

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CUBA, MISSOURI  
TUESDAY – AUGUST 18, 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, Curtis Holt and Jeff Bouse. Aldermen absent: Warren Graddy. Public Works Director present, Craig Bouse. City Attorney present: Lance Thurman. Police Chief present: Doug Shelton.

Mayor Leathers asked to table item 5. Street Committee Recommendations until the September 1, 2020. **Motion by Bouse, seconded by Holt, to approve the agenda by tabling item #5. Vote: Four Ayes. Graddy – absent.**

**Motion by Bouse, seconded by Martin, to approve the regular meeting minutes of August 4, 2020. Vote: Five ayes. Graddy- absent.**

**Citizens participation:** Mr. Gary Branson and several neighbors in the area, addressed the council regarding the bright lighting and noise issues at Green Farms facility. Initially, Joe Delia with Green Farms spoke with Mr. Branson and promised to be a good neighbor; however, the lights are very bright. Mayor Leathers went out there and the time he was there did not hear the noise. Aldermen Copling suggested to deflect the lights down. Mr. Branson. Mr. Jim Oatman stated that the facility will devalue his home. Mayor Leathers did say that Green Farms has 24-hour security on stall with video monitoring and that he would speak with Mr. Joe Delia with the concerns mentioned and perhaps have Mr. Delia and Mr. Branson and neighbors at the next meeting to address this. Dr. Sean Siebert was in the audience and stated that Mr. Delia did give Mr. Branson his cell phone and is sincere in the request to contact him with complaints.

**Public Works Director Report:**

PW Director Bouse presented the council with tree trimming bids on Theresa Street:

Brown Tree Service - \$23,500

Woodruff - \$14,700

Triple A - \$18,000

**Motion by Copling, seconded by Bouse, to approve the lowest bid who has been verified to have the correct equipment to complete the project.** Discussion: Alderman Black inquired on the deadline for completion. November 30. **Roll call vote: Copling-yes, Black -yes, Martin – yes, Holt – yes, and Bouse -yes. Graddy – absent.** PW Director Bouse stated he may have to take a couple fences down. Attorney Thurman stated those property easements need to be looked up before going on the property. PW Director Bouse will check on that.

PW Director Bouse requested to go out for bids on tree trimming along Mapleshade Rd. **Motion by Martin, seconded by Black, to approve an ad for tree trimming along Mapleshade. Vote: Five ayes. Graddy- absent.**

Mr. Ken Brown who was in the audience asked the council to consider the tree trimmer's experience around the power lines. He would like to see more specs on the projects.

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PW Director Bouse presented transformer bids (3) 25 kva and (1) 50 kva  
Midwest - \$1,525/each for the 25 kva and \$1,950/each for the 50 kva  
Sunbelt - \$945/each for the 25 kva and \$1,205/each for the 50 kva

**Motion by Bouse, seconded by Black, to approve the transformer bids from Sunbelt. Vote: Five ayes. Graddy – absent.**

Alderman Black inquired on the trees that are still mangled in the Meadow's Subdivision entrance. PW Director Bouse stated that is private property.

PW Director asked the council for permission to try the 30 day trial for the Diamon Mapping GPS. There are no strings attached. It can be used for work orders and mapping and the recent data from the manhole study can be implemented. Alderman Martin stated that until the employee's will buy into the work order system, she does not want to buy it. C. Bouse thought that after 30 days the cost is \$40/month for up to 12 devices. Martin believes there should be more organization first. **Motion by Black, seconded by Bouse, to try the Diamond Mapping for 30 days. Roll call vote: Bouse – yes, Holt – yes, Martin – no, Black -yes, Copling- no. Graddy – absent.**

**Police Chief Report:** None.

**Motion by Bouse, seconded by Holt, pay the bills as presented. Vote: Five ayes. Graddy – absent.**

**Motion by Bouse, seconded by Martin, to approve the first reading of Bill No. 1953 by caption only. Vote: Five ayes. Graddy – absent.** City Clerk Nash read Bill No. 1953 – An ordinance authorizing the mayor of the City of Cuba, Missouri, on behalf of said city, to amend the agreement with Missouri Dept of Transportation for tree clearing from the Cuba Municipal Airport. **Motion by Black, seconded by Holt, to approve the first reading of Bill No. 1953. Roll call: Copling – yes, Black -yes, Martin -yes, Holt -yes, and Bouse -yes. Graddy-absent. Motion by Holt, seconded by Martin, to have the second reading of Bill No. 1953 by caption only. Vote: Five ayes. Graddy – absent.** City Clerk Nash read Bill No. 1953 a second time. **Motion by Black, seconded by Martin, to approve the second reading of Bill No. 1953. Roll call vote: Copling -yes, Black -yes, Martin -yes, Holt -yes, and Bouse -yes. Graddy – absent.** Mayor Leathers declared Bill No. 1953 becomes Special Ordinance No. 783 this 18<sup>th</sup> day of August 2020.

