MINUTES FOR THE MARCH 17, 2022, REGULAR SESSION OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING FOR THE CITY OF BILLINGS, MISSOURI

HELD IN PERSON / VIA ZOOM

AT

7:00 P.M.

Motion made by Alderman Gold, seconded by Alderman Huffman-Bailey to Amend the Agenda for Thursday, March 17, 2022, to include discussion and possible vote on emergency Gas Leak at City Hall. Voting “Aye” Cloud, Fender, Brown, Gold, Kucera and Huffman-Bailey. Voting “Nay” None. No Abstentions.

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **ROLL CALL VOTE.**

Cloud Present

Fender Present

Brown Present

Gold Present

Kucera Present

Huffman-Bailey Present

Present in City Hall were Chief of Police, Jody Hays, City Attorney, Darlene Parrigon, Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer, Terry Danley, Deputy city clerk/Water Clerk, Cindy L. Hogshooter, and City Clerk/City Treasurer, Chris M. Hopkins.

Presiding Christian County Commissioner, Ralph Phillips was in attendance.

1. Mayor Rauch asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Mayor Rauch said we had a challenging couple of weeks. The Loan/Grant to DNR was finalized as Deputy City Clerk, Cindy Hogshooter stepped up to complete the work that needed to be done due to the emergency absence of City Clerk, Chris Hopkins. Mayor Rauch also mentioned that new employee Ronnie Keithley has been in place for the last four weeks.

The DNR Application according to City Engineer Cameron Schweiss had called and said everything has been received by DNR. Some additional information is needed. DNR would like us to quantify the growth in Billings for the next 10 years. Additional meetings will be taking place. Mayor Rauch said we are looking into some Planning & Zoning changes. Costs have gone up for Phase 3 for the Bond projects and hopefully it will work out and we won’t have to raise rates.

1. **CITIZEN INPUT**

Presiding Commissioner of Christian County, Ralph Phillips Thanked for coming and addressed the board. He had a reference page of revisions made in Christian County since becoming a Class 1 County that was distributed to each alderman. He said he was looking forward to making great things happen in Christian County.

Alderman Huffman then spoke about indoor furniture being left outdoors and yards around town needing some attention. The Board would like to address Section 215.020 Code of Ordinances uses and description of “Debris on property.” Suggested putting a reminder in the next quarterly newsletter.

1. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
2. Building Inspector/Code Enforcement Officer, Terry Danley said building located at 706 NE US Hwy 60had been demolished and area is being cleaned up. Mobile Home Park on Hwy 14 cleaned up some of its area. The house on Pine and Purdy is a constant visual of lawn clutter that is being addressed. Letters have been sent advising concerns and the residents have 15 days to comply.

Mr. Danley will report back to the Board of Aldermen at the next meeting about the progress of the residents who have received said letters.

1. **NEW BUSINESS, MEMORIALS, PROCLAMATIONS AND ORDINANCES**

Alderman Kucera made a motion, seconded by Alderman Fender to accept the Consent Agenda. Alderman Fender discussed the Fair Board minutes provided in the packet were incorrect. Liaison appointments will be made after the April 5, 2022, Municipal Election. Mayor Rauch will contact the Fair Board about this correction to their minutes. Voting “Aye” Cloud, Fender, Brown, Gold, Kucera and Huffman-Bailey. Voting “Nay” None. No Abstentions.

1. Alderman Huffman-Bailey made a motion, seconded by Alderman Kucera to allow the Billings Merchant Association to close Commercial Street behind City Hall for the Merchant Fair to be held on Saturday, April 23rd from 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. if needed. Voting “Aye” Cloud, Fender, Brown, Gold, Kucera and Huffman-Bailey. Voting “Nay” None. No Abstentions.
2. Alderman Huffman-Bailey made a motion, seconded by Alderman Brown to decline the request for a donation to Least of These, Inc. for a donation from the cities ARPA Funds. Voting “Aye” Cloud, Fender, Gold, Kucera and Huffman-Bailey. Voting “Nay” None. No Abstentions.
3. Alderman Fender made a motion, seconded by Alderman Huffman-Bailey to hire Logan Cash as the interim SRO (School Resource Officer) for the Billings School to complete the school contract already in please at $ 17.50 per hour. Date of Hire will be March 21, 2022, which includes a Take Home Police Car (Impala). City benefits will be in place after 90 Day Probation is completed. Voting “Aye” Cloud, Fender, Brown, Gold, Kucera and Huffman-Bailey. Voting “Nay” None. No Abstentions.
4. Alderman Gold made a motion, seconded by Alderman Kucera to increase salary of Receptionist, Water Clerk and Deputy City Clerk, Cindy Hogshooter salary to $ 16.00 per hour effective March 01, 2022, plus be eligible for benefits since her 90 day probation is completed. Alderman Fender requested Job Descriptions and Evaluations be completed by the April 2022 meeting. Voting “Aye” Cloud, Fender, Brown, Gold, Kucera and Huffman-Bailey. Voting “Nay” None. No Abstentions.
5. Alderman Cloud made a motion, seconded by Alderman Brown to request Building Inspector Terry Danley to obtain two additional bids for the gas leak on the outside of City Hall. Bids to be obtained by Blakemore and Conley Plumbing and Danley is authorized to accept the lowest bid provided the repair work can be completed quickly. Voting “Aye” Cloud, Fender, Brown, Gold, Kucera and Huffman-Bailey. Voting “Nay” None. No Abstentions.
6. Alderman Brown made a motion, seconded by Alderman Cloud to approve the wages expenses, bills, statements, and other expenditures for the month of February 2022.

Voting “Aye” Cloud, Fender, Brown, Gold, Kucera and Huffman-Bailey. Voting “Nay” None. No Abstentions.

1. **CLOSED SESSION**

No Closed Session requested.

1. **ADJOURNMENT**

No further business.

Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:25 p.m. made by Alderman Cloud, seconded by Alderman Huffman-Bailey. Voting “Aye” Cloud, Fender, Brown, Gold, Kucera and Huffman-Bailey. Voting “Nay” None. No Abstentions.

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David L. Rauch, Mayor

**ATTEST**

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Chris M. Hopkins, City Clerk