

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CUBA, MISSOURI
TUESDAY – MARCH 3, 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, Cody Leathers, Jeff Bouse. Alderman absent: Warren Graddy. Public Works Director present: Craig Bouse. City Attorney present: Lance Thurman. Police Chief: Doug Shelton.

Motion by Martin, seconded by Leathers, to approve the agenda. Vote: Five ayes. Graddy-absent.

Motion by Bouse, seconded by Black, to approve the regular meeting minutes of February 18, 2020.

Vote: Five ayes. Graddy-absent.

Motion by Black, seconded by Leathers, to approve the executive session meeting minutes of February 18, 2020. Vote: Five ayes. Graddy-absent.

Motion by Bouse, seconded by Leathers, to approve the special meeting minutes of February 25, 2020. Vote: Five ayes. Graddy-absent.

Citizens Participation: Ms. Connie Echols stated that she is addressing the council since she was not allowed to speak at the previous meeting regarding the tourism. Mayor Mortimeyer explained how that was a council matter, not citizens participation. Echols stated that the information requested is and should be public knowledge. Other towns post it on their websites. Echols feels that the town or aldermen don't know what is going on with the tourism commission. While serving on the tourism committee, Echols asked questions that were not answered and states that there were no minutes taken or approved at the sixteen meetings she attended, and seven of those meetings she recorded, so is unsure where the minutes are coming from. Echols stated that when someone asked about the collectors position, they were given old outdated information. Echols asked if the council knew what commission was the collector makes. Echols said that Clerk Christine Nash gave the wrong information on collector commission and thinks it needs to be taken care of and addressed. Mayor Mortimeyer said that it will be looked into. Leathers asked about the information requested, and Echols feels that Nash knows the information she is wanting and could be gotten in twenty pages and save a lot of trouble but is dragging it out. Echols doesn't understand why it would take so long, unless there is something to hide. Mayor Mortimeyer said that Nash should be able to defend herself. Mayor Mortimeyer thanked her for her concerns, and again said the matter will be looked into.

AnnaLee Williams is asking for permission to work with Lance Thurman to reform the historical district ordinance to get it back in the books. Thurman has no objection. Council gives permission.

Sean Siebert thanked all the volunteers on all boards. He feels that their time and work can get lost and does not want to lose sight of that. He applauded Echols on her input, but also feels people can get disenchanted. Siebert gave a public thanks to all the people serving on all boards.

Public Works Director Report – Mr. Craig Bouse: Mr. Bouse presented the council with garage door bids for the new mechanic shop. Mayor Mortimeyer stated that there is money in the budget for these. Miller Door Co. - \$11,118.00

Dent County Overhead Door - \$11,945.00

Motion by Bouse, seconded by Leathers, to approve the garage doors bid from Miller Door Co. for \$11,118.00. Vote: Five ayes. Graddy –absent.

PW Director Bouse stated that the grinder pump bid that was accepted at the previous meeting is not usable. The vendor can't honor the original bid as there was an error with it. PW Director Bouse asked if the other bid can be accepted. Thurman said that it can't and new bids will have to be gotten. PW Director Bouse will go out for bids by the next meeting. Mayor Mortimeyer asked that Paul Maerli be notified.

PW Director Bouse wanted all to know that the water mixer installation is to be started tomorrow, Wednesday.

Martin questioned the garage door openers of the new mechanic shop and who all would have the openers to the building and will they be on the building, keypad outside, or with someone. PW Director Bouse said there is a push button pad inside and the mechanic is the only one with an opener.

Leathers asked when the chlorine will be gone from the water. PW Director Bouse stated that it should be gone by next week.

Black asked about the timeframe of resurfacing the shoulder of Route 66. PW Director Bouse stated that once the weather breaks in a couple of months the project can be started.

Mayor Mortimeyer informed all of the Public Works Building being broken into and a truck stolen. Also, that PW Director Bouse is getting prices on locks that can't be duplicated. They can only be made at the company, and have to be requested by one city person. When the truck was stolen, the only picture gotten was of the thief driving thru the gate they opened. Hopefully this will help with the problem.

Police Chief Report – Doug Shelton: Chief Shelton reported that the Running the Rails on Route 66 is March 21, 2020 and is asking for road closures while the race takes place. Streets will open back up once all runners are thru. After the race, Main Street in front of Frisco's will remain closed for activities. Chief Shelton will get with PW Director Bouse to have the streets barreled off. Leathers asked if there were many complaints at last years race. Chief Shelton replied that there were not. Bouse asked if those that live on these streets will be able to get in and out. Chief Shelton replied that no, once the race starts they will not, but they will receive notice as well as Sean Siebert going door to door to hand out flyers informing all of the closures. Martin feels that more notice would have been better so that a notice could have been put in the paper for better communication. **Motion by Black, seconded by Leathers, to close streets for Running the Rails on Route 66. Vote: Five ayes. Graddy-absent.**

