

**SMITHVILLE BOARD OF ALDERMEN
REGULAR SESSION**

September 1, 2020 7:00 p.m.
City Hall Council Chambers

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic this meeting was held via teleconference.

The meeting was streamed live on the city's FaceBook page.

1. Call to Order

Mayor Boley, present, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. A quorum of the Board was present. Mayor Boley and Aldermen Bloemker were in attendance in the City Hall Council Chambers. Other Board members present via Zoom meeting: Alderman Sarver, Alderman Atkins, Alderman Ulledahl, Alderwoman Wilson and Alderman Chevalier.

Staff present via Zoom: Cynthia Wagner, Nickie Lee, Chuck Soules, Chief Jason Lockridge, Jack Hendrix, and Linda Drummond.

2. Pledge of Allegiance lead by Mayor Boley

3. Consent Agenda

- **Minutes**

- August 18, 2020 Board of Alderman Work Session Minutes
- August 18, 2020 Board of Alderman Regular Session Minutes

No discussion.

Alderman Bloemker moved to approve the consent agenda. Alderman Atkins seconded the motion.

Upon roll call vote via teleconference:

Alderwoman Wilson – Aye, Alderman Sarver – Aye, Alderman Atkins – Aye,
Alderman Bloemker – Aye, Alderman Chevalier – Aye, Alderman Ulledahl – Aye.

Ayes – 6, Noes – 0, motion carries. The Mayor declared the consent agenda approved.

REPORTS FROM OFFICERS AND STANDING COMMITTEES

4. Committee Reports

None

5. City Administrator's Report

As Cynthia had indicated in the information in the packet, work will be added to the Main Street water line basically making repairs to the water main break of a few weeks ago on Eagle Parkway. She stated that according to Chuck Soules, Public Works

Director, we should see completion of the Main Street water line project by the end of October. Work is almost complete on Main Street. The contractor has some work to finish on Liberty and some north of the river that might take some time to create the final tie-ins.

Staff is still awaiting authorization and notice to proceed from the Department of Parks and Recreation for the Main Street Trail. As soon as we have that notice to proceed, we will be able to move forward on that project.

Staff continues to work through easement acquisition for the East Streetscape project and we hope to be able to bid the project in October. The contractor selected for the project will then be able to order the lighting and other items that require lead time. Staff anticipates spring construction for this project.

Award of the bid for engineering for the Bridgeport Roundabout had been anticipated for this evening's agenda. A committee comprised of Mayor Boley, Alderwoman Wilson, Dan Toleikis, Chuck Soules, and Jack Hendrix reviewed the submissions for the project and selected a firm for negotiations. The options in initial discussions outlined in the contract was significantly higher than budgeted. Chuck has been negotiating with the firm and staff plans to bring a contract and budget amendment forward at the September 15 meeting. Staff anticipates approximately \$30,000 more than what was budgeted to be able to address changes to the project.

Cynthia indicated information is in the packet about the Clay County Portal for CARES Reporting. In the portal you can see what the City has submitted and what other entities in the county have funded with CARES.

Cynthia gave an update on a couple of the projects that the Board allocated CARES funds to complete:

- The Live Streaming at Heritage Park should be live within the next couple of weeks.
- The Northland Assistance Center has provided grants to three individuals / families in an assistance amount of \$3,400, this has funded two instances of providing rent assistance and one with regard to utilities.

We have continued Comprehensive Planning Task Force meetings throughout this week. The remaining meeting are:

Wednesday, September 2: Business and Economic Development Task Force
Thursday, September 3: Recreation and Connectivity Task Force

All the meetings will be via Zoom beginning at 4:00 p.m. and run to between 5:30 and 6:00 p.m. More than 70 invitations were sent out for each of the meetings based on people who participated in the past meetings as well as others who commented on Facebook, Nextdoor or the project portal page. We have not had the level of

involvement that we had hoped to see. There has been very good discussion and we will continue to promote participation for the next two meetings.

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS

6. Bill No. 2867-20, Repeal Section 385-030 Helmet Law

Alderman Bloemker moved to approve Bill No. 2867-20, to repeal Section 385.030 Operation Of Motor Vehicle Without Proper License Prohibited — Motorcycle – Special License and enacting in its place a new Section 385.030 Operation Of Motor Vehicle Without Proper License Prohibited — Motorcycle — Special License. 2nd reading by title only. Alderman Atkins seconded the motion.

No discussion.

Upon roll call vote via teleconference:

Alderman Ulledahl – Aye, Alderman Chevalier – No, Alderman Bloemker– Aye.
Alderman Sarver – Aye, Alderwoman Wilson – Aye, Alderman Atkins – Aye,

Ayes – 5, Noes – 1, motion carries. Mayor Boley declared Bill No. 2867-20 approved.

