

**SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CUBA, MISSOURI
THURSDAY – MAY 20, 2021 – 6:00 P.M.
CUBA CITY HALL COUNCIL ROOM**

Mayor Leathers called the meeting to order. Aldermen present: Sam Black, Kevin Copling, Curtis Holt, Jeff Bouse, Debbie Martin. Alderman present: Warren Graddy. Public Works Director: Craig Bouse. Comptroller/City Clerk: Christine Nash. Deputy Clerk: Lainie Garbo. Police Chief: Doug Shelton. Police Captain: Ben Scharfenberg.

Motion by Holt, seconded by Bouse, to approve the agenda. Vote: All ayes. Graddy-absent.

Motion by Bouse, seconded by Martin, to have the first reading of Bill No. 2001 by caption only. Vote: Five ayes. Graddy-absent. Deputy Clerk Garbo read Bill No. 2001 – An ordinance authorizing the Mayor of the City of Cuba, Missouri, on behalf of the City of Cuba, Missouri, to enter into a contract with MoGas Pipeline LLC for the transportation of natural gas. **Motion by Holt, seconded by Bouse, to approve the first reading of Bill No. 2001. Roll call vote: Black-yes, Copling-yes, Holt-yes, Bouse-yes, Martin-yes, Graddy-absent. Motion by Bouse, seconded by Martin, to have the second reading of Bill No. 2001. Vote: All ayes. Graddy-absent.** Deputy Clerk Garbo read Bill No. 2001 a second time. **Motion by Bouse, seconded by Martin, to approve the second reading of Bill No. 2001. Roll call vote: Martin-yes, Bouse-yes, Holt-yes, Copling-yes, Black-yes, Graddy-absent.** Mayor Leathers declared Bill NO. 2001 becomes Special Ordinance No. 819 on this 21st day of May 2021.

Roundtable discussion of FY 2022 budget and salaries:

Discussion regarding the Animal Control contract. A new contract was received asking for more money that needs to be discussed by the committee for the next meeting.

Comptroller/City Clerk Nash presented a full-time position for the EOC director along with additional duties. EOC committee will get together to discuss.

Discussion was had regarding adding an engineering firm to the budget for commercial inspections and building permits eliminating the need for a part time inspector. It was later decided to keep this position as the current inspector is certified to do the inspections and will do so until PW Bouse is certified.

Discussion was had regarding Public Works building improvements estimated at \$25,000 and was decided to eliminate.

Discussion was had regarding a contractor for the electric department estimated at \$20,000 and was changed to \$10,000.

Discussion of the Monroe St. water replacement project estimated at \$150,000 was eliminated.

Discussion was had regarding the water rate study. Mayor Leathers asked Comptroller/City Clerk Nash to present some examples of the rates for the next meeting.

Comptroller/City Clerk Nash proposed splitting the positions of Comptroller and City Clerk as they used to be two separate positions. With the dynamics of the office changing in the past few years it is becoming necessary. Questions were asked regarding the duties, and tasks that would be added. The council seemed to be receptive to splitting the positions.

Discussion was had regarding salaries with a preliminary 2% cost of living raise added to the salary study structure. It was recommended to change that cost of living to 1.3% for the next discussion. The police department did not have a cost of living percentage figured as they had received a previous raise and it was stated that cost of living would not be figured at budget time. The council recommended to have the 1.3% cost of living added to their salaries for the next discussion also.

Mayor Leathers stated that this was a preliminary budget and lots of items need to be discussed and looked into for accurate information to be added or eliminated from the budget.

Mayor Leathers announced the next special meeting on May 25, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

Motion by Black, seconded by Holt, to adjourn.

Lainie Garbo
Deputy Clerk