

**MINUTES OF THE
STE. GENEVIEVE BOARD OF ALDERMEN
WORK SESSION
DECEMBER 8, 2022**

The work session of the Ste. Genevieve Board of Aldermen was called to order by Mayor Paul Hassler at 6:35 p.m. with the following members present:

Mayor Paul Hassler	
Alderwoman Susan Johnson	Alderman Joe Prince
Alderman Mike Raney	Alderman Mike Jokerst
Alderwoman Ashley Armbruster	Alderman Jeff Eydmann
Alderwoman Kristi Cleghorn (zoom)	

Absent: Alderman Bob Donovan

A motion by Alderman Eydmann, second by Alderwoman Johnson to approve the work session agenda. Motion carried 7-0-1 with Alderman Donovan absent.

BUSINESS ITEMS.

WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT & STREET REPAVING FOR 2023. City Administrator Welch informed the Board that the City was not awarded an ARPA grant for water main improvements but he is recommending continuing with the improvements recommended in the Consolidated Plan. The City's match for the ARPA grant was \$315,000 but to include all of Oakwood main improvements will exceed the budget. The street overlays will follow the water main improvements as well as other low rated roads from last year's in house street review. After discussion it was recommended to bid the extra section of Oakwood as an alternative on the project and the list that was presented for overlays was agreed upon as well.

DISCUSSION ABOUT K9 OFFICER. With the recent passing of Amendment 3 to allow recreational marijuana, a decision needs to be made regarding the future need for a new K-9 and determine the budget limit for such. Police Chief Jasen Crump shared information on how he hopes to fund the purchase of a new dog one that will be trained for drugs excluding marijuana. Chief Crump went on to explain that that he is looking at a national social media fundraising campaign that other departments have used. It would reimburse the city money spent for purchasing a new dog. There are no plans to fundraise locally or ask City residents to donate to help fund the dog. Chief Crump estimates that the cost of a new dog is roughly \$14,000 which includes training and is looking into a few grant opportunities to hopefully fund a budget item of

\$15,000 for armor rifle plates and ballistic helmets and use that money towards the canine purchase. He feels without a grant that the K-9 should be the priority that gets funded. A decision on the future Mario, the current K-9 will have to be decided as well. Chief Crump will get quotes and bring back a recommendation for a new K-9 at the next meeting.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS. None.

With no further business the work session was adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,



Pam Meyer
City Clerk