

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CUBA, MISSOURI  
TUESDAY – JUNE 15, 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. Aldermen absent: Warren Graddy. Public Works Director present, Craig Bouse. Detective Lieutenant Robbie Yates present. City attorney – Lance Thurman.

**Motion by Black, seconded by Bouse, to approve the agenda as written. Vote: Five ayes. Graddy – Absent.**

**Motion by Holt, seconded by Martin, to approve the regular meeting minutes of June 1, 2021. Vote: Five ayes. Graddy- absent.**

**PUBLIC HEARING – 6:05 PM – PROPERTY LOCATED ON THE EAST SIDE OF WASHINGTON STREET OWNED BY LARGE GRAYSON LLC – REZONE FROM RQ TO M1.** Mayor Leathers opened the meeting at 6:05 p.m. There was not anyone there to address the zoning. **Public hearing closed at 6:06 p.m.**

**Motion by Black, seconded by Bouse, to approve the property located at E. Washington Street (parcel no: 03-9.0-29-3-01-034.000) and owned by Large Grayson LLC to be rezoned from R1 to M1. Roll call vote: Copling -yes, Black -yes, Martin -yes, Holt – yes, and Bouse -yes. Graddy- absent.** Mayor Leathers stated the official ordinance will be brought forth at the July 6<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Citizens participation:** none.

**Public Works Director Report:**

PWD Bouse asked for the approve of the request made by AJ Harman to take two consecutive weeks off for vacation. **Motion by Bouse, seconded by Copling, to approve two weeks of consecutive vacation from July 26 - August 6, 2021 for AJ Harman. Vote: Five ayes. Graddy- absent.**

PWD Bouse stated that he met with the Electric Committee regarding the Electric Laborer position that was posted. He would like to recommend Trenton Geodeau. Alderman Bouse stated the committee met with Mr. Geodeau and interviewed him, and they recommend hiring him at \$16/hour during his probation period, and then move him to \$17.50/hr so that he is making the same as the journeyman that was just hired. Mayor Leathers asked if Mr. Geodeau was being hired as an Electric Laborer. PWD Bouse stated that technically he should have posted the position for two electricians. Bouse stated that they have to go to school. Alderman Martin asked how long does it take for them to become a lineman. Bouse stated 4 years. **Motion by Copling, seconded by Black, to hire Trenton Geodeau as an Electric Laborer at \$16/hour. Vote: Five ayes. Graddy – absent.**

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PWD Bouse went out for bids for a seasonal property management position. He recommends hiring Joe Hudson who has retired with the city. He has his CDL and would recommend paying him \$12.50/hour through October 2021. **Motion by Bouse, seconded by Black, to hire Joe Hudson in the Property Mgmt department through October 2021 at \$12.50/hour. Vote: Five ayes. Graddy – absent.**

PWD Bouse stated that the Cuba Ball Association has asked that the city employee's empty the trashcans in the ballpark since the CBA is a volunteer organization. It was stated by the council to have Property Management Department pick up the trash at the ballpark as long as the trash is in the trash bins.

Alderman Bouse asked if anyone fixed the sliding door at the ballpark. PWD Bouse stated that Joe Miller is on vacation this week, so it has not been fixed.

PWD Bouse stated that Viva Cuba has asked for city employees to water the Viva Cuba plants a couple days per week. The council agreed to have business as usual.

Alderman Black received a call about having the city mow the grass at the Food Pantry. Jerry Montgomery, Supervisor for the Grounds Dept, stated that he does not have a problem cutting the grass. It is only a small area; however, there is a lot of gravel. It was recommended to spray the grass area.

**Police Chief Report:** Lieutenant Yates gave several nuisance complaints. He stated that Cameron Sanders has been doing a good job with the nuisance complaints.

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

**Mayor's appointments:** Mayor Leathers would like to appoint a Public Works Committee of Alderman Bouse and Alderman Copling to look at the budget and to look into hiring an administrative assistant. He reminded them to follow the hiring policy. **Motion by Black, seconded by Holt, to approve the Public Works Committee members of Bouse and Copling. Vote: Five ayes. Graddy- absent.**

Mayor Leathers reminded all the committees to meet before the next budget meeting of June 21 at 5:00 pm.

Alderman Martin made the formal announcement of resigning from her position as alderman in ward 1 due to a recent move from Ward 1 to Ward 2. She stated it has been a pleasure and learning experience and is excited to sit on the two committees she was recently assigned to. **Motion by Bouse, seconded by Black, to accept the resignation of Debbie Martin as Alderman Ward 1. Vote: Five ayes. Graddy – absent.** Everyone expressed their well wishes to Ms. Martin and thanked her for her service to the city.

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**Motion by Black, seconded by Holt, to close the following streets for the Cruise In on June 26: Buchanon, Smith and Main. Vote: Five ayes. Graddy – absent.**

**Motion by Holt, seconded by Black, to go into closed session pursuant to RSMo 610.021 Section 1) legal contracts and advice. Roll call vote: Copling- yes, Black – yes, Holt -yes, Bouse -yes, Graddy- absent. \*\* Note Ms. Debbie Martin was not present in executive session.\*\***

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

Actions of Executive Session:

**Motion by Black, seconded by Bouse, to name the entrance road into Barnett Park – James Barnett Way. Roll call vote: Bouse -yes, Holt – yes, Black – yes, Copling -yes, Graddy – absent.**

**Motion by Black, seconded by Bouse, to name the secondary road in the Barnett Park – Truman Street. Roll call vote: Copling -yes, Black -yes, Holt – yes, Bouse – yes, Graddy- absent.**

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

**Motion by Black, seconded by Holt, to adjourn. Vote: Four ayes. Graddy – absent.**

Christine Nash, City Clerk