

Regular November City of Hopkins Board of Aldermen Meeting November 13, 2023, 7:00 P.M.

Matt Wray, or called the regular November aldermen meeting to order. The following officers were present or absent as indicated:

Present/Absent		Present/Absent	
Matt Wray, or	Present	Allan Thompson, Alderman	Present Bryson
Allen, Alderman	Present		
Rick Gladman, Alderman	Present	Theodore Phipps, City Clerk	Present

Also present: Chris Bird, Water Operator & Kathy Rice (Nodaway News Leader)

Matt Wray, Mayor, called to order the regular Board of Aldermen meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes of the October Board of Aldermen meeting were presented. Rick Gladman made a motion for the minutes to be approved as written. Allan Thompson seconded the motion. Votes: Allan Thompson – Yes; Rick Gladman – Yes; Bryson Allen – Yes; No Votes – 0.

At this time the current Expenses were discussed as were special permission for IRS Tax Payment, MO Lagers Payment, and United Electric Payment. Allan Thompson made a motion to approve expenses as presented and permission for IRS Tax Payment, MO Lagers Payment, and United Electric Payment. Rick Gladman seconded the motion. Votes: Allan Thompson – Yes; Rick Gladman – Yes; Bryson Allen – Yes; No Votes – 0.

G-Works Utility and Billing were discussed. The city clerk informed the Aldermen the ASYST software the city is currently using is to be paid. The ASYST software is basic and costs \$4,125.32 for the year. The City Clerk informed the Aldermen the G-Works bid would be sent to the company ASYST software is owned by for a better rate. The topic is tabled at this time.

City Clerk informed Aldermen the Auditor asked for all records from June 2023 and explained the time frame of the audit was to be June 2022 to June 2023. The Auditor asked for financial records from 2021 to compare procedures used in the current time period. The Auditor has received all information and material requested. The Auditor emailed the City of Hopkins the audit should be completed before the new year.

The City Clerk informed the Aldermen the Ad was placed in the paper for the open Aldermen position. The City Clerk explained there has been no interest submitted for the vacant Alderman position to date. The Aldermen discussed the current vacant position on the Board of Aldermen.

The City Clerk informed the Aldermen the Election Packet for April 2024 has been received. The positions occupied by Allan Thompson and Rick Gladman are up for vote this coming year. Chris Bird informed the Aldermen of his research into presenting a sales tax ordinance on and for the sales of recreational marijuana. Rick Gladman made a motion for Chris Bird to continue to take measures to bring the local tax to the 2024 ballot for the recreation marijuana tax for the City of Hopkins. Bryson Allen seconded the motion. Votes: Allan Thompson – Yes; Rick Gladman – Yes; Bryson Allen – Yes; No Votes – 0.

The City Clerk told the Aldermen that Mayor Matt Wray and Treasure Theodore Phipps renewed the City of Hopkins Cd's as follows: xxxx4262, xxxx4272, xxxx4277, xxxx4247, xxxx4252, xxxx4257, xxxx4282, xxxx4287, and xxx4267 from current rates to the higher rate of 4.5%. Rick Gladman made a motion to approve the decision of Mayor Matt Wray and Treasurer Theodore Phipps to renew The City of Hopkins CD's as follows: xxxx4262, xxxx4272, xxxx4277, xxxx4247, xxxx4252, xxxx4257, xxxx4282, xxxx4287, and xxx4267 from current rates to the higher rate of 4.5%. Bryson Allen seconded the motion. Votes: Allan Thompson – Yes; Rick Gladman – Yes; Bryson Allen – Yes; No Votes – 0.

Chris Bird informed the Aldermen of his interest in Hiring Nathan Steins to replace Matthew Bird as a city laborer if Matthew Bird were to resign.

Chris Bird informed the Aldermen a Water Plant broken line had damaged to equipment and supplies at the water plant. Chris Bird discussed with the Aldermen the need for a back-up heat source for the Water Plant.

Chris Bird told the Aldermen he has continued the look into insurance for the ball field.

Allan Thompson made a motion to adjourn the regular November Board of Aldermen meeting. Rick Gladman seconded the motion. Votes: Allan Thompson – Yes; Rick Gladman – Yes; Bryson Allen – Yes; No Votes – 0.



Theodore Phipps



Matt Wray, Mayor