

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CUBA, MISSOURI
TUESDAY – JANUARY 21, 2020 – 6:00 P.M.
CUBA CITY HALL COUNCIL ROOM**

Mayor Mortimeyer called the meeting to order. Aldermen present: Kevin Copling, Sam Black, Debbie Martin, Warren Graddy, Cody Leathers, and Jeff Bouse. Public Works Director present, Craig Bouse. City Attorney present: Lance Thurman. Police Chief: Doug Shelton.

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

Motion by Leathers, seconded by Martin, to approve the January 7, 2020 meeting minutes. Vote: All ayes.

Citizens participation:

Ms. Angie Tutterrow on behalf of Blue Management Group presented the council with a Cuba App for the city and points of interest around Cuba. The app will not cost anything. Organizations can send updates and changes to Ms. Tutterrow. There will be links to different places, videos and a calendar. Businesses may purchase ad banners. The council thought it was a great idea.

Ms. Jeannie Woolsey of 621 Crestview addressed the council to state that they have voted twice to fix the water issue in Highland Terrace. When the area floods it will dump water behind her yard. The water did not go over the retention pond, however, there is still a problem. Mayor Mortimeyer stated that nothing has been done recently. Woolsey stated the retention pond works but the water is still going into the yards. Alderman Copling stated that they need to fix the problems with the plans that Mecos gave them. Ms. Woolsey went on to say that it's a 90 degree turn at her house and then it floods the two neighbors down from her. Alderman Bouse stated that the council was working with Doug Rutz to keep making demands and the city needs to tell him that he needs to help out and not put those demands out there. Alderman Martin asked that if we need to permit before construction begins, then why do we keep giving permits. Alderman Leathers stated there is an obvious problem there and we should cease giving permits.

Mr. Gary Smith of Bourbon stated that he purchased a vehicle in September and believes the Cuba License Office charged him more than they should have and he didn't notice until November. Mr. Smith went to the Police Dept and Officer Bell told him she would look at the video. He hasn't heard anything so he called and wanted to talk to the chief but did not get a call back nor was he in when he asked for him. Mayor Mortimeyer stated that was a miscommunication. Chief Doug Shelton stated this is a civil matter.

Dr. Sean Siebert gave an update on the GP layoff/closure. He stated that they had a job fair last week and it was very successful. There were 12 local employers and two medical marijuana companies. Sixty people attended.

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Ms. Amanda Mitchell of 21 Star Creek thanked Cuba for the medical marijuana companies. She wanted to show people that it is not about doing drugs, but the medical marijuana is safer than other drugs for pain and illnesses.

Public Works Director Report – Mr. Craig Bouse: Mr. Bouse presented the council with trailer bids for the Grounds Department. The trailer is budgeted.

Cowtown - \$4,275.00

Jim's Motors - \$3,850.00

ABC Investment - \$3,795

Motion by Leathers, seconded by Black, to approve the trailer bid from ABC Investment for \$3,795. Vote: All ayes.

Alderman Martin asked for a report on the inspections by the Building Inspector. Bouse is working on that and has it started.

Alderman Martin would like a report (quarterly) on projects going on for the fiscal year.

Alderman Black stated there is a problem on Trainer Ave at Mr. Maerli house and has issues when it rains hard, he cannot flush his toilet. He is forced to stay at a hotel. Black stated that he and Craig Bouse talked about solutions outside the sewer problems and would like to have a discussion in the near future. Alderman Leathers stated that he and Alderman Copling have talked about the 90 degree at the ball park that needs taken out before ball season. Mayor Mortimeyer stated that Mr. Maerli purchased the house and the waste does not flood his basement and the city is working the sewer system as they found a giant hole and the storm water is running through and once that is fixed it may fix the problems. This will be completed around the first of February. The city cannot justify one house be given a special line. There will be a water sewer committee meeting to discuss the issues.

Police Chief report – Chief Doug Shelton: None.

Alderman Martin asked if the camera project is completed. Chief Shelton stated it is 99% complete.

Alderman Copling inquired on the concerns of an outside furnace that Alderman Leathers brought up last meeting. Leathers stated that the concerns have been brought up in the past and they are in order for what the city has in place.

Motion by Martin, seconded by Bouse, to pay the bills as presented. Vote: All ayes.

Fund balance transfers and budget revisions as of December 31, 2019. Motion by Martin, seconded by Black, to approve the fund balance transfers and budget revisions as of 12/31/19. Vote: All ayes.

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Motion by Graddy, seconded by Leathers, to have the first reading of Bill No. 1928 by caption only. Vote: All ayes. City Clerk Nash read Bill No. 1928 – An ordinance authorizing the Mayor of the City of Cuba, Missouri, on behalf of said city to enter into a three year contract with Showtime Pyrotechnics, LLC, for a fourth of July fireworks display. **Motion by Bouse, seconded by Graddy, to approve the first reading of Bill No. 1928. Roll call vote: Copling –yes, Black –yes, Martin –yes, Graddy-yes, Leathers – yes, and Bouse –yes.** **Motion by Graddy, seconded by Leathers, to have the second reading of Bill No. 1928 by caption only. Vote: All ayes.** City Clerk Nash read Bill No. 1928 a second time. **Motion by Graddy, seconded by Black, to approve the second reading of Bill No. 1928. Roll call vote: Bouse – yes, Leathers – yes, Graddy –yes, Martin –yes, Black –yes, and Copling – yes.** Mayor Mortimeyer declared Bill No. 1928 becomes Special Ordinance No. 766 this 21st day of January 2020.

Mayor Mortimeyer stated that after the Tourism Committee read the letter from Connie Echols that Alderman Bouse distributed last meeting, they took her letter as a resignation as she stated she could not serve if certain things were not changed. Mayor Mortimeyer asked for the acceptance of her resignation. **Motion by Black, seconded by Leathers, to accept Connie Echols resignation from the Tourism Committee. Roll call vote: Copling – yes, Black –yes, Martin – no (as she did not believe Echols intended it to be a resignation), Graddy –yes, Leathers – no (as it was not a formal resignation), Bouse – no. Mayor – yes.**

Alderman Bouse asked if they should ask Echols and see what she says. Attorney Thurman stated that the Tourism Board accepted as a resignation and the board is just informed.

Alderman Bouse stated that every time it snows he gets called about the streets. He stated that the Street Department employee's live out of town and that perhaps the Police Dept should make the call of when to send in the Street Dept. Mayor Mortimeyer stated the Police have always done it. Alderman Copling thinks the call should be made between Street Supervisor and Craig Bouse. Alderman Leathers stated that he had some calls about the streets on the first snow this year, but lately he is hearing positive feedback.

Alderman Leathers asked if PW Director Bouse has looked at the engineering specs of Highland Terrace, and if he could possibly talked to Doug Rutz again.

Alderman Martin asked Attorney Thurman where he is on the nuisance procedures. Thurman is still putting it together and should be complete once he speaks with the other attorneys.

Alderman Black asked if the mixers have been installed. PW Director Bouse stated that have not been. Bouse stated he hopes next week. DNR did not like how they were doing it.

Attorney Thurman spoke on the Street Dept situation, on having the PD rule over the Street Dept during inclement weather. He said it could be done; however, getting into position to have one agency over another could be interesting. Police Chief Shelton stated that is what they do now, the officers take notice when people are having trouble driving and they will call Craig Bouse and have him make that call.

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

Christine Nash, City Clerk