

February 15, 2022 \* RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

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**CITY OF PACIFIC  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
300 HOVEN  
PACIFIC, MISSOURI 63069**

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**T**he meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Acting President of the Board Adams. The meeting was held at City Hall. The Public was able to attend in person and was streamed live on the City of Pacific You-Tube channel.

A roll call was taken with the following results:

Present at Roll Call:

Alderman Adams  
Alderman Rahn by Zoom  
Alderman Eversmeyer  
Alderman Nemeth

Alderman Frick and Alderman Stotler were out of town on business.

Also present: Administrator Roth  
Attorney Jones  
Chief Melies  
Collector Kelley  
Community Development Director Myers  
City Clerk Barfield

Acting President of the Board Adams stated Alderman Rahn was attending by Zoom this evening.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge of Allegiance was given.

**Prayer**

Reverend Michael Gardner, 561 Coventry Farms Road, Villa Ridge, MO, Ministerial Alliance. Reverend Gardner stated President's Day is coming up and he served as a soldier under both parties. Our country is unique with our freedoms, and there is no other country he would rather live in. He offered prayer this evening. Acting President of the Board Adams thanked him for his service.  
Board of Aldermen 2-16-2022

### Approve Agenda

Motion made by Alderman Nemeth, seconded by Alderman Eversmeyer to approve the agenda. A voice vote was taken with an affirmative result, and Acting President of the Board Adams declared the motion carried.

### Minutes

#### A. Regular meeting on February 1, 2022

Motion made by Alderman Eversmeyer, seconded by Alderman Nemeth to approve the minutes of the regular meeting on February 1, 2022. A voice vote was taken with an affirmative result, and Acting President of the Board Adams declared the motion carried.

### Presentations

#### a. Police Department promotion, Corporal Jacob Rice

Chief Melies called Corporal Jacob Rice up. He stated he has been with the Department since 2013 as a canine officer, served on the Franklin County Drug Task Force and is an exemplary officer and always goes above and beyond what is asked of him. Over the last year and half, we have had a vacancy for a sergeant in the patrol unit. After much consideration and counseling with other staff and commanders it was decided that Corporal Rice is the best fit to be our next new sergeant. I would like to promote him today and congratulate him. Sergeant Rice stated his family was here, his beautiful wife, 5 children, his mom and her husband and his dad is watching from Florida live. Pictures were taken.

### Public Participation

Grant Thornton, 203 & 205 N. First St., Pacific, MO stated he is proposing a Boundary Adjustment Plat for this property, which includes a residential structure and a small commercial building. This would draw a line between the two structures, providing the commercial building with access to the rear alley. He would like to see this handled administratively. The Pawn Shop would become 2400' square feet. Administrator Roth stated typically this can be approved administratively with no Planning & Zoning approval required if they meet certain requirements. He has no objections to this, but the resulting lot dimensions would not meet the C-1 Zoning District requirements so this can not be done administratively. Mr. Thornton stated before he gets a survey and has the lots redrawn, he would like the Board's blessing. Attorney Jones stated the plat could be approved by motion of the Board for recording purposes. Alderman Rahn did not have any questions. Alderman Adams stated he was familiar with this and had no issues. The property did need an adjustment for future value. **Motion made by Alderman Adams, seconded by Alderman Nemeth to approve the property adjustment plat. There being no further comments, a voice vote was taken with an affirmative result.**

### New Bills

Acting President of the Board Adams stated that Alderman Rahn will sponsor Bill No. 5132, Alderman Nemeth would sponsor Bill No. 5133, Alderman Eversmeyer would sponsor Bill No. 5134.

**Bill No. 5132 An Ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2021-22 Budget and Wage and Salary Schedule for appointed officials and employees of the City of Pacific. (1<sup>st</sup> reading) Sponsor: Rahn**

Motion made by Alderman Rahn, seconded by Alderman Nemeth for the first reading of Bill No. 5132. A voice vote was taken with an affirmative result. As posted pursuant to the ordinance, City Clerk Barfield read Bill No. 5132 for the first reading. Acting President of the Board Adams asked if there was any discussion or amendments. There being no comments it will be scheduled for the second reading at the next meeting.

