

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CUBA, MISSOURI
TUESDAY – MARCH 17, 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 absent, Craig Bouse. City Attorney present: Lance Thurman. Police Chief: Doug Shelton. Others in attendance: Rodney Neff, handled the video. Rob Viehman, Cuba Free Press

*Note the meeting was closed to the public due to the recent recommendations of keeping social gatherings to 10 people or less because of COVID-19. The meeting was live on Youtube and a recorded copy on the website.

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

Attorney Thurman stated that the reason the agenda was revised and the ordinance added in less than 24 hours was due to the coronavirus.

Motion by Martin, seconded by Leathers, to approve the regular meeting of March 3, 2020. Vote: All ayes.

Motion by Leathers, seconded by Black, to approve the executive session meeting of March 3, 2020. Vote: All ayes.

City Clerk Nash presented bids for the Public Works Director on the grinder pumps for Trainer Ave. Nash stated that Mr. Craig Bouse stated all bids were apples to apples.

Harry Cooper Supply – Total for (2) grinder pumps - \$6,508.42

Butler Supply – Total for (2) grinder pumps - \$7,214.64

The Pump Shop – Total for (2) grinder pumps - \$8,264.00

Motion by Black, seconded by Bouse, to approve the bid from two grinder pumps from Harry Cooper Supply for a total of \$6,508.42. Vote: All ayes.

Police Chief asked to add the HVAC invoice to the bills to be paid to Hartley's Climate Control in the amount of \$22,282.00 that was approved at a previous meeting. **Motion by Leathers, seconded by Black, to pay the Hartley's Climate Control invoice for \$22,282. Vote: All ayes.**

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

Motion by Bouse, seconded by Copling, to have the first reading of Bill No. 1932 by caption only. Vote: All ayes. City Clerk Nash read Bill No. 1932 caption and section – An ordinance authorizing the declaration of an emergency by the Mayor due to the Coronavirus and authorizing temporary protocols and practices for the city during the State of Emergency. Each Section was read as well. **Motion by Bouse, seconded by Leathers, to approve the first reading of Bill No. 1932. Roll call vote: Copling –yes, Black –yes, Martin – yes, Graddy –**

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yes, Leathers –yes, and Bouse – yes. Motion by Bouse, seconded by Graddy, to have the second reading of Bill No. 1932 by caption only. Vote: All ayes. City Clerk Nash read Bill No. 1932 a second time. **Motion by Graddy, seconded by Martin, to approve the second reading. Roll call vote: Bouse – yes, Leathers –yes, Graddy- yes, Martin –yes, Black –yes, and Copling –yes.** Mayor Mortimeyer declared Bill No. 1932 becomes Special Ordinance No. 769 this 17th day of March 2020.

Mayor Mortimeyer announced the next meeting will be April 9 at 6 p.m.

Mayor Mortimeyer read a statement. Attached.

Mayor Mortimeyer asked the city to watch their spending during this time.

Police Chief stated he previously was on the agenda for a new hire, but would like to add it back on as it is an emergency hire to fill all shifts with an officer being out. Aldermen Martin did meet with the new hire suggestion and was in on the interview. **Motion by Martin, seconded by Bouse, based on the recommendation of the Police Chief Shelton to hire Michayla Brockert as an officer. Roll call vote: Copling – yes, Black – yes, Martin –yes, Graddy – yes, Leathers –yes, and Bouse –yes.**

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

Christine Nash, City Clerk

Just like the rest of the country, the City of Cuba is feeling the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. I would like to thank the council for passing this legislation tonight in an effort to help the citizens who may be facing some hard economic times to come. We urge you to follow the Presidents guidelines of avoiding social gatherings in group of 10 or more people. Therefore, we will be canceling park and Recklein events through May 1, where at that time we will reassess the situation. We will also close the visitor center due to the high volume of travelers. Municipal Court will not be in session until May 13 according to the Supreme Court, and our Animal Control is asking to make appointments for adoptions. Work from home whenever possible and practice good hygiene. We are all in this together, and we all need to do our part.

Thank you!

Mayor Ray