Chief Shelton stated that Jimmy Montgomery with Rockfair is requesting approval to apply for his liquor license. **Motion by Bouse, seconded by Black, to approve a liquor license for Jimmy Montgomery, Rockfair. Vote: Five ayes. Graddy-absent.**

Emergency Preparedness Director Report – Rodney Neff: Neff stated that the state wide siren test took place this morning and all sirens worked. Also, that the siren company sent a warning and will be here next Tuesday to check all sirens before storm season hits. Neff asked if all had heard about the tornado that hit Nashville and there were 22 dead. Neff encouraged all to sign up for the RAVE System, with cell phone and radio apps. If there is an emergency or weather alert, the Mayor, Chief, and PW Director are notified. Neff also stated that he can send the street closures for Running the Rails on Route 66 thru the RAVE System. Neff and Siebert will get together.

Discussion of the proposed administrative search warrant: Martin has questions on how this will impact the current ordinance as she does not want them to contradict each other. Thurman worked off of the codes, but explained that anything contradictory would have been fixed. Thurman explained that he did a process for administrative search warrants and because we don't have one, this will be exclusively what we have now and that some updates will need to be done in some areas like the grass/weeds section and dangerous buildings. Martin stated that there is confusion as to who handles these complaints, PW Director or Police Department, and feels the new policy is clear as long as it supercede's previous ordinances. Martin asked about the application process. Thurman explained that the police department or code enforcement presents the affidavit to the judge to be signed, then the warrant is issued. This is to be done in 10 days, in exception of dangerous buildings which would take more time. Martin asked if things are continuing as are until the new policy takes place, starting with filling out paperwork at City Hall that is turned over to the police department. Thurman replied that yes, the citation process will still be in effect, but this policy is creating an end to these problems after 30 days. Leathers feels that this is showing proper due diligence with the court process. Thurman feels this policy will be used as an end game with some teeth in it. Mayor Mortimeyer stated there will be no changes in the policy and the first reading of this bill will be at the March 17, 2020 council meeting.

Mayor Mortimeyer presented a bill from Mike's Inc. for work done at the treatment plant and is \$5364.71. **Motion by Bouse, seconded by Leathers, to approve the Mike's Inc. bill for \$5364.71. Vote: Five ayes. Graddy-absent.**

Mayor Mortimeyer spoke with a concerned citizen regarding the speeding on West Spencer Street and asked Chief Shelton about a 4-way stop being put in at Spencer St. and Springfield St. Chief Shelton hasn't had any complaints recently, but will get with PW Director Bouse to access the situation.

Copling is concerned with the safety due to speeding on Bond St. Mayor Mortimeyer stated that a flashing speed sign is on order already.

Black reported that as there are no park board recommendations, there was discussion of hiring a part time helper to work in the summer months to clean all parks and Recklein areas to help the City's construction department. Further discussion at the next park board meeting on March 16,2020.

Martin asked if there was anything further on the pricing of the Hood Park Building recommendation. PW Director Bouse replied no.

Martin asked that the street department drive around and look at signs, see what condition they are in, and see if they need to be there. There are some nice signs, but they can barely be read and either need to be fixed or gotten rid of.

Leathers presented information from the water/sewer committee showing a map of all the lines that have been scoped and cleaned totaling 85-90% of completion. It was explained that there are lines on the north side of town that are unreachable due to the mud and that the engineers are asking for a 90 day extension at no additional cost because of the original contract timeline expiring. While waiting, the engineers will be working on preparing the final project documentation. A contract change order is also being requested consisting of a credit from a built in cost being put toward other high flow old PVC piping areas that shouldn't rot but may have limbs and rocks and need to be looked at by camera.

Motion by Leathers, seconded by Bouse, to grant the 90 day extension and the contract change order. Black asked if the cost came out to the exact same as credit had. Leathers replied yes. **Roll call vote: Copling-yes, Black-yes, Martin-yes, Graddy-absent, Leathers-yes, Bouse-yes.**

Bouse is saddened to hear the passing of a long time business man, Bob Mullen. He was a great friendly man that will be missed by all. Prayers to his family. Mayor Mortimeyer announced that an arrangement will be sent from the City of Cuba.

Bouse stated that years ago a generous man, Mr. John Mosby, gave the city a large piece of land that the airport sits on. Mr. Mosby's family has reached out with concern that the sign once there, is now lying in the corner in a pile. Bouse thinks the sign should put back up, and recognize Mosby Field. PW Director Bouse will look into. **Motion by Bouse, seconded by Martin, to take the steps necessary to put the sign back up. Vote: Five ayes. Graddy-absent.**

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

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

Actions of executive session: No final action was taken.

Motion by Black, seconded by Bouse, to go back into open session. Roll call vote: Copling-yes, Black-yes, Martin-yes, Graddy-absent, Leathers-yes, Bouse-yes.

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

**Lainie Garbo
Deputy Clerk**