

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CUBA, MISSOURI  
TUESDAY – APRIL 20, 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, Curtis Holt, and Jeff Bouse. Alderman absent: Warren Graddy. Public Works Director present, Craig Bouse. Police Chief: Doug Shelton. Police Captain Ben Scharfenberg. City attorney – Lance Thurman.

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

**Motion by Holt, seconded by Bouse, to approve the regular meeting minutes of April 8, 2021. Vote: Five ayes. Graddy – absent.**

**Motion by Martin, seconded by Bouse, to approve the special meeting minutes of April 15, 2021. Vote: Five ayes. Graddy – absent.**

**Citizens participation:** No.

**Public Works Director Report:** PWD received recommendation from the Park Board to fix the stone wall at the entrance of Hood Park. **Motion by Black, seconded by Martin, to approve fixing the stone wall entrance to Hood Park. Vote: Five ayes. Graddy – absent.**

PWD Bouse would like to have a sewer supervisor. Alderman Copling stated that the water and sewer committee met and agreed. Mayor Leathers explained that a few years ago the council made the water/sewer supervisor as one, even though the former sewer supervisor is still working. He only lost the title. **Motion by Copling, seconded by Bouse, to put a sewer supervisor back in place and to post the position internally. Vote: Five ayes. Graddy – absent.**

Alderman Martin asked if there were going to be more employee's put in the water and sewer departments as she did not think it makes sense to have a supervisor over one person. Mayor Leathers stated there has been talk of internal movement of employee's so that the waterworks projects can get done.

Alderman Martin inquired on the "other" plane placement. The logical place to put it has issue with the sewer. PWD Bouse will get with the FBO Travis Pritchett on this matter.

**Archer Engineering** – Cameron and Josh with Archer addressed the preliminary drawings for the Police Station, City Hall. They looked at the old Mepco, an existing law office and building a new facility. The law office was eliminated as it is costly. They focused on the Mepco building.

Mepco – Archer showed where this building could be feasible for the Police and PW storage and offices. The location does pose traffic concerns and may have to considering widening roads. Archer would also have to look at the water runoff. The cost estimate is \$1.5-2 million. Chief Shelton stated that location is the concern.

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New building – Archer stated that building right now is very costly. They would need 1.5 acres for the facility. The estimated cost is \$3-4 million.

City Hall – Archer stated there was some talk of combining facilities. However, by staying in this space, and doing a lot of upgrades to make better functionality, and rearranging the layout, the cost estimate is under \$500,000.

Mayor Leathers would like to see money put in the FY 2022 budget on these items and would like the council to have a direction to point Archer Engineering to start. Leathers stated that the city owns Mepco and would be a cheaper version. He also stated that something needs to happen with City Hall as well. Leathers would like a vote at the next meeting and asked the council to do their homework. Alderman Copling urged the citizens to support him in building a new station and use the capital improvement tax to move forward on it. Alderman Bouse thinks there should be a town hall meeting to hear the input of the citizens. Alderman Black stated that the city has deferred the maintenance and infrastructure of the sewer and electric and capital improvement money should be used towards that. Mayor Leathers asked for City Clerk Nash to get financing options for the next meeting.

**Police Chief Report:** None.

Nuisance – nothing to report. They still haven't had contact with the resident of Fair St.

**Police Computers:** Chief Shelton modified the original Peacemakers cost to reflect 14 computers and it changed the price to \$114,730. The received a quote from Panasonic as well for a cost of \$92,717; however, there wasn't known time of availability. **Motion by Copling, seconded by Bouse, to purchase the Peacemaker computers at \$114,730 with capital improvement tax money.** Discussion: Alderman Martin asked Chief Shelton put 7 computer at \$2,000 each in his budget last year and now he is in a hurry to purchase something that hasn't been budgeted. **Roll call vote: Copling -yes, Martin – no, Bouse -yes, Black -yes, Holt -yes. Graddy – absent.**

City Clerk Nash asked if Peacemakers were going to reimburse the city the difference in what was originally paid to the modified amount of computers. Chief Shelton said that Peacemakers will write the city a check.

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

**Motion by Bouse, seconded by Black, to have the first reading of Bill No. 1996 by caption only. Vote: Five ayes. Graddy – absent.** City Clerk Nash read Bill No. 1996 – An ordinance authorizing the Mayor of the City of Cuba, Missouri, on behalf of said city, to enter into an agreement with Midwest Infrastructure Coatings LLC to complete the 2021 manhole rehabilitation project. **Motion by Black, seconded by Holt, to approve the first reading of Bill No. 1996. Roll call vote: Copling -yes, Martin -yes, Bouse – yes, Black -yes, Holt -yes. Graddy – absent. Motion by Bouse, seconded by Copling, to have the second reading of Bill No. 1996 by caption**

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**only. Vote: Five ayes. Graddy – absent.** City Clerk Nash read Bill No. 1996 a second time. **Motion by Holt, seconded by Black, to approve the second reading of Bill No. 1996. Roll call vote: Holt -yes, Black -yes, Bouse -yes, Martin -yes, Copling -yes. Graddy -absent.** Mayor Leathers declared Bill No. 1996 becomes Special Ordinance No. 814 this 20<sup>th</sup> day of April 2021.

