

**CITY OF FENTON, MISSOURI  
625 NEW SMIZER MILL ROAD  
FENTON, MO 63026  
MINUTES  
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
THURSDAY, MAY 14, 2020  
6:45 P.M.**

Mayor Brasses stated in light of the current public health crisis and the Federal, State, and County Emergency Declarations, and in accord with the provisions of Sec. 610.020, RSMo. and the City's policy for meetings via videoconferencing adopted via R-20-01, the Board of Aldermen recognizes that it would be dangerous and impractical, if not impossible, for its meeting to be physically accessible to the public. The Board also recognizes the need for the public's business to be attended to in order to protect the public health, safety, and welfare and in accordance with the County's stay-at-home order, in which the City is "strongly encouraged to remain open." In order to balance both the need for continuity of government and protection of the health and safety of our residents, businesses, persons, and employees, this meeting of the Board of Aldermen will not be open to in-person public attendance in person.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Bob Brasses called the special meeting to order at 6:45 p.m. via Zoom Videoconference (RSMO 610.015) and explained the reasons for conducting the meeting via videoconference, i.e., due to the recent State of Emergency (as specified in the notice above) on Thursday, May 14, 2020.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** Mayor Brasses led the Pledge of Allegiance

**ROLL CALL**

City Clerk Jane Hungler called the roll:

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| Alderman Paul Seemayer - <i>via video conference</i>     | Alderman Chris Clauss - <i>via video conference</i>   |
| Alderman Andrew Sobey, Jr. - <i>via video conference</i> | Alderman Robin Huels - <i>via video conference</i>    |
| Alderman Brian Wisbrock - <i>via video conference</i>    | Alderman Richard Patton - <i>via video conference</i> |
| Alderman Joe Maurath - <i>via video conference</i>       | Alderman Susan Jokerst - <i>via video conference</i>  |

Eight Aldermen were present at the opening of the meeting.

**CITY OFFICIALS PRESENT:**

Mayor Bob Brasses - *via video conference*  
City Attorney Erin P. Seele, Esq., - *via video conference*  
City Administrator Andrea N. Finkbiner - *via video conference*  
City Planner Amy Starck - *via video conference*

Mayor Bob Brasses stated that this Special Meeting was called to discuss:

**R-20-02 - Consideration Of A Resolution Requesting That Municipalities Within St. Louis County Receive An Equitable Distribution Of The \$175 Million In Funding Received By St Louis County From The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, And Economic Security Act To Reimburse Municipalities For Actual Public Safety Costs Incurred Related To Covid-19.**  
Sponsor: Huels

Alderman Huels made a motion to approve resolution. The motion was seconded by Alderman Wisbrock.

City Attorney Erin Seele explained this model resolution is being presented for consideration. This is model from the City of Des Peres. St. Louis Metropolitan League is using model to try to get many cities within St. Louis County to pass the resolution to put pressure on the County to share equitable distribution. For this model, the main focus is on salaries of officers; City Attorney Erin Seele shared she believes resolution should be broader to include equitable funds to cover all eligible funds related to Covid-19 expenses.

Alderman Maurath inquired what case history and prior down falls with filed suits. City Attorney Erin Seele replied in the past, St. Louis County received funds that were not distributed to cities but she was not sure what filed suit he was referring to. She stated there are questions concerning what items under CARES act funds are eligible now.

Alderman Jokerst inquired if legal fees related to Covid would be eligible. City Attorney Erin Seele replied possible if not budgeted items. Alderman Jokerst inquired if could be used to stimulate businesses that have loss of sales for businesses due to closure. City Attorney Erin Seele replied if the City would get funds, per CARES act there is an eligible expense and noted St. Louis County is giving \$17.3 million for small business grants.

Alderman Maurath inquired on Prop P loss police have encountered. City Attorney Erin Seele replied Prop P is sales tax revenue based and County already receives a larger portion of that than cities so she believes it is just another point some are making for the County to share equitable since much of the police services in the County are contracted by or paid by municipalities. Most of Fenton's cost expenses for Covid has been internal not with Police Department. City Attorney Erin Seele noted that St. Louis County is not obligated to disburse to Cities, this is why this resolution has been developed requesting support for distribution to Cities. Alderman Maurath recommends amending language to broaden to include eligible Covid funds not just police funds. City Attorney Erin Seele expressed this is to encourage St. Louis County to share the funds. Alderman Seemayer agreed, language needs to be broader.

After discussion, Alderman Huels rescinded her first. Alderman Wisbrock rescinded his second.

Alderman Huels made a motion to continue with resolution, amending it making it broader to include all eligible funds and forward to the May Board of Aldermen meeting. The motion was seconded by Alderman Wisbrock. Upon a vote being taken, it was announced that the motion was passed unanimously by the Board of Aldermen.

**R-20-03 - Consideration Of A Resolution Approving The Issuance Of Bonds By St. Louis County, Missouri, For An Industrial Development Project To Be Located In The City Of Fenton, Missouri.**

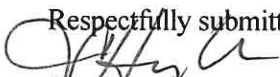
Sponsor: Maurath

After discussion, Alderman Maurath made a motion to approve the resolution. The motion was seconded by Alderman Clauss. Following discussion and upon a vote being taken, it was announced that the motion was passed unanimously by the Board of Aldermen.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 7:06 p.m., Alderman Clauss made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded by Alderman Sobey. Upon a vote being taken, the motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Jane Hungler  
City Clerk  
City of Fenton