

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CUBA, MISSOURI
TUESDAY- JANUARY 7, 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. Public Works Director present, Craig Bouse. Bob Bowen, Supervisor – Electric Department. Police Chief Doug Shelton. City attorney – Lance Thurman.

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

Motion by Martin, seconded by Black, to approve the regular meeting minutes of December 17, 2020. Vote: All ayes.

Motion by Bouse, seconded by Holt, to approve the executive session meeting minutes of December 17, 2020. Vote: All ayes.

Statement from Mayor Leathers: Mayor Leathers made a statement regarding the snowstorm that came through on New Years that resulted in a power outage. Mayor Leathers thanked all who were involved with helping during outage, in particular Bob Bowen and his team in the electric department. Leathers went on to say that the transformer that went out was antiquated, and difficult to locate a new one. They will be looking into a full system upgrade and will eliminate the old equipment by the next budget. In addition, the Public Works building was burglarized during this time and most of the items that were taken were recovered, and the person was caught in large part to the cameras and the efforts of Rodney Neff, the Cuba PD, and the Sheriff's Dept. Bob Bowen, Supervisor of the Electric Dept stated that changing the old system to the new system will not be completed at one time. It is expected to be a 2 to 3 year project and will save the city money in the long run. Alderman Martin asked if residents will be out of power while this project is going on. Bowen stated that they have a plan to keep electric off at a minimum. Alderman Copling thanked Bowen and the electric crew for all of their hard work.

Emergency Preparedness Director: Rodney Neff tested the sirens and they all worked. Two locations need updated batteries. The cameras are working well. Mayor Leathers would like to involve Craig Bouse and put cameras up at Public Works. Alderman Copling inquired on when Cuban's would be able to receive the COVID vaccine? Neff will find out more information and bring to the council once available. Alderman Martin thanked Neff for what he did over the weekend. Her concerns are that this information wasn't given to citizens in a timely manner. Neff is looking into a better plan.

Public Works Director Report: Craig Bouse let Mr. Brown of Brown's Tree Trimming have the floor. Mr. Brown would like an extension on the Mapleshade tree trimming job due to the weather conditions. **Motion by Bouse, seconded by Black, to give Brown's Tree Trimming a 90 day extension on the Mapleshade tree trimming contract. Vote: All ayes.**

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PW Director Bouse would like to get qualifications for an engineering firm to do a water hydraulic study that was budgeted. **Motion by Graddy, seconded by Holt, to go out for request for qualifications for an engineering firm to conduct a hydraulic study. Vote: All ayes.**

PW Director Bouse stated public works crew is tearing off the deck at the kiddy pool and do the labor so that the splash park may begin construction at the end of the month.

Bouse would like to put the remaining surplus items together to sell. **Motion by Bouse, seconded by Black, to allow putting a surplus bid out. Vote: All ayes.**

Bouse would like to look into a security system for public works. **Motion by Bouse, seconded by Holt, to look into a security system for public works. Vote: All ayes.**

PW Director Bouse gave a big thanks to Jerrid Bayless of Evergy for locating the transformer needed over the weekend.

Bouse stated that Archer will be looking at city buildings next Thursday.

Police Chief Report: Chief Doug Shelton had a meeting with the city judge and would like to have meeting with council members and the city prosecutor, Craig Bouse and Lance Thurman in reference on how the new nuisance ordinance works.

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

Motion by Holt, seconded by Bouse, to have the first reading of Bill No. 1983 by caption only. Vote: All ayes. City Clerk Nash read Bill No. 1983 – An ordinance authorizing the mayor of the City of Cuba, Missouri, on behalf of said city, to enter into a contract with AAA Tree Service for tree trimming services. **Motion by Bouse, seconded by Black, to approve the first reading of Bill No. 1983. Roll call vote: Graddy – yes, Martin -yes, Bouse -yes, Black - yes, Holt -yes, and Copling -yes. Motion by Martin, seconded by Black, to have the second reading of Bill No. 1983 by caption only. Vote: All ayes.** City Clerk Nash read Bill No. 1983 a second time. **Motion by Graddy, seconded by Bouse, to approve the second reading of Bill No. 1983. Roll call vote: Copling -yes, Holt – yes, Black -yes, Graddy – yes, Martin -yes, and Bouse -yes.** Mayor Leathers declared Bill No. 1983 becomes Special Ordinance No. 805 this 7th day of January 2021.

Motion by Graddy, seconded by Black, to have the first reading of Bill No. 1984 by caption only. Vote: All ayes. City Clerk Nash read Bill No. 1984 – An ordinance authorizing the mayor of the City of Cuba, Missouri, on behalf of said city, to enter into an agreement with CM Archer Group, PC for engineering services for Oak Hill Ave improvements. **Motion by Black, seconded by Graddy, to approve the first reading of Bill No. 1984. Roll call vote: Graddy – yes, Martin -yes, Bouse – yes, Black -yes, Holt -yes, and Copling -yes. Motion by Black, seconded by Graddy, to have the second reading of Bill No. 1984 by caption only. Vote:**

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All ayes. City Clerk Nash read Bill No. 1984 a second time. **Motion by Black, seconded by Graddy, to approve the second reading of Bill No. 1984. Roll call vote: Copling -yes, Holt -yes, Black -yes, Bouse -yes, Martin -yes, and Graddy -yes.** Mayor Leathers declared Bill No. 1984 becomes Special Ordinance No. 806 this 7th day of January 2021.

Mayor Leathers announced the next meeting on January 19.

The Mayor and aldermen thanked the electric department and all involved with the weekend outage. Alderman Bouse extended his condolences to Mr. Rodger Bridgeman on his loss.

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

Christine Nash, City Clerk