

**MINUTES OF THE
STE. GENEVIEVE BOARD OF ALDERMEN
WORK SESSION
MARCH 1, 2022**

The work session of the Ste. Genevieve Board of Aldermen was called to order at 6:45 p.m. with the following members present:

Mayor Hassler	
Alderman Susan Johnson	Alderman Jeff Eydmann
Alderman Mike Raney	Alderman Bob Donovan
Alderman Ashley Armbruster	

Absent: Alderman Gary Smith
Alderman Mike Jokerst
Alderman Joe Prince

A motion by Alderman Johnson second by Alderman Eydmann to approve the work session agenda as presented. Motion carried 5-0-3 with Alderman Smith, Alderman Prince and Alderman Jokerst absent.

BUSINESS ITEMS.

WARD REDISTRICTING. With recent census numbers being released for communities, Cities are required to balance out their existing wards from the published census numbers to keep them as equal as possible. David Bova, Community Development Administrator took these census numbers and came up with two different versions to redistrict our existing four wards meeting the criteria recommended by the US Census Bureau. (Case Law) This criteria should keep the wards as equal as possible in numbers or at least within ten percent of each ward. David and Happy reviewed the two options with the members and then both options were discussed in detail. Option 1 includes the numbers of the prisoners in jail. After a brief discussion it was determined that all were in agreement that these numbers should not be included due to them not really being residents of the community. The Mayor suggested that the Alderman with questions get with David or Happy and then the board can revisit this topic after the April election so that the new aldermanic reps can be in on the discussions. The revisions need to be in place by December when filing is open for the April 2023 election.

ARPA/SLFRF FUNDS – PLANNING DISCUSSION FOR 2nd TRANCHE OF FUNDS. The City has a second tranche of ARPA funds slated for August or September and discussion can happen to figure how the City wants to spend those funds. The first tranche was used to help pay

for the electric repairs at the water plant, the water line crossings at N. Gabouri Creek, and the cybersecurity improvements at city hall/police department. There will also be infrastructure funds available in the future that the City will need to prepare for with planning and engineering. A list of items was presented to the board members to review and try and set their priorities. Alderwoman Armbruster suggested that a survey be done so that the public can give their input on how they would like to see the funds used. Happy would like the board to have a decision with their priorities by the end of April.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS. None.

With no further business the work session was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,



Pam Meyer
City Clerk