

## MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF AIRPORT DRIVE, MISSOURI

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Airport Drive, Missouri was held on Thursday, August 24, 2023, at the Village Municipal Building. The meeting was open to the public.

Chairman Terry Myers called the Board of Trustees to order at 7:00 p.m. The members present were Mark Rains, Ray Bryant, Kara Charbonneau, and James Paul. Village Clerk Sue Hirshey was present to take the minutes. Village Attorney Derek Snyder, Village Engineer Clayton Cristy, and Deputy Clerk Sharon Clark attended. In the audience were Residents Marvin and Debie Heckart, Edwina Rains, and Debbie Bryant; and business owner Christine Baird. All in attendance gave the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America. Attorney Snyder gave the invocation.

### MINUTES

Minutes of the Board of Trustees Regular Meeting held on July 27, 2023, having been previously provided to the Trustees, were discussed. Trustee Bryant motioned to approve the minutes previously provided. Trustee Charbonneau seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

Clerk Hirshey presented the Treasurer's Report for August 2023. The Board was provided the Balance Sheets by Fund, Cash Receipts Control Report, Payroll Calculation Report, Accounts Payable Check Register, Accounts Payable Control Report, Currents Statements of Revenues and Expenditures, worksheets for Recap of Sales Tax Revenue, and Sewer Maintenance Charges Paid to Carl Junction, Certificates of Deposits for Airport Drive, and TREKK Design estimated fees and actual expenses. Trustee Bryant motioned to approve the Treasurer's Report and to pay the bills. Trustee Charbonneau seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

### PETITIONS, REQUESTS, AND COMPLAINTS

**Christine Baird**, owner of **Footprints and Friends Preschool, Inc**, 5601 N. Main Street Road, appeared before the Board to discuss problems with drivers on Main Street **ignoring the stop sign on school buses** while they dropped off children after school. Mrs. Baird had concerns for the children's safety. Her staff had reported vehicles not stopping for the bus. On that day, she called the Municipal Building, but Airport Drive did not have any Jasper County Sheriff's Deputies on duty to assist. Trustee Bryant said the buses should have cameras; Mrs. Baird needed to contact the Carl Junction School District for pictures of the person passing the bus. Trustee Rains instructed Clerk Hirshey to ask the deputies to watch Main Street during the afternoon drop off time at the preschool. Mrs. Baird said the buses do not pick up children before school; and Carl Junction would not allow their bus to circle through her parking lot. Attorney Snyder stated that if there was no median in the roadway, traffic in both directions was required to stop for buses loading and unloading. Chairman Myers instructed Clerk Hirshey to ask Deputy Henry to be present during drop off times at the preschool.

Resident **Edwina Rains** stated drivers were cutting through her neighborhood and the situation had become horrible. She said while driving on Marion Avenue, she met a white truck on the road. The other driver did not get over far enough and hit her driver's side door mirror and broke it. She felt **people were cutting through** her neighborhood to avoid the roundabout. Trustee Charbonneau agreed the number of people driving in front of her house on Joplin Street had increased. The roads were too narrow, some ditches were too deep to allow vehicles to move off the road, and it was hard

for two vehicles to pass; maybe Airport Drive should consider changing the roads to one-way streets; and asking the deputies to patrol the side streets to decrease the number of vehicles cutting through. Trustee Rains stated once the speed trailer was utilized, the information would help the Board be more informed of traffic situations. Engineer Cristy stated MODoT would have to be part of the discussion; if roads were changed to One Ways, signage would be on MODoT rights-of-ways. Attorney Snyder suggested determining the busiest times and having the deputies monitor the side roads. Chairman Myers instructed Clerk Hirshey to ask the deputies to watch the school buses on Main Street during drop-off times at the preschool and the Airport Landings Apartments. Trustee Bryant suggested contacting the Missouri State Highway Patrol as well to help. Resident Debie Heckart stated she frequently heard bus drivers honking at the cars going around the busses stop signs in the mornings and in the afternoons. Chairman Myers asked Engineer Cristy about counters installed on roadways? Could the Village find out how many vehicles used the side streets instead of Highways 43 and 171? Engineer Cristy agreed to look into installing counters on the side streets in the Midway Staples Subdivision. He would investigate counters with abilities to determine the number of vehicles, direction of travel and speed.

### **ATTORNEY REPORT**

Attorney Snyder prepared a council bill **canvassing the returns of the Municipal Election held Tuesday, August 8, 2023 to impose a 3% sales tax on the sales of Adult Use Marijuana** for the Board's consideration.

His office mailed a letter to **Bobby and Kelly Thomas, 389 East Fountain Road** about the use of the roadway on **Dale Janssen's property**. Attorney Snyder advised that Airport Drive needed better documentation for access to the Fountain Road Lift Station for rights to access road.

A verbal complaint for property at 6355 Park Circle was at a standstill.

