

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CUBA, MISSOURI
TUESDAY – MAY 18, 2021 – 6:00 P.M.
CUBA CITY HALL COUNCIL ROOM**

Mayor Leathers called the meeting to order. Aldermen present: Kevin Copling, Debbie Martin, Sam Black, Curtis Holt, and Jeff Bouse. Alderman absent: Warren Graddy. Public Works Director present, Craig Bouse. Police Chief Doug Shelton. City attorney – Lance Thurman.

Motion by Black, seconded by Holt, to approve the agenda as written. Vote: Five ayes. Graddy- absent.

Motion by Holt, seconded by Bouse, to approve the regular meeting minutes of May 4, 2021. Vote: Five ayes. Graddy – absent.

Citizens participation: Ms. Amanda with Your Community Health Center alongside Dr. Sean Siebert informed the council of the RV-type doctor office that is hoping to have a consistent home in Cuba that allows residents, especially those with low income needs, the opportunity to seek medical and/or dental treatment on a sliding scale.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Zacher addressed their concerns of a possible police station in their neighborhood. Mr. Zacher thought a station would serve the community better in a centrally located area; and stated that material prices are so high right now to actually build a facility. Mayor Leathers stated that the police station has only been discussed in possibilities, and that no final decisions have been made. Alderman Copling stated the Zacher's also had concerns on bringing criminals to the station. Police Chief Shelton stated that criminals are not housed at the station. If a criminal need to be interviewed, they will be bring into the facility through a Sally Port.

Public Works Director Report: PWD Craig Bouse recommended the second seasonal grounds helper, Lewis Warner for \$10.30 to begin June 1. **Motion by Bouse, seconded by Martin, to hired Lewis Warner for summer help. Vote: Five ayes. Graddy – absent.**

Electric Committee Recommendations: PWD Bouse stated he met with the Electric Committee and would like to hire Nate Schmiedeskamp for the journeyman lineman at \$17.50/hour. **Motion by Bouse, seconded by Holt, to hire Nate Schmiedeskamp for the journeyman lineman at \$17.50/hour. Vote: Five ayes. Graddy- absent.**

Alderman Martin inquired on any help for the Property Mgmt department this summer. PWD Bouse stated that they were debating on whether or not to replace Tim Earney as a full time employee or part time. Alderman Bouse suggested to hire a part time (seasonal employee) and then deciding at a later point if a full time employee is necessary. **Motion by Bouse, seconded by Martin, to solicit help wanted for a part-time (seasonal) employee for the Property Management Department. Vote: Five ayes. Graddy- absent.**

Police Chief Report: None. Police Chief stated there was another nuisance they just received.

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Police Chief Shelton recommended to hire Kevin Ziegler as an officer for the department at \$40,000. **Motion by Bouse, seconded by Black, to hire Kevin Ziegler as a police officer at \$40,000/annually. Vote: Five ayes. Graddy – absent.**

Planning and Zoning Recommendations: The P&Z Committee held a public hearing on May 6, 2021 for the Rezoning of property located on the East Side of Washington owned by Large Grayson LLC (Leroy & Ovia McGinnis) to rezone from R1 – Residential to M1 – Industrial. The Planning & Zoning Committee recommended to move forward with this request and hold the second public hearing with the Board of Aldermen. **Motion by Black, seconded by Holt, to follow the P&Z recommendation and hold the next public hearing. Vote: Five ayes. Graddy – absent.** *Note: City Clerk Nash stated that the next public hearing would be June 1; however, after looking at the calendar in detail, the next public hearing will actually be held June 15. Land owners have been notified.

Mayors Appointments: Mayor Leathers announced the resignation of Rodger Bridgeman from the Planning and Zoning. **Motion by Copling, seconded by Black, to accept the resignation of Rodger Bridgeman from the Planning and Zoning Commission. Vote: Five ayes. Graddy-absent.**

Mayor Leathers stated that P&Z Secretary, Annalee Williams asked to replace Mr. Bridgeman with Ray Mortimeyer. Mayor Leathers spoke with Ms. Williams and as the mayor felt that Tony Hutson would better serve in the replacement as he has been doing a lot of construction work within the city limits. Leathers stated that he respectfully passed on the appointment of Mr. Mortimeyer and that ultimately it is his appointment. He feels Mr. Hutson will be an asset and he is happy to serve. **Motion by Black, seconded by Bouse, to appoint Tony Hutson to the Planning and Zoning Commission. Vote: Five ayes. Graddy – absent.**

