

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CUBA, MISSOURI
TUESDAY - JANUARY 19, 2021 – 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 (arrived at 6:20 p.m.). Public Works Director present, Craig Bouse. Police Captain Ben Scharfenberg. City attorney – Lance Thurman.

Mayor Leathers asked to remove item #7 hiring policy. **Motion by Black, seconded by Martin, to approve the agenda by removing item #7, hiring policy discussion. Vote: Five ayes. Bouse -absent.**

Alderman Graddy announced the hiring policy committee to meet on Tuesday, February 2, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.

Motion by Holt, seconded by Martin, to approve the regular meeting minutes of January 7, 2021. Vote: Five ayes. Bouse – absent.

Citizens participation: EOC Director Neff talked to the Health Department about the COVID-19 vaccines which should be in our area soon. He will keep the council posted. Alderman Holt asked if the vaccine would mandatory. Mayor Leathers stated he would make the vaccine an option to employees unless the council wanted to discuss that any further.

Public Works Director report: PW Directed stated he would like an approve of the emergency transformer purchase during the New Year outage from Midwest Transformer in the amount of \$25,200. **Motion by Graddy, seconded by Holt, to approve the Midwest Transformer invoice for \$25,200. Vote: Five ayes. Bouse -absent.**

PW Director Bouse is getting bids on the sewer project. He has also contacted All Clear to get all the information from their study last year.

Mayor Leathers inquired on the status of the splash park. PW Director Bouse stated that we should see progress by the end of the month.

Mayor Leathers inquired if Archer Engineering visited Public Works building, Police Station, and City Hall. All agreed that they did and are waiting to hear their report.

Alderman Martin asked about the potholes on Vance Street. PW Director stated that the project is complete and the pot holes will be fixed.

Police Chief Report: Captain B. Scharfenberg stated that a lot of the nuisance violations have made progress as contact has been made with the residents.

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Mayor Leathers inquired on the computers that were purchased that were thought to be reimbursed by the CARES money that was distributed to Crawford County and was not. The computers were in excess of \$100,000. Captain B. Scharfenberg stated there may be a grant to help pay for it but another officer was working on that. City Clerk Nash stated she has requested information on the CARES money several time to no avail. City Attorney asked to send a letter from the Mayor citing the Sunshine Law.

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

Fund balance Transfers and Budget Revisions as of December 31, 2020. City Clerk Nash stated that she did not balance the General Fund as it include the police computers that were thought to be paid out of the CARES money and were not. The overage is in the amount of \$122,925 the exact amount that the computers cost. Nash wanted to leave the shortage to see if there would be a return on the items or another avenue pursued as this was a large purchase that was not a budgeted item. **Motion by Black, seconded by Graddy, to approve the fund balance transfers and budget revisions as of December 31, 2020. Vote: Five ayes. Bouse – absent.**

Motion by Black, seconded by Holt, to have the first reading of Bill No. 1985 by caption only. Vote: Five ayes. Bouse – absent. City Clerk Nash read Bill No. 1985 – An ordinance authorizing the Mayor of the City of Cuba, Missouri, on behalf of said city, to enter into a purchase and services agreement with Marco Technologies LLC for the purchase of copier and maintenance services. **Motion by Martin, seconded by Graddy, to approve the first reading of Bill No. 1985. Roll call vote: Graddy -yes, Martin -yes, Copling -yes, Holt -yes, Black -yes, and Bouse – absent. Motion by Graddy, seconded by Holt, to have the second reading of Bill No. 1985 by caption only. Vote: Five ayes. Bouse – absent.** City Clerk Nash read Bill No. 1985 a second time. **Motion by Holt, seconded by Martin, to approve the second reading of Bill No. 1985. Roll call vote: Black -yes, Holt -yes, Copling -yes, Martin -yes, Graddy – yes, and Bouse – absent.** Mayor Leathers declared Bill No. 1985 becomes Special Ordinance No. 807 this 19th day of January 2021.

Alderman Black inquired on a purchase order from the Natural Gas Department from Gas Products for meters & manifolds in the amount of \$5,162.71. **Motion by Black, seconded by Graddy, to approve the invoice from Gas Products for \$5,162.71. Vote: Five ayes. Bouse – absent.**

Mayor Leathers stated there will be more to come on the COVID vaccine and the city will adhere to the mask policy and stay closed to the public until he finds out more about the vaccine.

Mayor Leathers would like to have for discussion at the February 2 meeting the idea of having chickens in town. He passed out an example ordinance to look over.

Alderman Bouse arrived at 6:20 p.m.

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Motion by Graddy, seconded by Holt, to go into executive session pursuant to RSMo 610.021 section 3) personnel -hiring, firing and/or promoting of a particular employee. Roll call vote: Graddy – yes, Copling -yes, Martin -yes, Bouse -yes, Black -yes, and Holt -yes.

Mayor Leathers called a short recess prior to convening in executive session.

Actions of executive session:

Motion by Copling, seconded by Bouse, to raise Andrew McGinnis salary to a range #19 at \$18.52/hr for his completion of Electric Journeyman. Roll call vote: Graddy -yes, Copling -yes, Martin -yes, Bouse – yes, Holt – yes, and Black -yes.

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

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

Christine Nash, City Clerk