

**MINUTES OF THE
STE. GENEVIEVE BOARD OF ALDERMEN
WORK SESSION
JANUARY 14, 2021**

The work session of the Ste. Genevieve Board of Aldermen was called to order at 6:45 p.m. with Alderwoman Johnson & Armbruster attending via zoom and Alderman Prince absent.

Discussion concerning the following issues:

VOLUNTEERS FOR HEALTH INSURANCE COMMITTEE – Last year the Board wanted to make sure and start 2021 health insurance renewal discussion in plenty of time for the June renewal. Therefore a recommendation is needed for three aldermen to serve on this committee.

Health Insurance Committee: Alderman Jokerst, Alderman Donovan and Alderman Eydmann

VOLUNTEERS FOR WATER/SWEWER CONTRACT COMMITTEE - The contract is up with Alliance Water Resources in September 2021. Per the City's Purchasing Policy the City can go out for bids for the services provided, go out for professional services and see what companies offer as far as the services that the City needs and negotiate a price or eliminate the contract and do in house. A committee needs to be formed so that a recommendation can be made to the full Board on what route is in the best interest of the City.

Water/Sewer Contract Committee: Alderman Prince, Alderman Donovan and Alderwoman Armbruster

INTERNET TECHNOLOGY MANAGEMENT – FORWARD/SLASH – At this time Happy Welch, City Administrator reported that one of the main budget items for 2021 was to make improvements to the City's IT and related products. A committee was formed and a RFQ process was followed with three firms submitting qualifications. After committee review of the three firms, Forward/Slash was recommended and a representative was available VIA zoom to answer questions and explain their role should the City decide to pursue this avenue. After discussion and questions asked by the Board a decision was made to have City Staff prepare a Bill/Ordinance for the Board of Aldermen's approval to enter into an agreement with Forward/Slash for internet technology management.

MISSELHORN & RHINEHART COLLECTION – With the NPS moving into the Welcome Center the Misselhorn sketches were moved to the Jean Baptiste Valle home for display and safekeeping. An agreement was being worked out for the use of the sketches and paintings that are on display however the Interior Department requested that the city fill out a di105f form listing the sketches and paintings that are at the JBV house and declined signing an agreement.

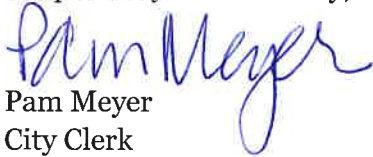
By contract with the Misselhorn estate the City must display the sketches as is currently being done but at some point in the future the city will have to look at another facility.

TEXTCASTER – DEFINING USES - The City currently has a TextCaster Program that has been underutilized and Mr. Welch would like to see it relaunched and used more as an emergency communications tool than as it is currently being used. (Meeting notifications, Community events, etc.) It was recommended that the City reach out to St. Francois County 911 to see if there is any possibility of working together with them for these notifications at a cost/fee to the City.

FFCRA EXTENSION – SICK DAYS FOR COVID – The coverage for the CARES Act legislation for the paid sick leave up to 80 hours for COVID -19 ended December 31, 2020. Discussion occurred to see if the City wanted to extend the coverage for those employees who did not use their full 80 hours until the end of March, 2021. The Board was in agreement to extend those hours only to those whom have not used their 80 hours.

With no further business the work session was adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,



Pam Meyer
City Clerk