

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CUBA, MISSOURI
TUESDAY – JUNE 16, 2020 – 6:00 P.M.
CUBA CITY HALL COUNCIL ROOM**

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

Mayor Leathers asked to add to number 2 – special meeting of June 8, 2020 and to add to citizens participation b) other citizens participation. **Motion by Bouse, seconded by Black, to approve the agenda with changes. Vote: All ayes.**

Motion by Black, seconded by Holt, to approve the regular meeting minutes of June 4, 2020. Vote: All ayes.

Motion by Martin, seconded by Graddy, to approve the executive session meeting minutes of June 4, 2020. Vote: All ayes.

Motion by Black, seconded by Holt, to approve the special meeting minutes of June 8, 2020. Vote: Five ayes. Bouse – abstain.

Citizens participation: Mr. Bruce Nebel of DAV asked for the city to donate about \$300 worth of flags for the telephone poles on the holidays. The City donated \$500 worth last year. **Motion by Bouse, seconded by Holt, for the city to purchase approximately \$300 worth of flags for the DAV to hang. Vote: All ayes.**

Public Works Director Report: PW Director Bouse stated that although the council approve the circulation pumps as an expense the water dept from Cunningham, the invoice is being paid to Tom Cat. **Motion by Bouse, seconded by Black, to approve paying Tom Cat for the circulation tanks. Vote: All ayes.**

Alderman Martin thanked Bouse for the water meter letters that went out, along with the office. Martin also asked if the city can pick up brush more frequently? Bouse stated there were two days that were spent picking it up.

Alderman Martin inquired on the mosquito spraying. PW Director Bouse stated that when the council is ready, he is. He has two-month's left over and will start on the first Monday in July. Alderman Martin also asked if the handicap areas can be repainted on the streets that will not be paved this year.

Mayor Leathers thanked the electric department for all their work over the weekend.

Alderman Bouse thanked PW Director Bouse for the airport sign getting done. He also suggested that Bouse let the Street Dept know if extra brush needs picked up and have them do it when necessary.

Alderman Martin inquired on the copper pipes at the Viva Cuba park. PW Bouse stated that it is part of a sprinkler system that MoDOT had to dig up when they were doing the sidewalk project.

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Police Chief Report: Police Chief Shelton stated that he has been getting complaints from citizens regarding the 500 block of Florence about putting No Parking signs there. The road is not wide enough when cars are parked on both sides and there is a blind spot as well. Attorney Thurman will have an ordinance for the next meeting.

Mayor Leathers stated that another electronic speed limit sign has been put in the budget for next year. Leathers receives calls on speeding on McLeod.

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

Discussion of the Holidays and Mayor days off: Mayor Leathers inquired if the council would like any changes made. Alderman Martin stated to keep the days listed in the handbook. Alderman Bouse stated the mayor days off should be reserved for emergencies, and he does not think that Mayor Leathers will abuse them. Alderman Graddy inquired about the verbiage for taking off around a holiday. ****Note this is the verbiage taken from the tabled ordinance [Days taken immediately prior to or following a scheduled holiday will require written requests submitted three weeks prior to the scheduled holiday. Such requests will be reviewed by the Department Supervisor, PW Director, and presented to the City Council for approval. Criteria for approval may include, but is not limited to, available accrued overtime hours and vacation hours, adequate employee coverage of city services, and previously approved requests. Should a scheduled holiday occur on Saturday, observation will be on the preceding Friday. Holidays occurring on Sunday, will be observed on the following Monday]. Alderman Copling stated the issue needs to be left alone. It has worked for years, why change it. The council needs to change the hiring policy as it is not clear at all. Alderman Bouse agrees with the hiring policy. Alderman Martin asked if the city would like to move that the Mayor gives days off in the event of an emergency does that require an ordinance. Attorney Thurman clarified. If the council wants the time off a Mayor gives, there will need to be an ordinance. As the CEO of the city, the mayor has the authority. Alderman Martin would like to remove that page of Mayor's days off from the handbook. Attorney Thurman stated that is not something in the handbook, it is the powers of the mayor. Mayor Leathers formed a committee to discuss the matter and bring up at the next meeting. The committee is Alderman Martin and Alderman Graddy.**

Mayor Leathers announced the next meeting is July 9 since the special election for ward 1 is on July 7.