Mayor Leathers stated that during his conversations with Ms. Annalee Williams who had concerns that he would not appoint the recommendation made by the P&Z Commission, she decided to resign from her duties with the board. Attorney Thurman suggested that the council not vote on this issue tonight, as he would like to talk to her. He stated that she has been on that board for 30 years and has been infinite assistance to him. Without her, Thurman went on to say that there is a good chance the legal expenses will go up. Alderman Copling agrees with the attorney. Mayor Leathers read her letter (attached). Leathers also reached out to the other P&Z members and they did not know about the appointment of Ray Mortimeyer, so there was no formal board decision. **Motion by Bouse, seconded by Black, to accept the resignation of Annalee Williams from the Planning and Zoning Commission. Roll call vote: Copling – no, Black -yes, Martin -yes, Holt – no, and Bouse – yes. Graddy- absent.**

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

Motion by Martin, seconded by Holt, to have the first reading of Bill No. 2000 by caption only. Vote: Five ayes. Graddy – absent. City Clerk Nash read Bill No. 2000 – An ordinance

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authorizing the mayor of the City of Cuba, Missouri, on behalf of said city, to enter into and execute a lease for certain municipal property located within the municipal limits of Cuba, Missouri (between Chamber of Commerce and City for the use of Visitor Center). **Motion by Black, seconded by Holt, to approve the first reading of Bill No. 2000. Roll call vote: Copling -yes, Black -yes, Martin – yes, Holt -yes, and Bouse – yes. Graddy- absent. Motion by Black, seconded by Martin, to have the second reading of Bill No. 2000 by caption only. Vote: Five ayes. Graddy – absent.** City Clerk Nash read Bill No. 2000 a second time. **Motion by Black, seconded by Martin, to approve the second reading of Bill No. 2000. Roll call vote: Bouse -yes, Holt -yes, Martin -yes, Black -yes, and Copling -yes. Graddy – absent.** Mayor Leathers declared Bill No. 2000 becomes Special Ordinance No. 818 this 18th day of May 2021.

Mayor Leathers announced a special meeting on May 20 at 6 pm to discuss the budgets.

Alderman Copling would like the city to put city trucks in the parade.

Alderman Martin stated the Park Board met on Monday, and requested the council to hire the following for the pool: McKenna Shelton-lifeguard, Makayla Harfst-front gate/concessions, Maddie Sykes-front gate/concessions, Max Kimberlin-front gate/concessions, and Kaylee Fulliam-lifeguard/front gate/concession. **Motion by Black, seconded by Holt, to hire the above for the 2021 pool season. Vote: Five ayes. Graddy – absent.**

Alderman Martin had a citizens request for a 4-way stop sign at Glassey and Springfield. Police Chief Shelton stated that they have been asked before and they do watch that area. Mayor Leathers asked that PWD Bouse work with the attorney for that ordinance.

Alderman Martin stated there are several stop signs that do not have their reflective property and need to be replaced.

Alderman Holt inquired on the rules for riding a horse in city parks and who is responsible for the waste cleanup. City Clerk Nash will look into the ordinance.

Mr. Harold Limbaugh had pictures of the horse and the damage it is doing.

Alderman Bouse inquired on a ditch schedule from PWD Bouse. PWD Bouse stated they are playing catch up and will get to them soon.

Alderman Bouse stated that maybe the city needs a change and that is why we have all the planning and zoning issues by allowing all the houses to be built. Bouse made his decision based on the P&Z board not know that Ms. Williams recommended Ray Mortimeyer.

Mayor Leathers announced that everyone has information on the Highland Terrace water problem and the engineering findings from 2018 (Archer). Leathers would like to know how to proceed. Mayor Leathers will have PWD Bouse talk to Cameron Schweiss with Archer Engineering; and he suggests having a Water Committee meeting as well as a Street Committee meeting.

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Motion by Holt, seconded by Black, to go into closed session pursuant to RSMo 610.021 section 1) litigation, 2) real estate. Roll call vote: Copling – yes, Black -yes, Martin -yes, Graddy- absent, Holt -yes, and Bouse -yes.

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

Actions of executive session:

The BOA met in closed session to discussion possible litigation and real estate. No action was taken at this time.

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

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

Christine Nash, City Clerk