

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CUBA, MISSOURI  
TUESDAY – NOVEMBER 16, 2021 – 6:00 P.M.  
CUBA CITY HALL COUNCIL ROOM**

Mayor Cody Leathers called the meeting to order. Aldermen present: Kevin Copling, Sam Black, Dave Honea, Warren Graddy, Curtis Holt. Aldermen absent: Jeff Bouse. Public Works Director present: Craig Bouse. Police Captain present: Ben Scharfenberg. City attorney present: Lance Thurman.

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

**Motion by Honea, seconded by Black, to approve the regular meeting minutes of November 2, 2021. Vote: All ayes. Bouse absent.**

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

**Citizens Participation:**

Ms. Bethany Ferguson, 305 W. Washington, stated to the council that herself and husband Chris live in the home on Route 66 next to Wise Little Owls daycare and the Food Pantry. When they moved to Cuba, they saw a town that was proud, and they fell in love with it. The Food Pantry was not in this current location when they bought the house and when they moved in, they tried to be neighbor like but problems began. There are delivery trucks that block the roads. Ms. Ferguson is not sure why the closing of Filmore Street was granted. The vehicles are now being loaded with food in Filmore Street. With closing the street, it blocks her driveway and makes it to where the daycare doesn't have access to pick up or drop off. When the food pantry first opened it was only one day a week and is now open four days a week. Now they are dealing with trash in their yard, theft, and even stuff missing from their porch. Ms. Ferguson is asking to reconsider the street closure. Ms. Ferguson stated that she was told they were talked to regarding the closure as well as the daycare, and they were not. This morning the street was closed at 9:00 a.m. Inmates are being brought in to unload the trucks and it is unknown what crimes were committed and she feels that is a safety concern. Ms. Ferguson had pictures to show the council. Mayor Leathers thanked her for coming and stated that when the council was approached by the food pantry to close the street it all seemed fine, and the council was ok with the closure. The decision may need to be reconsidered. Honea asked the flow of traffic for this pick up. Ms. Ferguson stated that they are entering on Wall St, going thru the parking lot to Filmore where they are loading the food. The pantry is open more, but the big pick-up is the day with the street closure problems. Ms. Ferguson stated that her husband was verbally attacked and that is why there are addressing the council. Mr. Ferguson stated the verbal attack came from management of the food pantry and people were parked in their driveway. They have had enough. Honea asked what if the street was closed at the border of the pantry or a partial closure. Ms. Ferguson stated they would still block their driveway and they don't feel they should have to compromise their driveway or the safety of the children. Mayor Leathers would like to check into some things and talk to the daycare. Honea asked PC Scharfenberg to

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meet at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday 11/17/21 to discuss the situation. **Motion by Black, seconded by Graddy, to open Filmore Street back up during the food pantry large handout. Vote: All ayes. Bouse absent.**

**Archer-Elgin Engineering – Hydraulic Study Discussion:**

Mr. Cameron Schweiss with Archer-Elgin Engineering updated the council on the hydraulic study. The water committee has met regarding these three top priority projects.

1. The water loop project at Barnett Park and Medows Subdivision. This project will require one easement and is a rather simple project, also the cheapest on the priority list providing many benefits. It will improve the water flow tremendously in the industrial park and residential area. The water committee recommendation was to move forward with bids.
2. The Monroe/Myrtle water loop project. South of the railroad tracks there are a lot of 2 and 4 inch water mains this project will remedy. It will increase water flow and better opportunity to service east of Route 66 and this extension to the west can be on the shelf if the need arises.
3. Mapleshade water loop project. This will tackle the works parts of the system in that part of town. There are 2 and 4 inch lines being replaced and could potentially be looped by the Sports Complex. This will be a big increase of fire flow and another core project.

These are the primary targets of the study. Mayor Leathers stated that a lot of money is being put towards projects, and with having the opportunity to receive ARPA funds along with whatever the county may help with, the money is being spent on projects that need to be done. Copling asked when the plans are going to be done for grants to be applied for, and Mr. Schweiss replied by the end of the year. Mayor Leathers stated that Comptroller Christine Nash has already submitted paperwork for 2022 funding.

