

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CUBA, MISSOURI
THURSDAY – JULY 9, 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 present: Doug Shelton.

Motion by Black, seconded by Bouse, to approve the agenda as written. Vote: All ayes.

Motion by Martin, seconded by Holt, to approve the regular meeting minutes of June 16, 2020. Vote: All ayes.

Motion by Holt, seconded by Black, to approve the special meeting minutes of June 18, 2020. Vote: Five ayes. Bouse – abstain.

Motion by Holt, seconded by Graddy, to approve the special meeting minutes of June 24, 2020. Vote: Five ayes. Bouse – abstain.

Citizens participation: Pastor Jeramiah Wilson of Covenant Praise Church stated the church owns the lot across the street and would like to build a Love Thy Neighbor building that would help the homeless, give a place for laundry, take a shower, fill out applications, etc. The property is zoned residential. They will be partnering with MOCA. They are currently in the preliminary stages. Attorney Thurman stated that they will need to submit plans to Planning and Zoning. Mayor Leathers suggested that he get with Ms. Annalee Williams who is our P&Z expert before moving forward.

Mr. Mike Mullen stated his concerns with speeding on Fleenor Rd and the parking on both sides. He stated that is bike route and across Rt. 66 is Rutz Subdivision Road which has a 25 mph speed limit and no parking on both sides. He recommends the council do the same on the Fleenor side. **Motion by Bouse, seconded by Holt, to put a no parking and 25 mph speed limit sign on Fleenor Rd. from Mapleshade to Rt. 66. Vote: All ayes.**

Emergency Preparedness Director – Mr. Rodney Neff: Mr. Neff stated that all tornado sirens worked. He stated on June 27 there was a tornado that hit Indian Hills. Wind damage was accessed on the city side. It only took two minutes for the damage at Indian Hills and there wasn't time to sound the sirens. This was an EF0. Neff purchase a weather station for the airport. The pilots cannot use it as it is not FAA approved, but Neff will be able to. Alderman Copling asked if he had masks that we could hand out to the citizens. Neff did not know if there would be enough for the entire city customers. Mayor Leathers will get with Mr. Neff on getting masks.

Public Works Director Report – Mr. Craig Bouse:

Mr. Bouse received an invoice for GAS Product Sales for the Natural Gas Dept. Natural Gas Supervisor, Jimmy Happel stated the dollar amount has changed to \$8,469. This is for the replacement meters and the meter at Green Farms. **Motion by Graddy, seconded by Bouse, to approve the bill for \$8,469 to GAS Product Sales. Vote: All ayes.**

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Mr. Bouse presented the council with 225 KVA transformer bids:

Midwest Transformers - \$7,525

Solomon - \$7,725

Emerald - \$7,700

Motion by Bouse, seconded by Black, to approve the 225 KVA transformer bid from Midwest Transformers for \$7,525. Vote: All ayes.

Nova Seal bids:

NB West is the only company that does the Nova Seal. The bid is \$127,596. They will do the Rutz Subdivision area. This does not include the Rt. 66 shoulders. **Motion by Bouse, seconded by Graddy, to approve the NB West Nova Seal bids for \$127,596. Vote: All ayes.**

Mayor Leathers has been talking daily with PW Director Bouse and the Police Department on the nuisances. He is not letting up on the situation. He stated to keep the complaints coming. Alderman Bouse asked that he check with Mark Harris on the old theater in town as it is almost falling down. Alderman Bouse inquired if it is necessary for a part time nuisance officer? Alderman Bouse asked if that isn't Darren Dake's job. Police Chief Doug Shelton stated that he does evidence. Mayor Leathers asked if more manpower is needed. Alderman Martin stated that once the nuisances are under control, would additional manpower be necessary. Ms. Annalee Williams who was in the audience asked if there is a reason why the current police can't take care of these issues when they are not busy, as they are not engaged 24/7. Police Chief Shelton may have a solution when he speaks in his segment.

Police Chief Report – Police Chief Doug Shelton:

Police Chief Shelton stated that Officer Friedmann will return on July 13 in light duty. He can do follow up on the nuisances in the evening and mail the summons.

Police Chief Shelton would like to purchase racks for the rifles that are needed on patrol cars. The quote is \$4,687.86 and is a budgeted item. **Motion by Bouse, seconded by Black, to approve the rifle rack purchase. Vote: All ayes.**

Police Chief Shelton stated that the cost of vehicles has increase and is now asking to purchase two instead of three. He can get two for \$18,500/each. **Motion by Bouse, seconded by Black, to start the process of purchasing two patrol vehicles at \$18,500/each. Vote: All ayes**

Police Chief Shelton request road closure on July 25 for an auction on Eldon from Martin to the ballpark. **Motion by Black, seconded by Bouse, to approve the road closure on July 25. Vote: All ayes.**

Alderman Martin asked about he Animal Control ad for the Animal Care Assistant. It is in the paper. Mayor Leathers asked for the approval of the resignation of Lexxie Lunsford-Padilla. **Motion by Martin, seconded by Graddy, to approve the resignation of Lexxie Lunsford-Padilla from the Animal Control. Vote: All ayes.**

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

Motion by Graddy, seconded by Holt, to have the first reading of Bill No. 1946 by caption only. Vote: All ayes. City Clerk Nash read Bill No. 1946 – An ordinance amending Section 23-47 of the Cuba City Code, a code section regulating parking, to prohibit parking on both sides of the street in the 500 block of Florence. **Motion by Black, seconded by Graddy, to approve the first reading of Bill No. 1946. Roll call vote: Copling – yes, Black -yes, Martin -yes, Graddy-yes, Holt -yes, and Bouse -yes. Motion by Black, seconded by Martin, to have the second reading of Bill No. 1946 by caption only. Vote: All ayes.** City Clerk Nash read Bill No. 1946 a second time. **Motion by Black, seconded by Bouse, to approve the second reading of Bill No. 1946. Roll call vote: Bouse -yes, Holt – yes, Graddy -yes, Martin – yes, Black -yes, and Copling -yes.** Mayor Leathers declared Bill No. 1946 becomes General Ordinance No. 1179 this 9th day of July 2020.

