

# CITY OF GOLDEN CITY

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The Board of Aldermen of the City of Golden City, Missouri met in regular session at 6:00 p.m. on August 02, 2021, at 701 Depot Avenue. Mayor Higgins presided, and the following members of the Board of Aldermen answered the roll call: Linda Welch, Sharon Wingert, Vicky Jones, Carla Davis, and Sara Beerly. Other city officials present were City Clerk Breeyn Pettengill, Fire Chief Eric White, and Public Works Director Allen Singer.

**MINUTES:** *Wingert moved, seconded by Jones, the minutes of the Regular Session of July 6, 2021, be approved as presented. All in favor, Motion carried.*

*Jones moved, seconded by Welch, to approve the special meeting minutes of July 19, 2021 as presented. All in favor, motion carried.*

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION, VISITORS:** Larry Horton presented a proposal for the purchase of signage for the Neighborhood Watch program. Horton offered to purchase the initial starter kit and informed the board that the Hortons Nationally registered Golden City on the Neighborhood watch. The first meeting for them will be August 7, at 7pm in the park.

Leanne Harrell addressed the board about growing concerns about the City's relationship with the Sheriffs department. Mayor Higgins explained to the community that the city does not currently have a contract with the county due to them being unable to adequately provide coverage with all of the staffing issues they are having.

Darlene Winningham informed the board about the issues she was having with her neighbor. She stated that there were several nuisance violations, and she would like the city to have them all addressed. Mayor Higgins informed her that the city has addressed him and will send another letter with other violations cited.

Cameron Menadue introduced himself to the board and informed them that he would be willing to be an officer for the city if they would be willing to put him through the police academy. Discussion was held. Mayor Higgins thanked Menadue for coming in and informed him that he would be happy to help him find a way into law enforcement but at this time he is not sure it is a route the city can take. He also stated that the city will continue to explore options though and the Barton County Sheriffs Department may be interested in speaking with him.

Doug Malone informed the board that he put up a light through Liberty Utilities and the cost is only \$10 a month. He feels it lights up the neighborhood and he feel it has deterred some of the crime issues.

Dixie Taylor asked the board how long it has been since the city has paid the county for police services. Discussion was held on the way the county paid and the description of the previous contract.

**SHERIFF'S REPORT:** No report was submitted. Sheriff Simpson was in attendance and informed the community that he would be available for questions after the meeting.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT:** Fire Chief Eric White had submitted a written report prior to the meeting.

**PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT:** Public Works Director Allen Singer, submitted prior to the meeting.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** Building Inspector Richard “Bud” Rogers was sworn in by Mayor Higgins. Attorney Mike Smalley proceeded with the hearing for Condemnation on 212 High Street. Owner Gerald Morris was present. In conclusion of the hearing Mayor Higgins granted Morris until September 7, 2021, to have significant improvements made to the structure itself.

The next Condemnation hearing was held for 1100 Hicks Avenue. No owner was present, however, they left written notice at city hall asking for a stay of execution on the house. So granted and Mayor Higgins set a reassessment of the property for September 7, 2021. Condemnation hearing was held for 609 Church Avenue. No owner was present. Proceedings were led again by Attorney Smalley. Mayor Higgins ruled to move forward with condemnation. A letter will be sent with facts and findings and if no contact is made by September 7, 2021, the house will be set for demolition. Burning Ordinance was discussed.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Mayor Higgins stated that there will be a town hall meeting set for August 23, 2021, at 6:00p.m. at the park building for the upcoming Tax Levy as well as a Q&A for Neighborhood watch questions followed by a special board meeting.

***Wingert motioned, second by Welch to pay bills. All in favor, Motion carried.***

***Jones motioned to adjourn the board meeting. Second by Wingert, all in favor, Motion carried.***

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Breeyn Pettengill, City Clerk