

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CUBA, MISSOURI
TUESDAY – NOVEMBER 1, 2022 – 6:00 P.M.
CUBA CITY HALL COUNCIL ROOM

Mayor Cody Leathers called the meeting to order. Aldermen present: Kevin Copling, Warren Graddy, Curtis Holt, Jeff Bouse. Aldermen absent: Debbie Martin & Dave Honea. Police Captain present: Ben Scharfenberg. City Attorney present: Lance Thurman.

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

Citizens Participation:

Mike Mullen presented a few concerns and a few possible solutions regarding the tractor trailer delivery trucks at Robert-Judsons. Mullen stated that at some times there are two forklift trucks running and there are no safety cones. Solution one suggested was to clean up the lumber yard and have the trucks pull thru to unload and then exit on Green Street. Solution two suggested was to put up temporary street closed signs while trucks are there unloading. Solution three suggested was to have their employees direct traffic while trucks are unloading. Mullen stated that it could be bad if the fork trucks were to hit anyone and there recently was an accident involving a fork truck hitting a car and feels something needs to be done. Mayor Leathers suggested putting safety cones up while the trucks are unloading, Mullen agreed. Mayor Leathers asked Police Captain (PC) Scharfenberg to have someone from the police department talk to Robert-Judson regarding the issue and solution.

Dan Eidson stated that the electric service at his location of 505 Kidwell and the Glassey Street area was out and he wanted to thank the electric department and anyone who helped restore the power. One thing brought to his attention is the amount of vines, trees, and branches that have grown into the power lines and up the poles that make it more difficult to trouble shoot electric problems. Eidson asked the council to approve the electric department to clean out the poles where the electric lines come in. Andy Simpson, Electric Supervisor, stated that he had already looked into the 50 foot easement for cutting trees, but they are busy with other projects currently. Simpson stated that there are 2 streets still bad, but most areas are better with hardly any trees in power lines.

Ronda Harris asked for an update on 3004 Chestnut. Harris stated that the generator is still running during the day and not after 10 p.m. but has been moved closer to her house. Harris doesn't understand how a generator can be ran to live at a house that has been condemned. Mayor Leathers stated that there is a timeframe to be followed and will have to check with Bob Baldwin for an update and reinspection and as the city can't stop him from running a generator, he can't live in a tent. Harris stated that the person is living in the house even though the house has no utilities. Mayor Leathers stated that the police can remove him from the premises if living in the house with no utilities, Thurman agreed. PC Scharfenberg stated the police can not go into the home to prove he is living in the home but does know the previous fire was at the breaker box and suggested getting with Baldwin to see what

can be done. Mayor Leathers stated that notices were also sent out on other homes and want there to be an end result for all. Harris asked if there was a timeline. Mayor Leathers stated he will get with Baldwin asap and if nothing has been done on the house, he will need to be removed. Thurman stated it is not an eviction but a condemnation and need to also speak to the municipal judge.

Genifer Cape asked the status of a previous insurance claim regarding an air conditioner in a camper during the fair. Clerk Garbo stated that claim was denied. Cape stated the fair board will act accordingly.

Motion by Graddy, seconded by Bouse, to approve the regular meeting minutes from October 18, 2022. Vote: All ayes. Martin and Honea absent.

Motion by Bouse, seconded by Graddy, to approve the special meeting minutes from October 19, 2022. Vote: All ayes. Martin and Honea absent.

Mayor Leathers stated that in the bills to be paid is an invoice from NB West for the overlay of streets and milling. In the August 2, 2022 minutes the bid was approved for \$229,800 for the Nova Chop overlay and should have included the additional \$24,793 for milling for a total of \$254,593. Clerk Garbo asked to clarify that the original bid should have included the milling for \$24,793. **Motion by Graddy, seconded by Copling, to approve the cost of \$24,793 for milling for a total bid an invoice of \$254,593. Vote: All ayes. Martin and Honea absent.**

Motion by Holt, seconded by Graddy, to approve the bills to be paid. Vote: All ayes. Martin and Honea absent.

EOC Director report:

Rodney Neff stated that during the monthly siren test all sirens worked except the airport. There is construction at the airport and the breaker is off until the project is complete.

Neff stated the cameras are doing ok. Holt asked Neff to look into upgrading the cameras. Neff will look into some grants and costs for upgrading and a system to possible look at license plates. Mayor Leathers wants what is best to protect the city's properties.

Police Chief report:

PC Scharfenberg stated that interviews were had for the open position and their choice is Patrick Dildine. Dildine is currently under contract with City of Owensville for training costs of \$1941.89. PC Scharfenberg stated that their recommendation is to hire Patrick Dildine and pay the contract of \$1941.89. **Motion by Bouse, seconded by Holt, to approve hiring Patrick Dildine as entry level with pay of \$40,000, paying the contract to City of Owensville of \$1941.89, and approving Lance Thurman to make an agreement to reimburse for training to be signed. Vote: All ayes. Martin and Honea absent.**

Motion by Graddy, seconded by Bouse, to have the first reading of Bill No. 2075 by caption only.

Vote: All ayes. Martin and Honea absent. Thurman read Bill No. 2075 – An ordinance authorizing the Mayor of the City of Cuba, Missouri, on behalf of said city, to enter into an agreement with University of Central Missouri and Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission to accept a grant for Holiday DWI Enforcement Campaign. **Motion by Bouse, seconded by Holt, to approve the first reading of Bill No. 2075. Roll call vote: Bouse-yes, Holt-yes, Graddy-yes, Copling-yes. Martin and Honea absent.**

Motion by Holt, seconded by Graddy, to have the second reading for Bill No. 2075. Vote: All ayes.

Martin and Honea absent. Thurman read Bill No. 2075 a second time. **Motion by Bouse, seconded by Graddy, to approve the second reading of Bill No. 2075. Roll call vote: Copling-yes, Graddy-yes, Holt-yes, Bouse-yes. Martin and Honea absent.** Mayor Leathers declared that Bill No. 2075 becomes Special Ordinance 865 on this 1st day of November 2022.

Copling asked about a fall clean-up. Clerk Garbo stated that they are checking with Swinger Sanitation to plan for November 28 – December 3 and will post once the dates are set. It will be the Animal Control Shelter.

Copling stated that he talked with Tonya Farace, Comptroller about needing an employee for the property management department. There are many projects being neglected and need an employee to take care of them. Copling stated that the Christmas Light project is going good, the street department is working on putting up the zip line at the park, and everyone is busy and doing good.

Copling stated that another problem without a property management department is the sidewalks. There are many that need fixed, with a main one in front of City Hall. Mayor Leathers asked if the street department can work on those. Copling does not know, but would like to get back to working on sidewalks.

Holt asked all to keep Debbie Martin and family in their thoughts and prayers.

Bouse thanked the street department for quickly helping Dennis Roedemeier with a problem regarding the steps at the Historical Society.

Mayor Leathers presented a bid/proposal from Net Engineer to enter into an agreement for \$119/month for upgraded firewall protection. **Motion by Bouse, seconded by Graddy, to approve the bid from Net Engineer for firewall protection at \$119/month. Vote: All ayes. Martin and Graddy absent.**

Mayor Leathers also asked all to keep Debbie Martin and family in the thoughts and prayers, as Woody Martin passed away.

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

Lainie Garbo, City Clerk