermaine Matthew.
- 2. Presentation of American Water's Lead Service Line Replacement Program** came in front of the board to inform of upcoming work within Cool Valley. On December 22, 2020, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) finalized the first major update to the Lead and Copper Rule in nearly 30 years. The new rule strengthens every aspect of the Lead and Copper Rule to better protect children and communities from the risks of lead exposure. Under the new rule, water systems are required to identify and report, to EPA by October 16, 2024, the material for both the Company and Customer side of the service line, the pipe that provides drinking water to homes or business from the water main. Missouri American Water has maintained good records of the service line material on the Company side of the service but does not have records of the Customer owned portion of the service line. Lead service lines were typically constructed prior to 1930. Between 1930 and 1965, the plumbing industry transitioned from lead service lines to copper service lines. In order to ensure Missouri American Water Company meets the reporting requirements we will be conducting an inventory of the service lines in your community. Missouri American Water's contractor, Above & Below Contracting, LLC., will begin to canvass the city in August of 2024 to verify customer service line material coming through the home foundation. This will require access inside the home. Canvassers will have badges identifying them as contractors working on behalf of Missouri American Water and will target homes constructed prior to 1988. If your residence was built prior to 1988 you can schedule an appointment when you are contacted at your home by the canvasser, or you can contact the contractor directly at (314) 709-0487 or via their scheduling app <https://www.calendar.com/replacementsluth/in-house-inspections>. Once the service line inventory has been completed, Missouri American Water's contractor will begin scheduling customers for replacements of lead service lines at no direct cost to the customer. These replacements will begin in 2024. A customer's decision to replace an old lead service line is an important one. Missouri American Water cares about our customers and believes replacing a lead water service line is an important step in reducing lead exposure. Please note if a service line contains lead, it does not mean the service line cannot be used. Missouri American Water regularly tests for lead in drinking water and our water meets state and federal water quality regulations, including those services with lead.



3. Presentation of Grant Boutique, LLC

Motion to table the discussion for Grant Boutique, LLC providing grant writing services for the City was made by Alderman F. Blackwell and was seconded by Alderman D. Johnson. The vote was polled as follows: A. Robinson -Yes, E. Jones Collins – Yes, F. Blackwell- Yes, D. Johnson-Yes, Motion Carried.

4. An Ordinance of Authorizing Top Turf Property Services

On the motion for the first reading made by Aldermen A. Robinson was seconded by Alderwoman E. Jones Collins for Bill #24-05. Craig did the first reading of the ordinance.

On the motion made by Aldermen A. Robinson, seconded by Alderwoman Jones Collins for the second reading, Craig did the second reading of the ordinance.

Bill#24-05 became Ordinance#2-327-24 by the following roll call vote of the alderpersons. The vote was polled as follows: A. Robinson -Yes, E. Jones Collins – Yes, F. Blackwell- No, D. Johnson-Yes, Motion Carried.

5. Approval Code Enforcement with the City of Normandy

Motion to table the discussion for Code Enforcement with the City of Normandy providing enforcement of the city of Cool Valley codes for the City was made by Alderman F. Blackwell and was seconded by Alderman D. Johnson. The vote was polled as follows: A. Robinson -Yes, E. Jones Collins – Yes, F. Blackwell- Yes, D. Johnson-Yes, Motion Carried.

6. Approval of ordinance to Amend Section 400.200

Motion to table the discussion for amending section 400.200 for the City was made by Alderman D. Johnson and was seconded by Alderman A. Robinson. The vote was polled as follows: A. Robinson - Yes, E. Jones Collins – Yes, F. Blackwell- Yes, D. Johnson-Yes, Motion Carried.

7. Resolution of Disposing of City vehicles and outdated computers

On the motion for the first reading made by Aldermen F. Blackwell was seconded by Alderman A. Robinson for Res #24-05. Craig did the first reading of the ordinance.

On the motion made by Aldermen A. Robinson, seconded by Alderman F. Blackwell for the second reading, Craig did the second reading of the ordinance.

Resolution 2405 by the following roll call vote of the alderpersons. The vote was polled as follows: A. Robinson -Yes, E. Jones Collins – Yes, F. Blackwell- Yes, D. Johnson-Yes, Motion Carried.



Approval of Closed session pursuant RSMO 610.021 (1) legal.

The motion made by Alderman A. Robinson was seconded by Alderman F. Blackwell. The vote was polled as follows: A. Robinson- Yes, E. Jones Collins – Yes, F. Blackwell, D. Johnson-Yes, Motion Carried.

WARRANTS

1. Approval of monthly bills for payments

The motion for approval to pay monthly city bills made by Alderman F. Blackwell was seconded by Alderman A. Robinson. The vote was polled as follows: A. Robinson -Yes, E. Jones Collins – Yes, F. Blackwell- Yes, D. Johnson-Yes, Motion Carried.

Adjournment

Alderman F. Blackwell made a motion to adjourn the Board Meeting and Alderman A. Robinson seconded the motion. The motion was carried upon a unanimous voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Approved: _____

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jermaine Matthew", written over a horizontal line.

Jermaine Matthew, Mayor

Attest: _____

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Dianna Drake", written over a horizontal line.

Dianna Drake, City Clerk