7. Bill No. 2868-20, Rezoning Harbor Lake Replat Lot 2

Alderman Bloemker moved to approve Bill No. 2868-20, for rezoning 24.5 acres of land identified as the Harbor Lakes Replat, Lot 2, which is the remaining undeveloped portion of the Harbor Lakes subdivision, to be rezoned from the R-1B single family district to A-1 in order to allow standard farming uses. 2nd reading by title only. Alderman Sarver seconded the motion.

No discussion.

Upon roll call vote via teleconference:

Alderman Bloemker – Aye, Alderman Ulledahl – Aye, Alderman Chevalier– Aye.
Alderwoman Wilson – Aye, Alderman Atkins – Aye, Alderman Sarver – Aye,

Ayes – 6, Noes – 0, motion carries. Mayor Boley declared Bill No. 2868-20 approved.

8. Bill No. 2869-20, Condemnation of Certain Lands

Alderman Bloemker moved to approve Bill No. 2869-20, authorizing condemnation of certain lands for the purpose of constructing and maintaining a sewer line. 2nd reading by title only. Alderwoman Wilson seconded the motion.

Upon roll call vote via teleconference:

Alderman Sarver – Aye, Alderwoman Wilson – Aye, Alderman Ulledahl– Aye.
Alderman Chevalier – Aye, Alderman Bloemker – Aye, Alderman Atkins – Aye.

Ayes – 6, Noes – 0, motion carries. Mayor Boley declared Bill No. 2869-20 approved.

9. Resolution 821, Enterprise Fleet Management Agreement

Alderman Bloemker moved to approve Resolution 821, authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Enterprise Fleet Management to manage a portion of the City's fleet. Alderman Chevalier seconded the motion.

No discussion.

Ayes –6, Noes – 0, motion carries. Mayor Boley declared Resolution 821 approved.

10. Resolution 822, Blueprint for Safer Roadways Grant

Alderman Bloemker moved to approve Resolution 822, authorizing the Mayor to sign an agreement with Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission authorizing funding to purchase speed data gathering equipment. Alderman Chevalier seconded the motion.

No discussion.

Ayes – 6, Noes – 0, motion carries. Mayor Boley declared Resolution 822 approved.

11. Resolution 823, CARES Act Funding

Alderman Bloemker moved to approve Resolution 823, approving eligible expenditures incurred between July 1, 2020 and July 31, 2020 totaling \$117,797.82 in the CARES Act Stimulus Fund. Alderman Sarver seconded the motion.

No discussion.

Ayes – 6, Noes – 0, motion carries. Mayor Boley declared Resolution 823 approved.

OTHER MATTERS BEFORE THE BOARD

12. Public Comment

None

13. Discussion of School District CARES Funding Request

Cynthia indicated that the staff report outlines that staff had received requests from the School District with regard to the City's CARES funds. Staff also provided information to the Board at the last meeting regarding the request for funding made by the school district with regard to our CARES funds totaling a little more than \$120,000. The direction given by the Board that evening was to focus on support for elementary age students and classroom supplies. The district has submitted a number of receipts for items including table guards, mobile barriers, isolation tents for the nurse's office and desk barriers and lap desks. Also included is the cost of bell covers for band instruments. The total amount is approximately \$60,000 and staff is looking for

direction from the Board. The School District has also indicated that they have some more expenses at the middle and high school level. Staff wishes to determine the Board's direction on similar type of requests. Cynthia noted that staff is in the process of providing reimbursement to NRAD and to the Fire Protection District for fogger for cleaning of their facilities and larger equipment. Staff looks for directions from the Board this evening with regard to the funding amount submitted by the School District.

Alderman Chevalier asked Dr. Michelle Kratofil, Assistant Superintendent for the School District, what the total of the similar expenses they have look like for the middle and high school?

Dr. Kratofil explained the amounts would be similar to the elementary school. They provided the same protective devices for the classrooms across the board K-12. Every classroom got a certain number of plexiglas dividers and portable screens for the teachers. She explained the only thing that would not have been included at the secondary level would be the portable desks because they do not use flexible seating at the middle and high school like at the elementary. The total amount probably would be between \$30,000 and \$40,000 for the equivalent items at the secondary level.

Alderman Chevalier said he thinks if we are going to support this for elementary schools we should probably also help out with the middle school and high school.

Alderwoman Wilson asked Dr. Kratofil if there were any expenses in the last budget year that were not as high as expected that could be used for some of this expense?

Dr. Kratofil said the expenses that they did not incur because of not being in session for the last quarter would be a reduced fuel expense for transportation, no spring activities, so they did not have to pay officials and gatekeepers and some utility savings because they were not using as much water. That total was probably around \$20,000 to \$25,000 in savings. She also explained that because of the revenue deficit at the state level they also had \$400,000 withheld for the year.

