

## **Westphalia Board of Aldermen Meeting Minutes for December 19, 2023**

The Westphalia Board of Aldermen meeting was called to order by Mayor Tammy Massman. Roll call was taken. Aldermen present were Aldermen Delbert Wieberg, Stanley Heckman, Jake Plassmeyer and Lori Asel. Also present at the meeting were sewer operator-Aaron Lackowicz of Mid Mo Operations, and UD reporter-Theresa Brandt.

The meeting minutes from the November monthly meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Alderman Stanley Heckman and was seconded by Alderman Delbert Wieberg, to approve the November monthly meeting minutes. Aldermen votes: Delbert Wieberg-yes, Stanley Heckman-yes, Jake Plassmeyer-yes, and Lori Asel-yes.

The December monthly expense report was reviewed. The city expenses note the amount of \$3,100.66, sewer system expenses in the amount of \$6,219.91, ARPA expenses in the amount of \$0.00, special road district expenses in the amount of \$1,589.40. City receipts in the amount of \$7,163.03, sewer system receipts in the amount of \$8,277.97, and special road district receipts in the amount of \$0.58. Total city checking account balance of \$169,680.51, total sewer system checking account balance of \$67,793.19, total special road district checking account balance of \$69,127.70, ARPA checking account balance of \$60,530.57 and total special road district savings account balance of \$5,119.74. Total city CDs in the amount of \$445,633.43, total sewer system CDs in the amount of \$528,815.01, and total special road district CDs in the amount of \$532,055.27. A motion was made by Alderman Stanley Heckman, and was seconded by Alderman Jake Plassmeyer to approve the December monthly expense report. Aldermen votes: Delbert Wieberg-yes, Stanley Heckman-yes, Jake Plassmeyer-yes, and Lori Asel-yes.

The sewer system report was next on the agenda. Mayor Massman acknowledged that a report was submitted by Mid MO Operations. Sewer operator-Aaron Lachowicz reported to the council that the new blower motor is on site and will be installed by operators. The clarifier gear box replacement continues to be researched. The original gear box is no longer made. A quote for replacement on one similar was just over 10K. Other quotes are being collected. The current unit is still working. Manhole inspections are complete. The plant and lift stations are all running without issues. Alderman Wieberg noted he will continue to work on obtaining bids and develop a scope of work to replace the 4x4 air tubing on the air manifolds with sewer operators input, and present to council members.

In other business, housekeeping topics were addressed. Mayor Massman announced the winners of the Christmas Home Decorating Contest. 1<sup>st</sup> place Winner-Tyler and Brittney Plassmeyer, 2<sup>nd</sup> place- Brian and Ashley DuValeus, 3<sup>rd</sup> place- Dennis and Steve Holterman and 4<sup>th</sup> place- George and Joan Capler. The 4 additional honorable mentions went to Mike and Melissa Kliethermes, Mary Jane Schaefer, Stephen and Kathy Johannesmeyer, and Randy "Monk" Wieberg. All winners and honorable mentions were notified by mail with a certificate and monetary award as applicable. Mayor Massman noted that it appeared that not as many residents participated in home decorating this year. Board members may consider altering the parameters for the contest next year.

Mayor Massman noted that the survey of the Senior Citizen Complex was still pending with Central MO Professional Services.

Mayor Massman reported that no registrations/candidates had filed, as yet, for the upcoming 2024 election. The deadline for filing with the city clerk is December 26, 2023.

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Alderman Plassmeyer questioned who's responsible for road maintenance of the gravel section of roadway that leads to the sewer treatment plant area, where the recycle bin had been relocated to. It was acknowledged that the gravel portion is County Road 611 and maintenance is the responsibility of Osage County Road and Bridge.

The next city meeting date was set for Tuesday, January 30, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. at City Hall.

A motion to adjourn the regular meeting was made by Alderman Stanley Heckman and seconded by Alderman Jake Plassmeyer. Aldermen votes: Delbert Wieberg-yes, Stanley Heckman-yes, Jake Plassmeyer-yes, and Lori Asel-yes.