

**MINUTES OF THE
STE. GENEVIEVE BOARD OF ALDERMEN
WORK SESSION
July 22, 2021**

The work session of the Ste. Genevieve Board of Aldermen was called to order at 6:18 p.m. with the following members present:

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

Absent: Alderman Gary Smith

A motion by Alderman Eydmann, second by Alderman Prince to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 7-0-1 with Alderman Smith absent.

STE. GENEVIEVE MURAL ON NORTH SIDE OF CITY HALL.

Joy French would like to paint a mural on the North wall of the City Hall Building. It would be the current logo that the City uses with a tag line underneath it. City Attorney Mark Bishop stated that a contract will need to be brought back before the board for approval at a future meeting.

WATER/SEWER CONTRACTOR COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION – ALLIANCE WATER RESOURCES.

A water/sewer committee was formed to help oversee the selection of a contract operator for the water /sewer plants. RFQ's were sent out and Alliance was the only one that submitted one back to the City. The committee sat down for formal discussions with Alliance representatives to come up with a Memorandum of Agreement. The contract will be for a five year term instead of the prior ten year and will be renewable this year with a 1.5% increase for FY 2022.

WATER/SEWER CONTRACTOR COMMITTEE PROPOSAL – CONTRACT WITH ALLIANCE TO RUN STREET/PARKS/CEMETERY DEPARTMENTS.

The water/sewer committee also included the RFQ qualifications to include their experience with street and parks. After careful consideration and several meetings with Alliance representatives it is the committee's recommendation to have Alliance do the streets, parks and cemetery. After some discussion it was decided to bring back at the next work session to give the public a chance to voice their opinion on this subject with their Alderman. Happy will also look into doing an on line survey on the subject. It was noted that this proposal (Street/Parks/Cemetery) can be implemented at any time and does not have to start with the budget year October 1st.

PRELIMINARY BUDGET DISCUSSION.

Discussion occurred on how the Board wanted to handle employee raises. After some discussion it was a consensus to do a COLA plus a MERIT up to 3%.

Juneteenth (June 19) is now a national holiday. Does the Board want to include this date in our personnel policy as a recognized holiday and also one of the employee's current holidays is the April municipal election date and once the remodel is done in the back there will be no reason for voters to enter through the front of the building they will be able to access the Board room from the new back entrance. Happy is recommending creating personal holiday that an employee can take at any time in the place of this holiday. After discussion the Board agreed to the June 19th holiday with no additional holiday in place of the April election.

Respectfully submitted by,


Pam Meyer
City Clerk