

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CUBA, MISSOURI
TUESDAY – OCTOBER 4, 2022 – 6:00 P.M.
CUBA CITY HALL COUNCIL ROOM

Mayor Cody Leathers called the meeting to order. Aldermen present: Kevin Copling, Dave Honea, Warren Graddy, Curtis Holt. Aldermen absent: Debbie Martin and Jeff Bouse. Police Chief present: Doug Shelton. City Attorney present: Lance Thurman.

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

Citizens Participation:

Karen Groom addressed the council because of Halloween being moved to October 29, 2022 and stated that she has talked to many in town and on Facebook who are against this. Groom stated that it has been celebrated on Halloween for many years and with the change being made only 27 days out that is too close as many already have plans, the campgrounds have their festivities, youth hunting, and are already planning on trick or treating on the actual date. Groom asked if Halloween falls on a week night in the years to come are they going to keep moving it to a Saturday. Mayor Leathers stated that the council passed to have a Resolution drawn up for this current year only. Groom stated that she just wanted to express her thoughts as a citizen and thinks it should stay on Halloween night and suggested that if the council felt strongly about changing it then maybe they go to the community for their thoughts. Mayor Leathers stated that he has heard a lot of positive and negative response. Copling stated that he made the wrong vote and people are coming to him with concerns. Groom asked what about other holidays that could fall during the week like Thanksgiving, Christmas, or July 4th. Mayor Leathers stated that the council will make a decision when they discuss the Resolution later in the meeting. Groom just wanted to give her thoughts and asked the council to think about it.

Sean Retkowski, Eagle Scout Project, stated that he approached the council a year ago regarding his project of preserving the old jail and wanted to let them know that he did get it approved from the preservation committee. Retkowski asked what if any permits are needed and if they want anything added to the project as he will be painting, redoing the walkway, and possibly adding a base for a picnic table. Mayor Leathers stated that if he has the approval then there is no reason for him to not move forward and is not aware of any permits needed but will check with Bob Baldwin. Mayor Leathers asked when the project will be started. Retkowski stated that he will have to get the funding, then the supplies and then will get started in hopefully in 2 weeks. Honea asked if electric will be needed. Mayor Leathers suggested communicating with City Hall for any needs and to get the contact information from Jerry Montgomery, grounds department, for any further assistance. Mayor Leathers thanked him for working on this project.

Motion by Graddy, seconded by Holt, to approve the regular meeting minutes from September 20, 2022. Vote: All ayes. Martin and Bouse absent.

Motion by Honea, seconded by Graddy, to approve the executive session meeting minutes from September 20, 2022. Vote: All ayes. Martin and Bouse absent.

Motion by Graddy, seconded by Holt, to approve the bills as presented. Vote: All ayes. Martin and Bouse absent.

Electric Department:

Andy Simpson, electric supervisor, presented two bids for electric poles. Simpson stated that the bid from Thomasson Company is for green poles, class 4 poles, and that is why they are cheaper. They will not provide a bid for normal poles, class 2 poles, as they are out. The bid from Baldwin Pole has both poles but recommends getting the better class 2 poles because they are better and last longer.

Thomasson Company	40 foot/class 4	\$359.66/pole
Baldwin Pole	40 foot/class 4	\$440.00/pole
	40 foot/class 2	\$620.00/pole

Motion by Copling, seconded by Graddy, to approve the bid from Baldwin Pole for 33 of the 40 foot/class 2 poles totaling \$20,460.00. Vote: All ayes. Martin and Bouse absent.

Simpson stated that he would like to set an electric committee meeting to discuss the Ridgetop, Stubblefield project. Holt stated that all supervisors need to meet to discuss, possibly with the council and planning and zoning. Simpson stated that the cost is going to be a lot more than expected. Mayor Leathers stated that the city is only responsible for running the service to the property line. Simpson also wants to discuss how the electric will be ran. Mayor Leathers suggested a 5:00 p.m. meeting before the next council meeting. A meeting will be set and posted.

Simpson stated that the Rutz Subdivision project is on hold until the poles come in.

Mayor's Appointments:

Mayor Leathers recommended appointing Jimmy West to the Park and Recreation Board. **Motion by Honea, seconded by Graddy, to appoint Jimmy West to the Park and Recreation Board. Vote: All ayes. Martin and Bouse absent.**

Mayor Leathers recommended appointing Nancy Montgomery to the Planning and Zoning Board. **Motion by Graddy, seconded by Honea, to appoint Nancy Montgomery to the Planning and Zoning Board. Vote: All ayes. Martin and Bouse absent.**

EOC Director:

Rodney Neff stated that he is in discussion with MRPC for some possible grants for radios and tornado sirens for the new development at Stubblefield Property, Ridgetop Farm. Will keep the council notified.

