

**Board of Aldermen Workshop**

**MAY 3, 2016**

The Board of Aldermen met in a workshop with Mayor Joseph Johnson at City Hall, 206 North 16<sup>th</sup> Street, on Tuesday, May 3, 2016 at 6:15 p.m.

**Present:** Joseph Johnson, Randy Brejnik, Todd Williams, Steve Miles

**Absent:** Gene Ishmael

**Others Present:** Janelle Hagler, Juanita Schroff, Stuart Johnson, Jeremy VanMeter, Brenda Adcock, Cathy Smith, Suzanne Hatten, Gary Hatten, Charles Crabtree, Rick Smith, Greg Blanton, Jack Hodge, Tyson Martin, Jacob Denum, Patrick Miller, Wes Reger, Debbie Nalle, Zac Wilson, Fred Bennett, Tony Nelson, Paula Denum, Lisa Miles, Casey Guernsey, Susan Legaard, Billy Bennett, Larry Griffin, Randy Jennings, Stuart Johnson, Phil Conger, Dave Callaway, Barb Callaway, Andrew Callaway, Ron Urton, Art Maxwell, Jonathan Myers, and Cristine Stallings

**Meeting Called To Order** Mayor Joseph Johnson called meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.

**Pledge of Allegiance** Mayor Joseph Johnson asked for everyone to stand and say the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Approve Agenda** Mayor Joseph Johnson called for a motion for approval or amending of the agenda.

Mayor Joseph Johnson explained that he wanted to have a workshop to discuss the street improvement project. Mayor Joseph Johnson would like to hear from Larry Griffin on his ideas of the streets and needed manpower to keep the streets of Bethany in good condition. Mayor Joseph Johnson asked Randy Jennings, Street Superintendent, to explain what the street department duties are. Street Superintendent Randy Jennings told the Council that the crew fills potholes which never ends, cleans out ditches and tubes, trims brush, snow removal, chip seals, and replaces culverts and tubes. Mayor Joseph Johnson asked Larry Griffin his opinion on the Bethany street problems. Larry Griffin introduced himself and told a little about his background and qualifications. Larry Griffin is a retired street superintendent from Trenton, MO. Larry Griffin said that the street department is very under staffed and Randy Jennings can be fine-tuned but he needs more people and more equipment. Larry Griffin said that a maintenance package needs to be put in place to keep the roads in good shape. Alderman Steve Miles asked Larry Griffin how many people he had at Trenton for seventy-four miles of streets. Larry Griffin responded that he had seven people. Alderman Steve Miles asked him how many people he thinks Bethany needs in the street department. Larry Griffin said that he thought seven guys if all work was done by the City. Mayor Joseph Johnson said that the city needs to work on the secondary streets. The street department needs to mill and clean the streets to make a good road base before asphaltting. Larry Griffin said that if Bethany had purchased the milling machine earlier the Street Department could have done some of the work that Herzog is going to complete now. Mayor Joseph Johnson says that the purchase of equipment can be taken from street bond money. Alderman Steve Miles does

not believe the equipment can be taken from the bond money.

Greg Blanton said that the streets need to be milled or the city is just wasting their money. Tyson Martin said you need to consider the age of the street department employees. Attorney Cristine Stallings said that the city is not allowed to ask anyone their age anymore. Alderman Steve Miles asked Larry Griffin what the guys did to keep busy in the winter months. Larry Griffin responded that in the cool months they could seal cracks, put in storm drains if it is not frozen too deep, and repair signage.

Brenda Adcock would like to see a cost analysis on the equipment, maintenance, wages, and contractors' prices. Alderman Steve Miles said that an employee that gets paid \$20.00 an hour adds another 20% for insurance and benefits. Keeping people on as full time is very expensive. Alderman Randy Brejnik asked when the project will start. Administrator Janelle Hagler said that plans are, weather permitting, will be after May 15, 2016 and would be completed in about three to four weeks. Herzog might take a little longer due to some milling and prep work that was not included in the initial timeframe. Larry Griffin said the street department needs at least one more worker. Larry Griffin replied that contractors will have to pay prevailing wage. Alderman Todd Williams asked if anyone checked with MoDot to see where their future projects were. Herzog had their asphalt plant set up in Bethany and the city got a good price on asphaltting streets. Larry Griffin said that MoDot will post on their website what roads they will be surfacing. Administrator Janelle Hagler said that Herzog was at Gallatin this year so the city got a better price.

Mayor Joseph Johnson adjourned meeting at 6:50 p.m.

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Joseph S. Johnson, Mayor

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Nita Schroff, City Clerk