

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

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

Motion by Martin, seconded by Graddy, to approve the agenda as written. Vote: Five ayes. Copling – absent.

Motion by Holt, seconded by Bouse, to approve the special meeting minutes of July 8, 2020. Vote: Four ayes. Copling – absent. Bouse – abstain.

Motion by Martin, seconded by Black, to approve the regular meeting minutes of July 9, 2020. Vote: Five ayes. Copling – absent.

Motion by Black, seconded by Martin, to approve the executive session meeting minutes of July 9, 2020. Vote: Five ayes. Copling – absent.

Citizens participation: Mr. Carl Callahan wanted to discuss the Veterans Memorial and what someone needs to do as there is a new application. Mayor Leathers stated that the Park Board is taking into consideration a portion of the Tangle Creek park area for more memorials. He stated there is nothing the budget for this year. Alderman Bouse talked with Kelly Bushman who would put names on the new monument, whenever that may be; however, he may not be able to put any on the old monument without a lift. Alderman Martin stated that currently the card is \$150 plus engraving fees. Mayor Leathers suggest looking into getting names to put on the current structure.

Public Works Director Report: PW Director Bouse is holding off on the transformer bids.

Bouse would like to go out for tree trimming bids along Theresa to Beldon as the person who was awarded the bid earlier in the year has not started job nor has he answered his phone.

Motion by Bouse, seconded by Martin, to put out for bids the tree trimming bid for Theresa street. Vote: Five ayes. Copling – absent.

Alderman Black inquired on the Route 66 shoulders and if it has been started. PW Director Bouse some is done and hope to get the rest done soon.

Alderman Martin thanked PW Director Bouse for taking down the growth at the Visitor Center. Mayor Leathers thanked PW Director Bouse and Chief Shelton for taking care of the nuisance complaints.

Police Chief Report:

Police Chief Shelton stated that the Lion's Club is holding a picnic on August 2 and would like to close Buchanon from Route 66 to Main Street. **Motion by Bouse, seconded by Black, to approve the road closure on August 2, 2020. Vote: Five ayes. Copling- absent.**

Alderman Graddy asked Chief Shelton if he made a plan for the nuisance ordinance. Shelton stated he contacted Prosecuting Attorney Brashears who has not answered yet.

Purple Heart Recipient – Sergeant Mark Friedmann

Sergeant Mark Friedmann was presented with a Purple Heart and a Proclamation from the City on his bravery in the line of duty.

Animal Control – Animal Care Hires:

Animal Care Manager has an opening for Animal Care and another one is moving; so she now has two openings. She had about 10 applications and her and Chief Shelton interviewed five. The met with the committee and is recommending to hire Rebecca Howdeshell and Lacinda Batterson. **Motion by Martin, seconded by Black, to hire Rebecca Howdeshell and Lacinda Batterson as Animal Care Assistants at \$11/hour. Vote: Five ayes. Copling – absent.**

Motion by Graddy, seconded by Holt, to pay the bills as presented. Vote: Five ayes. Copling- absent.

Motion by Bouse, seconded by Graddy, to have the first reading of Bill No. 1948 by caption only. Vote: Five ayes. Copling- absent. City Clerk Nash read Bill No. 1948 – An ordinance amending section 23-48 of the Cuba City Code, a code section regulating speed limits in Cuba, Missouri, to prohibit vehicles from traveling in excess of 25 MPH on Fleenor Rd. **Motion by Bouse, seconded by Holt, to approve the first reading of Bill No. 1948. Roll call vote: Black -yes, Martin -yes, Graddy -yes, Holt -yes, and Bouse -yes. Copling – absent. Motion by Graddy, seconded by Bouse, to have the second reading of Bill No. 1948 by caption only. Vote: Five ayes. Copling – absent.** City Clerk Nash read Bill No. 1948 a second time. **Motion by Bouse, seconded by Black, to approve the second reading of Bill No. 1948. Roll call vote: Bouse -yes, Holt -yes, Graddy- yes, Martin -yes, and Black -yes. Copling – absent.** Mayor Leathers declared Bill No. 1948 becomes General Ordinance No. 1180 this 21st day of July 2020.

Motion by Bouse, seconded by Black, to have the first reading of Bill No. 1949 by caption only. Vote: Five ayes. Copling – absent. City Clerk Nash read Bill No. 1949 – An ordinance amending section 23-47 of the Cuba City Code, a code section regulating parking, to prohibit parking on both sides of Fleenor Road. **Motion by Bouse, seconded by Graddy, to approve the first reading of Bill No. 1949. Roll call vote: Black -yes, Martin -yes, Graddy-yes, Holt -yes, and Bouse -yes. Copling – absent. Motion by Black, seconded by Martin, to have the second reading of Bill No. 1949 by caption only. Vote: Five ayes. Copling – absent.** City Clerk Nash read Bill No. 1949 a second time. **Motion by Bouse, seconded by Holt, to approve the second reading of Bill No. 1949. Roll call vote: Bouse -yes, Holt -yes, Graddy -yes,**

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Martin -yes, and Black -yes. Copling – absent. Mayor Leathers declared Bill No. 1949 becomes General Ordinance No. 1181 this 21st day of July 2020.

Mayor’s Appointments:

Mayor Leathers stated there are two vacancies on the Park Board and the President stated a meeting was held and a recommendation of: Cyndi Mercer and Emily Joseph were made. Mayor Leathers read a statement from each on what they do and why they would want to serve.

Motion by Bouse, seconded by Holt, to appoint Cyndi Mercer to the Park Board. Vote: Five ayes. Copling – absent.

Motion by Black, seconded by Martin, to appoint Emily Joseph to the Park Board. Vote: Five ayes. Copling- absent.

Alderman Bouse thanked Mayor Leathers for the statement from each as he doesn’t know the two ladies.

Alderman Black spoke with Alderman Copling who asked that he bring up a discussion of paving and curb and guttering Ozark Drive past Jim Motor’s along I44. Black talked to PW Director Bouse who gave him the cost estimate of \$225,000. Alderman Bouse stated that would make the property that is for sale more appealing. A negative reason to pave the street is a possible drag strip. Alderman Martin stated many streets need the curb and gutters. Mayor Leathers stated the discussion has been started. A possible next budget year item.

Alderman Black would like to solicit bids for an engineering firm for curb and guttering on Oak Hill Road to Spencer. **Motion by Black, seconded by Graddy, to go out for engineering bids for the curb and gutter project on Oak Hill Road. Vote: Five ayes. Copling- absent.**

Alderman Martin attended the Park Board last night and reported that some work has been done at the Sports Complex; new tables and steps, etc. Martin stated that the Hood Park building has some structural problems and causes the building to have rental issues. The Park Board is working on a grant for the military park. Alderman Martin mention that PW Director Bouse met with Missouri Dept of Conservation regarding the Osage Monument and what to do with the grass. The short term plan is to cut down to 6-8 inches and they will be back in four weeks to show the city where to spray and clean up.

Cuba Development Group President, Dr. Sean Siebert, who was in the audience thanked PW Director Bouse and Alderman Jeff Bouse for the sign at the airport. He stated it looks good.

Mayor Leathers asked when they will see the work at the pool. PW Director is meeting with another vendor and will have the bids at the next Park Board.

Emergency Director, Mr. Rodney Neff is currently working on getting the camera lined out.

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Motion by Graddy, seconded by Holt, to adjourn. Vote: Five ayes. Copling – absent.

Christine Nash, City Clerk