**EOC Director report:**

Mr. Rodney Neff stated that he met with Copling and PWD Bouse to add additional lighting at Hood Park. Hopefully with 6-7 additional DD lights, it will be easier to see on the cameras. Mayor Leathers stated for him to get together with PWD Bouse regarding the lights.

Mr. Neff is going to meet with the state for possible grants for siren equipment to upgrade with additional radio equipment. It would be a 50/50 grant. Also is going to look into a grant to give him more pay, to be paid his worth and time. This would also be a 50/50 grant.

Copling stated that emergency preparedness is important and would like to get a plan together, the money needed could come from capital improvement. They need to look at the future. Mr. Neff stated they will need something to keep the system going. Mayor Leathers stated there would be more discussions at budget time.

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**Public Works Director report:**

PWD Bouse presented the council with two conduit bids for the electric department.

Fletcher-Reinhardt Company   \$6985.00

Butler Supply                       \$9985.90

**Motion by Black, seconded by Holt, to approve the conduit bid from Fletcher-Reinhardt Company for \$6985.00. Vote: All ayes. Bouse absent.**

PWD Bouse stated that there are some old Christmas decorations being stored at the old city maintenance shop with no interest of use. City of Steelville is interested in them. **Motion by Graddy, seconded by Black, to donate the old Christmas decorations to City of Steelville. Vote: All ayes. Bouse absent.**

PWD Bouse announced Joe Miller's retirement as of 11/24/21. PWD Bouse would like to set a committee meeting to see the direction of that department. Mayor Leathers wished Joe Miller the best.

PWD Bouse stated that the rest of the transformers showed up. The 7200 circuit project is set to start January 1, 2022. Mayor Leathers stated that with one meeting in December, should order more transformers.

Honea asked PWD Bouse about the property of Belinda Burnham that was addressed at the previous council meeting. PWD Bouse stated that Thurman and himself are going to meet and look at the property.

**Police Chief report:**

None.

**Airport Committee fuel tank cleaning bids:**

Two bids were presented for the airport fuel tank cleaning.

Clean Fuels National   \$3422.24

Neumayer                       \$5240.00

**Motion by Graddy, seconded by Honea, to approve the Clean Fuels National airport fuel tank cleaning bid for \$3422.24. Vote: All ayes. Bouse absent.**

**Motion by Graddy, seconded by Holt, to have the first reading of Bill No. 2035 by caption only. Vote: All ayes. Bouse absent.** City Clerk Garbo read Bill No. 2035 – An ordinance authorizing the Mayor of the City of Cuba, Missouri, on behalf of said city, to execute a quit claim deed transferring real property to the Cuba Community Fire Protection District. **Motion by Graddy, seconded by Honea, to approve the first reading of Bill No. 2035. Roll call vote: Copling-yes, Black-yes, Honea-yes, Graddy-yes, Holt-yes. Bouse absent. Motion by Graddy, seconded by Honea, to have the second reading of Bill No.**

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**2035 by caption only. Vote: All ayes. Bouse absent.** City Clerk Garbo read Bill No. 2035 a second time.  
**Motion**

**by Graddy, seconded by Black, to approve the second reading of Bill No. 2035. Roll call vote: Holt-yes, Graddy-yes, Honea-yes, Black-yes, Copling-yes. Bouse absent.** Mayor Leathers declared Bill No. 2035 becomes a Special Ordinance 843 on this 16<sup>th</sup> day of November 2021.

Mayor Leathers announced the next council meeting December 14, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. This is the only scheduled regular meeting for December.

Mayor Leathers announced the Kick Off Light Display at Recklein Auditorium. Many have worked very hard to get the display up and going and invited all on November 24, 2021 at dark for the lighting of the display.

Mayor Leathers announced the Christmas parade on December 4, 2021 and encouraged all to attend.

**Motion by Graddy, seconded by Holt, to to into executive session pursuant to RSMo 610.021 section 1)litigation, 2)real estate. Roll call vote: Copling-yes, Black-yes, Honea-yes, Graddy-yes, Holt-yes. Bouse absent.**

Actions of executive session:

Attorney Thurman stated that the council met in closed session to discuss litigation and real estate and no final action was taken.

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

**Motion by Graddy, seconded by Black, to adjourn. Vote: All ayes. Bouse absent.**

**Lainie Garbo, City Clerk**