**Motion by Bouse, seconded by Black, to have the first reading of Bill No. 1997 by caption only. Vote: Five ayes. Graddy – absent.** City Clerk Nash read Bill No. 1997 – An ordinance authorizing the Mayor of the City of Cuba, Missouri on behalf of said city, to enter into an agreement with Moritz Roofing & Construction, Inc for a new roof for Cuba Visitor Center. **Motion by Black, seconded by Martin, to approve the first reading of Bill No. 1997. Roll call vote: Copling -yes, Martin -yes, Bouse -yes, Black -yes, Holt -yes, and Graddy – absent.** **Motion by Bouse, seconded by Black, to have the second reading of Bill No. 1997 by caption only. Vote: Five ayes. Graddy – absent.** City Clerk Nash read Bill No. 1997 a second time. **Motion by Holt, seconded by Black, to approve the second reading of Bill No. 1997. Roll call vote: Holt -yes, Black – yes, Bouse -yes, Martin -yes, Copling -yes, and Graddy – absent.** Mayor Leathers declared Bill No. 1997 becomes Special Ordinance No. 815 this 20<sup>th</sup> day of April 2021.

**Motion by Bouse, seconded by Black, to have the first reading of Bill No. 1998 by caption only. Vote: Five ayes. Graddy – absent.** City Clerk Nash read Bill No. 1998 – 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 a task work order number three for water system hydraulic study. **Motion by Bouse, seconded by Black, to approve the first reading of Bill No. 1998. Roll call vote: Copling -yes, Martin -yes, Bouse -yes, Black -yes, Holt -yes, and Graddy – absent.** **Motion by Black, seconded by Bouse, to have the second reading of Bill No. 1998 by caption only. Vote: Five ayes. Graddy – absent.** City Clerk Nash read Bill No. 1998 a second time. **Motion by Black, seconded by Bouse, to approve the second reading of Bill No. 1998. Roll call vote: Holt -yes, Black -yes, Bouse – yes, Martin -yes, Copling -yes, and Graddy- absent.** Mayor Leathers declared Bill No. 1998 becomes Special Ordinance No. 816 this 20<sup>th</sup> day of April 2021.

**Motion by Holt, seconded by Bouse, to have the first reading of Bill No. 1999 by caption only. Vote: Five ayes Graddy- absent.** City Clerk Nash read Bill no. 1999 – 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 a task work order for sewer improvements. **Motion by Black, seconded by Bouse, to approve the first reading of Bill No. 1999. Roll call vote: Copling -yes, Martin -yes, Bouse -yes, Black -yes, Holt -yes, and Graddy – absent.** **Motion by Bouse, seconded by Black, to have the second reading of Bill No. 1999 by caption only. Vote: Five ayes. Graddy – absent.** City Clerk Nash read Bill No. 1999 a second time. **Motion by Bouse, seconded by Black, to approve the second reading of Bill No. 1999. Roll call vote: Holt -yes, Black -yes, Bouse -yes, Martin -yes, Copling -yes, and Graddy – absent.** Mayor Leathers declared Bill No. 1999 becomes Special Ordinance No. 817 this 20<sup>th</sup> day of April 2021.

Alderman Martin presented the Park Board recommendations for the pool manager and lifeguards for the 2021 season as follows: Manager: Danielle Lefler. Lifeguards: Austin Maserang, Sophia

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Horsefield, Kenna Noltkamper, Kennedy Brown, Vivyann Shearer, Ayden Hutchinson, Gavin Dake, and Maddie Hancock. **Motion by Bouse, seconded by Black, to approve the 2021 pool hires listed above. Vote: Five ayes. Graddy – absent.**

Alderman Martin has received complaints about a piece of property the city sold on the west end of town. She inquired on a privacy fence. PWD Bouse stated that it is not in town, but that he will put a black privacy around it. Alderman Martin stated that the lighting is not the best when he backs his equipment into the property and is blocking the highway.

Alderman Martin stated that a conservation agent walked with several at the Visitor Center Osage Monument to discuss planting options.

Alderman Martin asked what will happen to the current laptop. Chief Shelton stated they are paperweights and are useless. He did state that one can be sold once it is cleaned up.

City Clerk Nash stated that FBO Travis Pritchett inquired if the airport can be used for a wedding. Nash check with our insurance agent who stated there was not a problem. She wanted council approval this may cause other inquiries. The council wanted more details before making a decision.

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

Mayor Leathers called a break prior to convening in executive session.

Actions of executive session:

**Motion by Bouse, seconded by Holt, to promote Jonathan “Andy” Simpson to Electric Supervisor at \$55,000/annually effective May 1, 2021. Roll call vote: Copling -yes, Martin -yes, Bouse -yes, Black -yes, Holt -yes, and Graddy – absent.**

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

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

Christine Nash, City Clerk