Motion by Black, seconded by Graddy, to have the first reading of Bill No. 1942. Vote: All ayes. City Clerk Nash read Bill No. 1942 – An ordinance authorizing the mayor of the City of Cuba, Missouri, on behalf of said city, to enter into an agreement with K9s for Law, Inc to transfer ownership of K9 unit currently being utilized by the Cuba Police Department. **Motion by Bouse, seconded by Martin, to approve the first reading. Roll call vote: Copling- yes, Black – yes, Martin -yes, Graddy – yes, Holt -yes, and Bouse – yes. Motion by Bouse, seconded by Black, to have the second reading of Bill No. 1942. Vote: All ayes.** City Clerk Nash read Bill No. 1942 a second time. **Motion by Black, seconded by Bouse, to approve the second reading of Bill No. 1942. Roll call vote: Bouse - yes, Holt -yes, Graddy-yes, Martin -yes, Black -yes,**

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and Copling -yes. Mayor Leathers declared Bill No. 1942 becomes Special Ordinance No. 775 this 16th day of June 2020.

Proclamation of a Tie Vote: City Clerk Nash stated that the Proclamation of a Tie Vote for Ward 1 was sent to her from County Clerk, John Martin, for Warren Graddy and Harold Halbert to sign in her presence to agree to a special election on July 7 using paper ballot designed by the Local Election Authority and that paper ballots shall be counted by hand by the duly-sworn election judges emplaced by the Local Election Authority.

Official Election results: Motion by Bouse, seconded by Black, to approve the official election results (attached). Vote: All ayes.

Mayor's appointments – Tourism Commission: Mayor Leathers stated for lack of a better term, the Tourism Commission disbanded and they are starting from scratch. Mayor Leathers stated an application was circulated and it was created by a citizen with no connection. He would like these appointments to come due at the April elections and appointed during mayor's appointments.

1 – year, Jimmy West, 2-year Fay Conduit (Super 8), 2-year Dennis Meiser (Mo Hick), 3-year Shelley Barton (Two Old Crows), 3-year Doug Hutson (Doug's Shirt Shack).

Mayor Leathers went on to say that all the Visitor Center and museum employees will remain in tack. Leathers thanked everyone on the board. Debbie Martin will be the city liaison. **Motion by Black, seconded by Graddy, to approve the Tourism Commission as listed.** Discussion: Alderman Copling asked if there would be a problem since some of the applications stated they are to be turned by July 1. Attorney Thurman stated there is no requirement to have an application. It is a volunteer position. The Mayor makes the appointments. Mayor Leathers stated he can make the appointments but wanted to be fair and get the inclusion of the BOA. **Roll call vote: Copling – no, Black -yes, Martin – yes, Graddy -yes, Holt -yes, and Bouse – no (due to waiting until July 1).**

Mayor Leathers stated that there is an ordinance for a nuisance that has more teeth. He stated that the process with a nuisance is that it can be reported to police or PW and a warning will be administered. If that doesn't solve the problem, a citation will be issued. Then a court date and then a fine will be established. The police can apply for a search warrant to get the nuisance cleaned up. That will then abate the nuisance. Leathers is proud of this ordinance. Alderman Martin asked if the forms are the same. Leathers stated they are, and they are located at City Hall.

Alderman Copling asked Byron Shaw with Meco Engineering, who was in the audience, where does the city start since the videoing is completed on the sewer project. Shaw stated a small section over by the school and the railroad tracts. There is bad infiltration there. Copling asked how much per foot is it to line the sewer system. Mr. Shaw stated the worst part is an area that needs replaced. Copling asked how deep the lines are. Shaw stated 4 to 17 feet. Alderman Copling hopes to do a lot of the work inhouse.

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Alderman Martin stated there are issues in the museum and problems with the chimney. She stated there is a closure of the stairwell that is a safety/fire hazard.

Alderman Martin reminding the council of the letter that they all received from Doug Rutz stating the housing shortage and the fact that he does have available land.

City Clerk Nash stated that she felt it important to relay on her behalf and the that of Ms. Roedemeier and Mr. Mortimeyer, that there isn't any misappropriation of fund or misuse of funds as the claims of a certain individual has made, or otherwise the council would have a full investigation of it. Nash believes the language used for the dislike of funding the museum could be misleading to the public. Mayor Leathers concurred that there is no interest nor desire to seek more information on this. The city stands by all the individuals who represented the commission.

Dr. Sean Siebert (who was in the audience) asked if the school would be involved in any sewer project that is being talked about by the school. Mayor Leathers stated the school would be notified before anything took place.

Mayor Leathers announced a budget meeting for Thursday, June 18 at 6 p.m.

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

Christine Nash, City Clerk