**Motion by Black, seconded by Holt, to have the first reading of Bill No. 1954 by caption only. Vote: Five ayes. Graddy- absent.** City Clerk Nash read Bill No. 1954 – An ordinance authorizing the Mayor of the City of Cuba, Missouri, on behalf of said city, to enter into a contract with Widel, Inc for tree trimming services at the Cuba Municipal Airport. **Motion by Black, seconded by Bouse, to approve the first reading of Bill No. 1954. Roll call vote: Bouse – yes, Holt -yes, Martin -yes, Black -yes, and Copling – yes. Graddy – absent. Motion by Bouse, seconded by Holt, to have the second reading of Bill No. 1954 by caption only. Five ayes. Graddy- absent.** City Clerk Nash read Bill No. 1954 a second time. **Motion**

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by Black, seconded by Martin, to approve the second reading of Bill No. 1954. Roll call vote: Copling -yes, Black -yes, Martin -yes, Holt – yes, and Bouse -yes. Graddy – absent. Mayor Leathers declared Bill No. 1954 becomes special ordinance No. 784 this 18<sup>th</sup> day of August 2020.

**Motion by Black, seconded by Bouse, to have the first reading of Bill No. 1955 by caption only. Vote: Five ayes. Graddy – absent.** City Clerk Nash read Bill No. 1955 – An ordinance authorizing the mayor of the City of Cuba, Missouri, on behalf of said city, to enter into a second supplemental agreement with Hanson Professional Services Inc for engineering services connected to construction project at the airport. **Motion by Black, seconded by Martin, to approve the first reading of Bill No. 1955. Roll call vote: Copling -yes, Black -yes, Martin -yes, Holt -yes, and Bouse -yes. Graddy- absent.** **Motion by Black, seconded by Bouse, to have the second reading of Bill No. 1955 by caption only. Vote: Five ayes. Graddy – absent.** City Clerk Nash read Bill No. 1955 a second time. **Motion by Black, seconded by Bouse, to approve the second reading of Bill No. 1955. Roll call vote: Bouse -yes, Holt -yes, Martin -yes, Black -yes, and Copling -yes. Graddy- absent.** Mayor Leathers declared Bill No. 1955 becomes special ordinance no. 785 this 18<sup>th</sup> day of August 2020.

Alderman Copling asked for a committee for the Public Works Director. Mayor Leathers put Graddy and Copling on that committee.

Alderman Bouse would like to out for concrete bids again. **Motion by Bouse, seconded by Black, to go out for concrete bids. Vote: Five ayes. Graddy – absent.** PW Director Bouse will solicit the bids.

Mayor Leathers stated that due to the recent expansion of Covid cases he would like to look how council meetings are handled and perhaps require a mask. Alderman Copling agrees that everyone should wear one as they represent the city. Alderman Martin read off of something she cited from Siteman Caner Center claiming they say...if you are sick you should wear a mask or entering a healthcare facility. If you are not sick you do not need to wear a face mask. Mayor Leathers received a lot of phone calls and the city does have them if someone should need one. The Mayor will enforce mandatory masks for the public that comes in to pay a utility bills and the staff will reciprocate as well. In addition, Leathers asked the council to waive the credit card fees for 30 days so that there will be less foot traffic in City Hall. **Motion by Copling, seconded by Bouse, to waive credit card fees for 30 days and will be re-evaluated at that time. Vote: Five ayes. Graddy – absent.**

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

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

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Actions of executive session:

Discussion of real estate – no final action was taken.

**Motion by Black, seconded by Holt, to go back into open session. Roll call vote:**

**Bouse -yes, Holt -yes, Martin -yes, Black -yes, and Copling – yes. Graddy – absent.**

**Motion by Black, seconded by Martin, to adjourn. Vote: Five ayes. Graddy – absent.**

Christine Nash, City Clerk