

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CUBA, MISSOURI
TUESDAY – OCTOBER 3, 2017 – 6:00 P.M. – CUBA CITY HALL COUNCIL ROOM**

Mayor Mortimeyer called the meeting to order. Aldermen present: Kevin Copling, Nancy Montgomery, Don Mizell, Warren Graddy, Cody Leathers, and Jeff Bouse. City attorney present: Lance Thurman. Police Chief present: Paul Crow. Public Works Director present, Bob Baldwin.

Motion by Montgomery, seconded by Bouse, to approve the agenda as written. Vote: All ayes.

Attorney Thurman introduced his associate, Emily Woodward who will be his back up for the city.

Motion by Mizell, seconded by Montgomery, to approve the regular meeting minutes of September 19, 2017. Vote: All ayes.

Motion by Montgomery, seconded by Leathers, to approve the executive session meeting minutes of September 19, 2017. Vote: All ayes.

Citizens participation: Mr. Woody Mosher, Commander of the American Legion is asking for permission to use Hood Park on November 2 at 6:00 p.m. for Dignified Flag Retirement ceremony, where they retire flags by burning them. It will take an hour to an hour and one half.
Motion by Bouse, seconded by Graddy, to approve the dignified flag retirement at Hood Park on November 2. Vote: All ayes.

Mr. Carl Callahan with the DAV would like the city to donate \$500 for new flags that are put up around town. Attorney Thurman suggested to purchase the flags up to \$500. **Motion by Bouse, seconded by Montgomery, to purchase flags for the DAV up to \$500. Vote: All ayes.**

Mr. Carl Callahan stated that McGinnis Wood Products is putting down white chat and it is making it dusty in Mapleshade Gardens. He asked if the city could do anything. Mayor Mortimeyer stated that he should make a formal complaint to the Police Dept.

Mr. Dan Eidson inquired on the bidding process of the work order system. Mayor Mortimeyer stated that this discussion has been tabled until the product has been studied more.

Park and Recreation Committee: Ms. Jennie Whittaker of the Park and Rec Committee stated that several items were put in the budget and they haven't seen anything accomplished. The Committee would like to Alderman Copling and Alderman Montgomery as their aldermanic committee. The Mayor stated that his appointment would not change this year but would be considered for the next year. Whittaker stated the committee has not seen the changes that were put into the budget. City Clerk Nash stated that she, Bob Baldwin and the Mayor meet weekly on the city capital improvement agendas to see where they are on each and which projects need to be started when. Currently, the park tax money will not be sent in to the city until December

so the capital improvement funds should be used to beautify the entrances of each park. The Committee is looking for a unified look at each entrance with landscaping. Baldwin stated the fence at Patti Jo's Playground has been ordered but they are waiting on All Type Fence. Nash recommended the committee send it in Recommendation form so that it will be put on the agenda.

Emergency Preparedness Director Report: Mr. Rodney Neff announced that no sirens were tested due to the weather. Neff has looked for a grant for a new EOC office, however, there isn't any money out there. He would like to remodel and use the old firehouse upstairs as his new office, beginning next fiscal year. **Motion by Mizell, seconded by Bouse, to allow the move of the EOC office to the old firehouse next fiscal year. Vote: All ayes.**

Public Works Director Report: Mr. Baldwin asked for the approval of transformers for the electric dept which include transformers for three businesses from Solomon for \$16,363. **Motion by Bouse, seconded by Graddy, to approve the transformer invoice of \$16,363 from Solomon. Vote: All ayes.**

Mr. Baldwin stated that Fleming Street was vacated in the 1940's and never recorded. 5 Star owners are doing major renovations and is putting in another business and would like the street dedicated to him. They are the original plat owners of the property. **Motion by Leathers, seconded by Bouse, to vacate Fleming Street to the current property owners. Vote: All ayes.** This is for the October 17 meeting.

Mr. Bob Baldwin stated that Covenant Praise Church would like to close a section of Mapleshade from E. Grand and Beldon on October 28 from 3 p.m. – 9 p.m. for a Halloween party. **Motion by Copling, seconded by Leathers, to approve the road closure of Mapleshade from E. Grand to Beldon on October 28 from 3-9 p.m. Vote: all ayes.**

Alderman Mizell asked if re-striping could be done on Buchanan Street as the parking spaces are tight. Mayor Mortimeyer suggested to combine the profession striping work with the parking lot on Smith Street.

Alderman Montgomery inquired on the progress of 907 N. Main. Baldwin stated they do not have a building permit and there has been no progress as the owner is trying to get title work done for his loan. **Motion by Montgomery, seconded by Leathers, to proceed with demolition due to falsification of the information given. Vote: Five ayes. Bouse – no.**

Police Chief Report: None.

Animal Control Manager, Missy Mullally was approached by Shelley Stieger, our local mural artist about having the High School art class put a mural on the Animal Control building at no cost the city. They will approach the city with the picture before beginning. **Motion by Copling, seconded by Bouse, to approve the mural on the animal control building. Vote: All ayes.**

Bills to be paid: Alderman Montgomery had several questions that were answered for her. **Motion by Mizell, seconded by Bouse, to pay the bills as presented. Vote: All ayes.**

Dude Solutions work order system. Mayor Mortimeyer stated this has been tabled until further study.

City Hall signs – Sonn Signs. Mayor Mortimeyer received bids for two new signs in front of City Hall. Sonn Signs gave bids for wood or and poly signs. The poly signs will last longer. **Motion by Bouse, seconded by Copling, to approve the poly signs at \$386.87 and 348.83. Vote: All ayes.**

Mayor Mortimeyer would like the council to consider changing the time for council meetings during the winter time change to 5:00 p.m. Alderman Leathers would like to hear from the public on this matter as well.

Mayor Mortimeyer asked for Alderman Montgomery to attend Heritage council and arts workshop on October 19th. She stated that she is already signed up.

Alderman Graddy stated that he met with supervisors last Friday regarding the work order system and said that it raised more questions than answers. He will continue to have meeting with them and thanked them for their input.

Alderman Mizell asked for a committee to look into the continued need for a hiring freeze. Mayor appointed Aldermen Mizell, Graddy and Leathers to the committee.

Alderman Copling believes there needs to be another employee in the water/sewer dept.

Motion by Graddy, seconded by Leathers, to go into closed session pursuant to RSMo 610.021 Section 3) personnel. Roll call vote: Copling –yes, Montgomery –yes, Mizell –yes, Graddy –yes, Leathers –yes, and Bouse –yes.

Mayor called a five minute recess prior to convening in executive session.

Actions of executive session:

Motion by Mizell, seconded by Montgomery, to accept the resignation of E.J. Scheel.

Roll call vote: Copling –yes, Montgomery –yes, Mizell –yes, Graddy –yes, Leathers –yes, and Bouse –yes.

Motion by Bouse, seconded by Montgomery, to hire Jay Coleman as a police officer at \$35,000. Roll call vote: Copling –yes, Montgomery –yes, Mizell –yes, Graddy –yes, Leathers –yes, and Bouse –yes.

Motion by Mizell, seconded by Graddy, to go back into open session. Roll call vote: Copling –yes, Montgomery –yes, Mizell –yes, Graddy –yes, Leathers –yes, and Bouse –yes.

Alderman Bouse asked the council to consider and/or answer the suggestion made by Dan Eidson regarding animal control.

Motion by Mizell, seconded by Graddy, to adjourn. Vote: All ayes.

Christine Nash, City Clerk