**Bill No. 5133 An Ordinance amending the requirements for Residential Occupancy in the City of Pacific. (1<sup>st</sup> reading) Sponsor: Nemeth**

Motion made by Alderman Eversmeyer, seconded by Alderman Rahn for the first reading of Bill No. 5133. A voice vote was taken with an affirmative result. As posted pursuant to the ordinance, City Clerk Barfield read Bill No. 5133 for the first reading. Alderman Nemeth stated it was brought to his attention there were items missing, such as: all gas lines have shutoffs, gas stove tip over protection, balusters and deck railings, balusters must be vertical, he asked that this be looked into. Attorney Jones stated the Bill incorporates the ICC Codes, there are thousands of pages, which become the City's code, all of which are included in what you mentioned. Alderman Nemeth stated the Bill calls out "standing water" he was no expert but wanted to call it out if necessary. Acting President of the Board Adams asked if there was any discussion or amendments. There being no comments it will be scheduled for the second reading at the next meeting.

**Bill No. 5134 An Ordinance authorizing the City to accept donation of certain property in the City of Pacific from the Great Rivers Greenway District and authorizing the Mayor or City Administrator to enter into Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreements to facilitate the same. (1<sup>st</sup> reading) Sponsor: Eversmeyer**

Alderman Eversmeyer stated he sponsored this Bill but had questions. He asked if the property has been inspected. Administrator Roth stated it has not been inspected recently. There was a Phase 1 Environmental Study done on the site that GRG has. Director Myers stated in the past it has been cleaned up. Prior to that the cabins were cleaned up and 100 cubic yards of debris has been removed. There are 4-5 foundations still there. This is all in St. Louis County. Alderman Eversmeyer stated it refers to "trail blocked has to be removed within 48 hours" he is concerned that during a flood we may not get to it in 48 hours. Attorney Jones stated it reads "inspected" within 48 hours, but there is no time frame to accomplish it. Alderman Nemeth agreed, as during a flood or other storm event, there are higher priority items going on. Attorney Jones stated this is a Maintenance Agreement, which is an exhibit and has many blanks to fill in. He has made revisions already to it and this is just the first reading. At the second reading we can tighten the language. Alderman Nemeth thought the City should be allowed a week to clean up. Administrator Roth stated this also assumes they have built a trail; the trailhead does not currently exist. Motion made by Alderman Nemeth, seconded by Alderman Eversmeyer to read. As posted pursuant to the ordinance, City Clerk Barfield read Bill No. 5134 for the first reading. There being no further comments it will be scheduled for the second reading at the next meeting.

### Consideration of Bills Previously Introduced

**Bill No. 5130 An Ordinance establishing the position of Director of Tourism and providing for the qualifications and duties thereof. (2<sup>nd</sup> reading) (Sponsor: Nemeth)**

Motion made by Alderman Nemeth, seconded by Alderman Rahn to read Bill No. 5130. A voice vote was taken with an affirmative result. Acting President of the Board Adams asked for discussion or amendments. As posted pursuant to the ordinance, City Clerk Barfield read Bill No. 5130 by title only for the second reading. **Motion made by Alderman Rahn, seconded by Alderman Nemeth to approve Bill No. 5130. A roll call vote was taken with the following results: Ayes: Alderman Nemeth, Alderman Adams, Alderman Rahn, Alderman Eversmeyer. Nays: none. Whereupon, Acting President of the Board Adams declared Bill No. 5130 becomes Ordinance No. 3313.**

Administrator Roth stated he intends to post the position tomorrow. The City Clerk and I have talked about how to budget for this, and he expects to bring that to them no later than March 15<sup>th</sup>.

### Unfinished Business

#### New Business

**Resolution No. 2022-14 A Resolution authorizing an Application for Federal Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Funding, Designating an Authorized Representative to serve as the City's representative in the program; and approving the allocation of matching funds for the program.**

As posted pursuant to the ordinance, City Clerk Barfield read Resolution No. 2022-014 by title only into the record. Acting President of the Board Adams asked for any discussion. Alderman Rahn asked if this was the mobile home park, and he thought he was supposed to remove all the trailers. Attorney Jones stated it was the mobile home park, but he just can't occupy them, except for 1, he was not required to remove them. **Motion made by Alderman Nemeth, seconded by Alderman Eversmeyer to approve Resolution No. 2022-14. A voice vote was taken with an affirmative result, and Acting President of the Board Adams declared the motion carried.**

### Mayor's Report

Acting President of the Board Adams stated he had nothing tonight.