Motion by Black, seconded by Bouse, to have the first reading of Bill No. 1947 by caption only. Vote: All ayes. City Clerk Nash read Bill No. 1947 – An ordinance authorizing the Mayor of the City of Cuba, Missouri, on behalf of said city, to execute a contract with Cuba Public School for providing a School Resource Officer. **Motion by Black, seconded by Graddy, to approve the first reading of Bill No. 1947. Roll call vote: Copling – yes, Black - yes, Martin -yes, Graddy -yes, Holt -yes, and Bouse – yes. Motion by Black, seconded by Bouse, to have the second reading of Bill No. 1947 by caption only. Vote: All ayes.** City Clerk Nash read Bill No. 1947 a second time. **Motion by Graddy, seconded by Holt, to approve the second reading of Bill No. 1947. Roll call vote: Bouse -yes, Holt -yes, Graddy - yes, Martin – yes, Black -yes, and Bouse -yes.** Mayor Leathers declared Bill No. 1947 becomes Special Ordinance No. 779 this 9th day of July 2020.

Mayor’s appointments:

Online Code committee – Mayor Leathers recommended Aldermen Black and Martin. **Motion by Bouse, seconded by Graddy, to approve the appointment to the online code committee of Black and Martin. Vote: All ayes.**

Camera Committee – Mayor Leathers recommended Alderman Bouse to take Ms. Eva Thorpe’s place. After consideration, Mayor Leathers recommended Alderman Bouse replace Alderman Martin on the committee (per Ms. Martin’s suggestion) and replace Eva Thorpe with Rodney Neff. **Motion by Black, seconded by Holt, to approve the abovementioned camera committee suggestions. Vote: All ayes.**

Wave Internet was asking for \$100/month to have one of their technicians watch there camera; therefore, it was suggested that Rodney make \$100/month to oversee the cameras. **Motion by Bouse, seconded by Black, to pay Rodney Neff \$100/month to watch the cameras. Vote: All ayes.**

Discussion by Alderman Graddy to have a salary study, the hiring policy, and holiday/Mayor day off meetings over several to pan it out. Committee is with Graddy, Martin and Black.

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Special Election - Ward 1 Alderman Results:

City Clerk Nash read the Ward 1 Alderman results:

Warren Graddy 57 votes

Harold Dean Halbert 53 votes

Motion by Martin, seconded by Holt, to approve the Ward One Special Election results.

Roll call vote: Copling -yes, Black -yes, Martin -yes, Graddy -yes, Holt -yes, and Bouse -yes.

City Clerk Nash Administered the Oath of Office to Warren Graddy.

Alderman Copling stated a water and sewer meeting was had and that he would like AJ Harman to take over the Sewer Supervisor and in correlation with the salary study he would receive approximately \$3,100 raise annually. Attorney Thurman asked if they wanted to create this position whether it was there before and whether or not AJ had the position before. **Motion by Bouse, seconded by Copling, to post the Sewer Supervisor position.** Discussion: Alderman Black asked if the hiring policy is looked at can this be corrected with new policy if the city holds off at this time. Thurman said yes. *** **Motion withdrawn by Bouse and second withdrawn by Copling.**

Mayor Leathers asked that everyone be diligent and take care of their meetings to wrap up business.

Alderman Black asked Natural Gas Supervisor Jimmy Happel to come forward and discuss what they had talked about. Mr. Jimmy Happel asked to pass a long the cost of natural gas regulators for light commercial and residential customers. The cost is about \$22/residential and \$52/light commercial. **Motion by Black, seconded by Martin, to pays the natural gas regulator cost on to the consumer. Roll call vote: Copling- no, Black -yes, Martin -yes, Graddy -yes, Holt -yes, and Bouse – no. (due to propane giving customers the regulator).**

Alderman Martin gave some updates on the Tourism Committee:

- Dr. Fuchs stated a sign for the airport needs to be mounted. He has two more signs that haven't been made yet.
- Visitor Center is asking for sneeze guard.
- Concern for mold at the Visitor Center. Doug Hutson will come through and do a mold test.
- Discussion of the outside vegetation and the issues with the building. The building can be power washed or stained.

Alderman Bouse stated the citizens of Highland Terrace asked if the city is selling the lots on the old airport strip. That money can be put towards a new police station.

Alderman Copling stated that the hard rain they had last weekend caused trouble in Rutz Subdivision and there was a lot houses with water in the yard. Alderman Bouse stated that the hold pond did its job.

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Motion by Graddy, seconded by Black, to go into closed session pursuant to RSMo 610.021 section 2) real estate. Roll call vote: Copling -yes, Black -yes, Martin -yes, Graddy -yes, Holt -yes, and Bouse -yes.

Mayor Leathers asked for a five-minute recess prior to convening in executive session.

Actions of executive session:

Attorney Thurman stated that after meeting in executive session – no final actions were taken.

Motion by Black, seconded by Martin, to go back into open session. Bouse -yes, Holt -yes, Graddy -yes, Martin – yes, Black -yes, and Copling – yes.

Motion by Black, seconded by Martin, to adjourn. Vote: All ayes.

Christine Nash, City Clerk