### **COUNCIL BILLS**

Council Bill 22-23, a council bill **canvassing the returns of the Municipal Election held on Tuesday, August 8, 2023 to impose a Sales Tax at a rate of 3% on all sales of Adult Use Marijuana** was discussed. Trustee Bryant motioned to have the first reading of Council Bill 22-23 by title only. Trustee Charbonneau seconded the motion. Myers; aye, Rains; aye, Bryant; aye, Charbonneau; aye, Paul; aye. Attorney Snyder read Council Bill 22-23 by title only. Trustee Bryant motioned to approve the first reading of Council Bill 22-23 by title only and have the second reading of Council Bill 22-23 by title only. Trustee Charbonneau seconded the motion. Myers; aye, Rains; aye, Bryant; aye, Charbonneau; aye, Paul; aye. Attorney Snyder read Council Bill 22-23 by title only. Trustee Rains motioned to approve the second and final reading of Council Bill 22-23 by title only, and to adopt Ordinance 22-23. Trustee Charbonneau seconded the motion. Myers; aye, Rains; aye, Bryant; aye, Charbonneau; aye, Paul; aye. Ordinance 22-23 was adopted.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Deputy Clerk Clark researched and offered additional **options for Christmas cards for 2023**. The airplane Santa cards had been used for the last three years. Trustee Rains motioned to approve option A, to purchase Christmas Cards with an outline of lights for the airplane and message Merry Christmas on the front, at a cost of \$1.72 each. Trustee Charbonneau seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Jasper County Assessor, Lisa Perry, proposed an agreement for the **Eagleview Aerial Photography** version of the **Beacon website**. The cost would be \$810.00 for the shipment of the imagery and \$810.00 on the first anniversary of the shipment of the imagery. There would also be an

estimated fee of \$200.00 for delivery of the hard drive. The Trustees agreed to stay with the \$300.00 per year version of Beacon.

### **CLERK'S REPORT**

The Village held an election Tuesday, August 8<sup>th</sup>. Thirty-one residents cast their ballots for two questions. Proposition A would allow Airport Drive to not hold an election if the number of candidates equaled the number of open positions. Proposition B added an additional 3% Sales Tax to sales of Adult Use Marijuana. Both questions were approved by voters, Proposition A: 29 yes, 2 no; Proposition B: 27 yes, 4 no.

The final Certificate of Occupancy, #916, was issued to the Gambino's Pizza, 101 Village Landing, on August 1, 2023.

All the Dollar General property on Fir Road was mowed as of July 28<sup>th</sup>. Trustee Rains stated that it needed to be mowed again. He instructed Clerk Hirshey to ask Sgt. Crossley to look at the property again.

On August 8<sup>th</sup>, Liberty Fiber said fiber internet service for the Municipal Building was 45 to 60 days from installation. The office received Missouri One Call notices on August 14<sup>th</sup> to mark the property for all utilities. On Tuesday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>, Liberty reported they were working to obtain necessary construction permits and to locate all underground utilities. According to Liberty Utilities, we would be 30 to 45 from delivery of our circuit. TEC had been kept apprised of Liberty's progress.

We had not heard from or seen the welder for the repairs to the grates in the driveway.

The office was contacted by the Joplin Workshops, Inc. They purchased Ozark Nursery's business and the property. The sale was finalized August 4, 2023. Joplin Workshops, Inc. was a Not-for-Profit organization and would not be collecting sales tax.

As instructed by Street Commissioner Bryant, Chuck Dudley, Mabel Tree Service was contacted about trimming back trees in the Village roadways. Messages were left for Affordable Tree Service and Coss Tree Service, neither business had returned the calls.

Work on the Budget for 2024 would start soon. The Board was asked for suggestions for residents to serve on the Budget Committee. Mark Johnson and Keith Stammer had said they were willing to serve. Last year Residents Debie Heckart and Carolyn Longerot assisted in setting the Budget for 2023. Trustee Rains said to ask Debie and Carolyn to serve again.

The Eidson Lot Split drawing was recorded with the Jasper County Recorder's Office on August 15, 2023 by Deputy Clerk Sharon Clark.

An update on the Briarwood Subdivision was give. Twenty-four houses were finished, and certificates of occupancy were issued. There were three open Building Permits in progress. There were five properties without building permits, three on Evergreen Road and two on Bradford Lane.

Scott Morrison, T Mobile Sales, contacted the office to discuss internet options in the Village. Mr. Morrison would like to investigate additional options for Airport Drive.

The office received new update inserts for the Code Books. Sets of inserts were available to be taken or books could be brought to the office for updates.

The Green Folder contained documents requiring the Chairman's signature.

### **REMINDERS**

Deputy Clerk Sharon Clark would be taking vacation days from Friday, August 25<sup>th</sup> through Friday, September 1, 2023. These vacation days were approved on July 27, 2023.

The next Board of Trustees Work Sessions and Regular Meetings were scheduled for Thursday, September 28, 2023, at 6:30 pm and 7:00 pm respectively.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

With no other business to come before the Board, Trustee Charbonneau motioned to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Bryant seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Sue Hirshey, MRCC-C*  
Village Clerk