### City Administrator Report

a. Stop Sign Study/Speed Limit Study, Old Gray Summit Rd, Lamar Parkway and Highway N (Congress)

Administrator Roth stated the study from Lochmueller Group was in the packets. We asked for two things: a 3-way stop at Old Gray Summit and Lamar and a speed study. The outcome of the 3-way stop sign was "it may be needed". Chief and I discussed this and agree we should wait to see; therefore, staff is recommending we follow the study and not install the 3-way stop at Old Gray Summit and Lamar at this time. They also did a study at two locations on Old Gray Summit Road, one location on Congress St.

and one location at Lamar Parkway. The study shows support of increasing the speed, but in the end, they recommended maintaining the 35 mph, and staff would agree. Chief Melieus stated he was not in favor of increasing the speed due to the lane widths and density of the houses. He suggested an evaluation of the number of speed limit signs and additional enforcement. Acting President of the Board Adams stated he was in favor of erecting additional stop signs at Old Gray Summit and Lamar. He also thought the speed limit should be reduced from 35 mph. He would like to bring legislation back for that. He still strongly advocates for a turn lane on Old Gray Summit Rd and will keep asking administration to move forward in cooperation with the Chief for a design. Alderman Eversmeyer thought the speed limit was sufficient. He also did not see a need for stop signs in both directions, as he thought the turn lane would improve the intersection. He suggested we wait and look at it further down the road. Acting President of the Board Adams suggested using East-West Gateway funds. He was proposing a left turn lane off of Old Gray Summit Road traveling west onto Lamar. Alderman Nemeth stated he was in favor of decreasing the speed limit after the bridge, but thought we needed to find a middle ground. He suggested finishing the current improvement first and thought widening Lamar might fix the whole problem.

b. Denton Road Bridge project

Administrator Roth stated they will submit plans in April. There are habitat trees for bats there, which means we have to push back the time line a little. He anticipates advertising late summer with a notice of award in the fall. Hwy N & Congress are on track to bid next year.

c. Police Patrol Vehicle Light Bars purchase, \$ 9,732.30

Administrator Roth stated this exceeds his authority. This would come from general fund CARES funds. Chief Melies stated the new cars are on order and there may be expenses for the cameras. **Motion made by Alderman Nemeth, seconded by Alderman Eversmeyer to approve the purchase order for the light bars in the amount of \$ 9,732.30. A voice vote was taken with an affirmative result.**

**Chief of Police**

Chief Melies stated the cameras are being installed in the vehicles. There is 3 days of training and then operational.

**Community Development Director Myers**

No report.

**City Attorney Report** – No report.

**City Collector Report** – No report.

**Operations Committee** – Alderman Eversmeyer stated they met last Friday. They discussed the mural on the wall at First and Osage. The committee agreed without the stake holders there was no need to move forward. Nancy Omér asked if she could have a conversation with the neighbors. The committee had no problem with that. They also discussed the Maintenance Building. Navigate did a good job putting together a preliminary plan, which came to a cost of \$ 5 to \$ 8 million. This is not budgeted for. Public Works Commissioner Brueggemann is looking for alternative solutions. One stall is filled with storage and that causes a problem. There could be improvements to the current bays, like heating them

which he will look into. Administrator Roth is going to look into the storage problem.

**Administration Committee** – Alderman Nemeth stated they did not meet. He thanked the Board for approving the Tourism position. The next meeting is March 8<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.

**Miscellaneous**

a. Approve list of bills.

Motion made by Alderman Nemeth, seconded by Alderman Eversmeyer to approve the list of bills. A voice vote was taken with an affirmative result, and Acting President of the Board Adams declared the motion carried.

b. Approve payment to Cochran out of W. Osage CID for the Route 66 Marketplace Road connection in the amount of \$ 1,987.85.

Motion made by Alderman Eversmeyer, seconded by Alderman Rahn to approve invoice from Cochran out of W. Osage CID in the amount of \$ 1,987.85. A voice vote was taken with an affirmative result, and Acting President of the Board Adams declared the motion carried.

c. Approve payment to Cochran out of W. Osage CID for the W. Osage Sidewalk TAP project in the amount of \$ 2,426.70.

Motion made by Alderman Nemeth, seconded by Alderman Eversmeyer to approve the payment to Cochran out of W. Osage CID in the amount of \$ 2,426.70. A voice vote was taken with an affirmative result.

**Reports of City officials**

Alderman Nemeth – thanked Public Works for the great job pre-treating the roads and plowing during the last snow event.

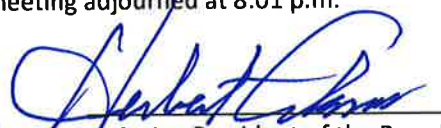
Alderman Adams – No report

Alderman Rahn – No report

Alderman Eversmeyer – he also thought Public Works did a great job at the last snow event, and thanked the residents for staying off the road.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, motion made by Alderman Nemeth, seconded by Alderman Rahn to adjourn. A voice vote was taken with an affirmative result. The meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

  
Acting President of the Board  
Herbert C. Adams

ATTEST:  
  
Board of Aldermen 2-16-2022