Neff stated that all sirens worked during the monthly test.

Neff stated that MRPC needs a Resolution passed for the mitigation plans that have to be approved every 5 years. Neff stated that it will be sent to Thurman to prepare for the next council meeting.

Police Chief report:

PC Shelton gave an update on nuisance complaints.

PC Shelton stated that with working with the SRO, they are dealing with underage people having vapes and tobacco. PC Shelton is suggesting an ordinance to prohibit under the age of 21 so that tickets are enforceable. Thurman stated that the current policy needed to be changed anyway as the legal age changed from 18 to 21. **Motion by Graddy, seconded by Honea, to pass an ordinance changing the legal age for vapes/tobacco to 21. Vote: All ayes. Martin and Bouse absent.**

Mayor Leathers stated that the nuisance at 205 Shaw St. is still in the 30 day notice, then the process of condemnation will begin with the intention to demolish, with a lien on the property. There are some additional locations that could potentially follow suit.

Honea asked about the home at 3004 Chestnut and if anything was done about the generator. PC Shelton stated that Ben Scharfenberg is working on it and that the generator can be ran except during the hours of 10 p.m to 6 a.m. Mayor Leathers stated that the home can not be lived in, but the gentleman is staying in the back yard. Ronda Harris, who attended the previous meeting voicing concern, has been asked to call the police department if the generator is being ran after 10 p.m. Mayor Leathers stated that this home had a 30 day notice.

Tony Hutson, in the audience, asked if there was an ordinance on unlicensed vehicles. Mayor Leathers replied yes. Hutson stated that he just found out how to handle and report the situation and will give time to resolve. Hutson will keep Mayor Leathers informed.

Bill No. 2070. Mayor Leathers stated that the council have all received comments and concerns leaving it a council decision. Graddy stated that he can vote either way. Copling wants to leave Halloween on the actual date. No motion to move forward with the Resolution. Halloween will be observed on October 31, 2022.

Motion by Honea, seconded by Graddy, to have the first reading of Bill No. 2071 by caption only.

Vote: All ayes. Martin and Bouse absent. Thurman read Bill No. 2071 – An ordinance authorizing the Mayor of the city of Cuba, Missouri, on behalf of said city, to enter into a contract with Vaughan Pools Inc. for renovations to the City of Cuba, Missouri’s city pool. **Motion by Honea, seconded by Graddy, to approve the first reading of Bill No. 2071. Roll call vote: Holt-yes, Graddy-yes, Honea-yes, Copling-yes. Martin and Bouse absent. Motion by Holt, seconded by Graddy, to have the second reading of Bill No. 2071. Vote: All ayes. Martin and Bouse absent.** Thurman read Bill No. 2071 a second time. **Motion by Graddy, seconded by Holt, to approve the second reading of Bill No. 2071. Roll call vote: Copling-yes, Honea-yes, Graddy-yes, Holt-yes. Martin and Bouse absent.** Mayor Leathers declared that Bill No. 2071 becomes Special Ordinance 864 on this 4th day of October 2022.

Copling stated that he was appointed to the park and recreation board but doesn't have a guy to work in the parks, buildings, install park equipment, clean the lake, etc. and would like to hire for property management as that would be cheaper than contracting the jobs. Copling would like to hire someone with carpenter experience. Mayor Leathers suggested speaking to the Comptroller and if approved then he will add to an agenda, and also presenting to the park and recreation at the next meeting.

Copling would like for the council to think about switching the city employees to a 4 day/10 hour work week.

Holt stated that the heaters at the Public Works building are old and only two of them are working. There are eight brand new heaters for purchase at \$500/heater. They can buy all eight or just enough to replace. The natural gas department can install. Mayor Leathers stated that he spoke with the Comptroller and Jimmy Happel and the money is in the budget. **Motion by Holt, seconded by Graddy, to purchase the 8 heaters for \$500/heater. Vote: All aye. Martin and Bouse absent.**

Motion by Graddy, seconded by Honea, to adjourn. Vote: All ayes. Martin and Bouse absent.

Lainie Garbo, City Clerk