

**City of Middleton
Board Meeting Agenda
6/17/2024**

1. Call meeting to order.
2. Approve the minutes from the May 20, 2024 meeting.
3. Approve bills paid in May, 2024.
4. Fire Department Report.
5. Police Department Report.
6. Utility Report.
7. Jackie Cox would like to address the board.
8. Maurice Reaves would like to address the board.
9. Is there a motion to utilize Tom Minor as City attorney for fiscal year 2025?
10. Is there a motion to utilize Harriet Thompson as City Judge for fiscal year 2025?
11. Is there a motion to utilize Jones & Jones as city auditor for fiscal year 2025?
12. Is there a motion to utilize Simmons Bank and Centennial Bank as city banks for the fiscal year 2025?
13. Is there a motion to utilize Bolivar Bulletin Times as the city newspaper for fiscal year 2025?
14. After advertising for asphalt bids for the 2025 fiscal year, only one bid was received. It was from Redmon Asphalt in the amount of \$135.00/ton, same as last year. Is there a motion to accept said bid?
15. Cynthia Scott has been looking into digital skills efforts and to add a learning center wing to the library. The grant is called the Connected Communities Facilities Grant. Thinking the cost to be approximately \$100,000 plus engineering fees. The grant is a 90/10 grant. Is there a motion to move forward with the grant process?
16. At the April Library Board meeting, it was recommended to the city council that Durward (Buddy) Baxter be elected to the Middleton Library Board.
17. At the May 23, 2024, Middleton Library Board Meeting, there was a motion a vote to approve a proposal for pay increases for the library personnel as follows:

Cynthia Scott, Director:	\$11.69/hour increased to \$15.00/hour
Shirly Parker, Assistant:	\$8.46/hour increased to \$11.00/hour
Sarah Hopper, Assistant:	\$8.07/hour increased to \$11.00/hour

Would the board like to approve the above stated raises?
18. Second reading of Ordinance 2024-05 (Occupational Safety and Health Program Plan).

19. Second reading of Budget Amending Ordinance 2024-06.
20. Second reading of Ordinance 2025-01 Annual Fiscal Budget.
21. Second reading of Ordinance 2025-02 Annual Capital Expenditures.
22. Second reading of Ordinance 2025-03 Annual Utility Rates. Water and Sewer rates show an 11% increase recommended by a utility rate study performed by Hussey Gay Bell. They also recommend an 11% rated increase for 2026 and cost of living increases after that. The sewer rates increased from 105% of the water charge to 115% of the water charge due to the fact sewer expense comprises approximately 55% of the overall expense associated with the water/sewer system. Also, solid waste fees have increased by 10% due to increases in overall inflation.
23. Tim Thrasher (acct#2-1859-01) – would like a sewer adjustment of \$20.09. This is related to filling his pool on 4/28/2024. For April his water usage was 11,354 gallons, compared to average usage of 4,935 gallons.
24. Dollar General (acct#2-1954) – we received their utility payment 6/13/2024, postmarked 5/31/2024, asking for a credit for late charges: water - \$3.51, sewer - \$2.13, and gas - \$1.37, for a total of \$7.01 in late charges.
25. Bad Debt – Cardwell’s Stateline Store (acct#2-2370) in the amount of \$130.72.
26. Public comment period for matters germane to items on the agenda.
27. Distribute revenue and expense report.
28. Adjourn meeting.