

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CUBA, MISSOURI
TUESDAY – FEBRUARY 4, 2020 – 6:00 P.M.
CUBA CITY HALL COUNCIL ROOM**

Mayor Mortimeyer called the meeting to order. Aldermen present: Kevin Copling, Debbie Martin, Warren Graddy, Cody Leathers, and Jeff Bouse. Aldermen absent: Sam Black. 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. Vote: Five ayes. Black – absent.

Motion by Leathers, seconded by Martin, to approve the regular meeting minutes of January 21, 2020. Vote: Five ayes. Black – absent.

Citizens participation: Dr. Sean Siebert announced the job fair for the GP and LMI layoff's was a success.

Ms. Annalee Williams stated it is the last week of the Patriot Nation display at Recklein. There have been over 1000 who have participated. Williams thanked the council for the use of Recklein.

Emergency Preparedness Director: Mr. Rodney Neff stated that sirens were not tested due to cloudy weather. Last Friday he had a siren malfunction. The company is going to check on that siren.

Neff announced that Severe Weather Week is March 2-6. March 3 being the state wide tornado drill.

Neff stated that 769 are enrolled in the Mobil safety. Neff announced a Spotters Class on Monday, February 10 from 6-8:30 at the library.

Public Works Director Report: PW Director Bouse stated that the Ground Dept budgeted \$6,000 for a trailer and only spent \$3750. He would also like to purchase a sprayer for \$1000.
Motion by Bouse, seconded by Leathers, to allow the purchase of a sprayer for \$1000. Vote: Five ayes. Black – absent.

PW Director Bouse gave a future progress report:

- He stated that the new shop is almost complete at the old Mepco.
- They will put in a feeder line to the Barnett park.
- And feed electric line to Maries County Bank and Hutson's.
- Street working on ball park road and the fence
- Weather permitting will have Hwy 66 shoulders competed
- Water/sewer – containing the chlorination which he hopes is completed by the end of the week

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PW Director reported that Building Inspector Baldwin has had two commercial additions and one new commercial. Two residential. They are logging the easements. Alderman Martin asked if Baldwin was logging his time, as she would like to see that at some point.

Alderman Leathers inquired on how long before the mechanic shop would be completed. PW Director stated, within the next couple of months. They need to build an office out front.

Alderman Leathers stated that a Water and Sewer Committee meeting was held. The water and sewer issues are bad and there is a long range plan to fix it. In the meantime, Leathers stated that he will get back to the immediate issues with Highland Terrace. Currently there is an issue on Trainer with two homes, Maerli and Goerger's. When there is excessive rain the infiltration is in the sewer line and they cannot flush their toilets. The city had Byron Shaw with Mecco Engineering look at it and the easiest fix is to install a grinder pump for each house. The Water/Sewer Dept got bids for a contractor to do the work is \$20,000. After speaking with the PW Director Bouse, who stated this work can be done in house for \$12,000. Both homeowners agreed they would be responsible for the electric. From the exterior to the sewer line the lateral is there and will hook into the sewer system. This will solve the problem per Leathers, however, it is not a city wide permanent fix. **Motion by Leathers, seconded by Bouse, to allow Water Supervisor, Glen Shockley to look into the exact cost to have this project completed.** Discussion: Leathers stated that the problem is the city's fault. He stated that there is a warranty on the pump and once it expires, the homeowner would own and assume the liability. Once the problem is remedied, it is up to that homeowner to take responsibility for the lift. Alderman Martin asked what if others starting coming in for that fix. Leathers stated that if the city runs into similar problems, then we would fix that. Martin asked if there was another fix that was more expensive or would fix all the problems that isn't a quick fix, but a permanent fix. Alderman Copling is glad the city is moving forward on the project. Attorney Thurman would have property owners sign something once this is in place. **Roll call vote: Copling –yes, Black – absent, Martin –yes, Graddy – yes, Leathers –yes, and Bouse –yes.**

Alderman Leathers stated that if the city should plant to contract the project, it will be revisited.

Alderman Leathers inquired with PW Director Bouse if he has met with Doug Rutz on the Highland Terrace issue. PW Director Bouse stated that he has not as he was on vacation. Attorney Thurman stated that he can begin the process to talk with him.

Police Chief Report – Chief Doug Shelton: None.

Lion Club Car Show street closure – Motion by Graddy, seconded by Bouse, to allow the Lions Club to close the streets as each year on September 26, 2020. Vote: Five ayes. Black – absent.

Motion by Graddy, seconded by Leathers, to pay the bills as presented. Vote: Five ayes. Black – absent.

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Mayor's appointments: Mayor Mortimeyer announced that Shannon Sanazaro and Judy Erwin have resigned from the Park Board. Mayor Mortimeyer would like to appoint Jessica Baker to the Park Board. **Motion by Bouse, seconded by Graddy, to appoint Jessica Baker to the Park and Recreation Committee. Vote: Five ayes. Black – absent.**

Surplus Bids:

There were a list of bids put in the newspaper, the following were bids on:

Lot #10 – Storm Windows – Daniel Tracy \$200. **Motion by Graddy, seconded by Leathers, to approve the bid from Daniel Tracy for \$200. Vote: Five ayes. Black – absent.**

Lot #5 – Heaters – AJ Branstetter \$10.00 **Motion by Graddy, seconded by Leathers, to approve the bids from AJ Branstetter for \$10. Vote: Five ayes. Black – absent.**

Lot #12 – cabinets – Randy Williams \$31. **Motion by Leathers, seconded by Graddy, to approve the bid from Randy Williams for \$31. Vote: Five ayes. Black – absent.**

Lot #2 – filing cabinets - Randy Williams \$21. **Motion by Leathers, seconded by Graddy, to approve the bids from Randy Williams for \$21. Vote: Five ayes. Black absent.**

Mayor Mortimeyer announced a Special Meeting on Thursday, February 13 at 5:00 p.m. for executive session – real estate.

Mayor Mortimeyer announced a nuisance committee meeting after the special meeting.

City Clerk Nash stated the Missouri minimum wage went up to \$9.45/hour and the city is exempt. She asked if the council wanted to increase the minimum to the State standard and back pay those who are under from January 1 until the present. **Motion by Graddy, seconded by Bouse, to increase the minimum wage to \$9.45/hour and back pay those under from January 1 until the present. Vote: Five ayes. Black – absent.**

Alderman Copling would like to get another speeding sign for Bond or Sycamore. Chief Shelton stated that once someone is above 25mph the sign goes blank. Alderman Graddy would like to make sure it works before buying another one and see what it takes to fix it.

Alderman Martin received a call regarding the mobile alert regarding a planned electric outage. She thinks the alert should go out to the people before the outage. She does understand it was a communication issue.

Alderman Leathers received a letter on the Tourism Committee for a records request. He realizes that some of the items requested are more detailed than others, but he wants to make sure we are within the statutes and maybe just get terms requested.

Motion by Graddy, seconded by Bouse, to go into closed session pursuant to RSMo 610.021 section 1) litigation; 2) real estate and 3) personnel. Roll call vote: Copling –yes, Black – absent, Martin – yes, Graddy-yes, Leathers – yes, and Bouse –yes.

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

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Actions of executive session:

No final action was taken

Motion by Graddy, seconded by Leathers, to go back into open session. Vote: Five ayes. Black – absent.

Motion by Graddy, seconded by Bouse, to adjourn. Vote: Five ayes. Black – absent.

Christine Nash, City Clerk