Alderman Bloemker stated that he remained concerned that as we see kids go back to school and as we see cold and flu season hit, we do not have a good grasp on what expenditures the City may have. He said that with the elementary school kids going every single day and therefore would not have the reduced classroom size is why he wanted to push to make sure that this level it was taken care of. He believes what we should do is monitor to see what things look like and possibly consider this something to reimburse down the line. His fear is that this is going to hit us this fall and we have clearly seen an uptick in the area. He is also fearful of what the overtime costs could be for officers and our own staff being away and knowing that the City may need those funds to take care of some internal expenditures as well. His recommendation is that we go ahead and send the School District's request as it was outlined tonight and take the future request as it comes when we have a better handle on what our expenses are going to be.

Alderman Sarver said that he would support funding the school's three requests.

Mayor Boley clarified that the request for the elementary schools total \$55,841.64.

Cynthia said that was correct and they also included in their request the cost of bell covers for band instruments \$2,288.35.

Mayor Boley asked what the CARES fund balance looked like?

Cynthia said she believed it was around \$300,000 or slightly over.

Nickie Lee, Assistant City Administrator, said what we have actually spent and what we have already committed brings the total to \$520,000, so \$444,000 remains.

Mayor Boley asked if the Board would entertain giving the School District a total of \$100,000 for this funding round and then hold back and see where we are in a month or two?

Alderman Chevalier said that he supported it.

Mayor Boley said that is \$40,000 more than the request for the elementary schools but not the full \$200,000 for their total request.

Alderwoman Wilson said that she would only support the funding for the elementary schools.

Alderman Bloemker said that would be his recommendation as well. He said that once we see what the fall entails the School District could bring forward another request with actual details the Board could review at that time.

Mayor Boley asked for clarification from the Board for staff to bring forward the School Board's request for the \$55,841.64 and \$2,288.35 forward for the next meeting and revisit their additional requests the first Board meeting in October?

Alderman Bloemker said that would give the City time to see what our expenditure are going to look like.

Cynthia said that staff will bring a Resolution forward on September 15 for Board approval. She also asked for clarification that the Board would want the School District to provide similar types of receipts for the middle and high school so staff can present them to the Board for review in October?

The Board all agreed.

14. Appointments – Board of Adjustment

Mayor Boley nominated **Dayton Bissett**.

By roll call vote.

Alderman Sarver - Aye
Alderwoman Wilson - Aye
Alderman Atkins – Aye
Alderman Ulledahl - Aye
Alderman Chevalier – Aye
Alderman Bloemker - Aye

Ayes – 6, Noes – 0, motion carries. The Mayor declared Dayton Bissett Board of Adjustment representative, term to expire October 2021.

Mayor Boley nominated **Leah Shipley**.

By roll call vote.

Alderman Atkins – Aye
Alderman Sarver - Aye
Alderwoman Wilson – Aye
Alderman Bloemker – Aye
Alderman Chevalier – Aye
Alderman Ulledahl - Aye

Ayes – 6, Noes – 0, motion carries. The Mayor declared Leah Shipley Board of Adjustment representative, term to expire October 2022.

Mayor Boley nominated **Dirk Talley**.

By roll call vote.

Alderman Chevalier - Aye
Alderman Ulledahl – Aye
Alderman Bloemker – Aye
Alderwoman Wilson – Aye
Alderman Atkins - Aye
Alderman Sarver - Aye

Ayes – 6, Noes – 0, motion carries. The Mayor declared Dirk Talley Board of Adjustment representative, term to expire October 2023.

Mayor Boley nominated **Eric Craig**.

By roll call vote.

Alderman Bloemker – Aye
Alderman Ulledahl - Aye
Alderman Chevalier – Aye
Alderwoman Wilson – Aye
Alderman Sarver - Aye
Alderman Atkins - Aye

Ayes – 6, Noes – 0, motion carries. The Mayor declared Eric Craig Board of Adjustment representative, term to expire October 2024.

Mayor Boley nominated **Josh Hurlbert**.

By roll call vote. Alderwoman Wilson - Aye
 Alderman Sarver – Aye
 Alderman Atkins – Aye
 Alderman Bloemker – Aye
 Alderman Ulledahl - Aye
 Alderman Chevalier - Aye

Ayes – 6, Noes – 0, motion carries. The Mayor declared Josh Hurlbert Board of Adjustment representative, term to expire October 2025.

15. New Business from the Floor

None

16. Adjourn

Alderman Bloemker moved to adjourn. Alderwoman Wilson seconded the motion.

Ayes – 6, Noes – 0, motion carries via teleconference. Mayor Boley declared the regular session adjourned at 7:32 p.m.



Linda Drummond, City Clerk



Damien Boley, Mayor