

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CUBA, MISSOURI
THURSDAY – APRIL 6, 2023 – 6:00 P.M.
CUBA CITY HALL COUNCIL ROOM**

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

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

Public Hearing – 6:05 p.m. – Jim Lee annexation, property located off Fleenor.

Motion by Bouse, seconded by Honea, to open the public hearing. Vote: All ayes. Graddy absent.

Mayor Leathers announced the public hearing regarding an annexation petitioned by Jim Lee to have property located off Fleenor Road annexed into the city limits as R1. A legal description was available at Cuba City Hall. Mayor Leathers asked if there was anyone in attendance with property within 185 feet to speak in favor of the annexation. None. Mayor Leathers asked if there was anyone in attendance with property within 185 feet to speak against the annexation. None. Mayor Leathers asked if there was anyone in attendance to speak about the annexation. None. **Motion by Bouse, seconded by Honea, to close the public hearing. Vote: All ayes. Graddy absent.**

Motion by Bouse, seconded by Honea, to approve the annexation of property located off Fleenor (tract 1), petitioned by Jim Lee. Vote: All ayes. Graddy absent. Thurman stated the annexation will go straight to ordinance and will be presented at the next council meeting.

City Clerk Garbo read the unofficial election results from April 4, 2023.

Alderman, Ward 1

Dave Honea	67 votes
Write-in	1 vote

Alderman, Ward 2

Debbie Martin	82 votes
Russell Crocker	45 votes

Alderman, Ward 3

Karen Groom	62 votes
Jeff Bouse	108 votes

Municipal Judge

Write-in	41 votes
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Mayor Leathers stated that there were no candidates on the municipal judge ballot and there were 41 write-ins. There were names and totals sent of the write-ins but none were qualified for the position. There was previously a municipal judge appointed due to no signed up candidates.

Motion by bouse, seconded by Holt, to approve the election results as presented. Vote: All ayes. Graddy absent.

All new elected members were sworn in by City Clerk Garbo and seats were taken.

Motion by Holt, seconded by Bouse, to elect Dave Honea as President of the Board of Aldermen. Vote: All ayes. Graddy absent. Honea abstained.

Mayor Leathers stated that on the aldermanic committees presented, there was a previous change from Graddy to Copling on the Park and Recreation committee to be reflected on the current committees.

Motion by Bouse, seconded by Honea, to approve the aldermanic committee's and Mayor's appointments with the Park and Recreation change from Graddy to Copling. Vote: All ayes. Graddy absent.

Citizen's participation:

Mr. Richard Hewkin, Two Old Crows Antique Store off Highway DD, stated that they have had sewer trouble for about a month and a half. He stated that the city did come out and do their job and the second time coming out they did find a blockage about 15 foot from the manhole. The line goes across his property, Jim Cape's, and the cities right away. He stated that he has no problem getting it fixed, but has no control of what vehicles drive over it and with no say in the situation the line could collapse again and doesn't feel it should be his responsibility. Honea asked what trucks and vehicles drive over it and what are they going to do. Mr. Hewkin stated there are many bigger work trucks for various reasons coming and going and they have no control over them. Copling stated that himself and Bouse are on the sewer committee and would like to talk to the sewer supervisor, AJ Harman to see what can be done. Mr. Hewkin stated that the sewer department did notify them that it needed to be repaired, but no suggestions as to how. Mr. Hewkin also stated that when it backs up it goes in their building and have contacted Dig-Rite and are scheduling to fix. Mayor Leathers suggested for Copling and Bouse to get with the sewer department to discuss a plan to move forward. Mr. Hewkin thanked the council for listening and looking into the situation.

Motion by Bouse, seconded by Martin, to approve the regular meeting minutes from March 21, 2023. Vote: All ayes. Graddy absent.

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

Electric Supervisor, Andy Simpson:

Simpson presented bids for 4 - 15 KVA transformers needed for stock purposes.

DSI	\$1390.00/each	total for 4 = \$5560.00
Sunbelt-Solomon	\$4525.00/each	total for 4 = \$18,100.00

Midwest El Transformer	\$2560.00/each	total for 4 = \$10,240.00
Emerald Transformer	\$1624.00/each	total for 2 = \$3248.00 **bid only for 2

Motion by Bouse, seconded by Honea, to approve the bid from DSI for 4 – 15 KVA transformers at \$1390.00/each, total cost \$5560.00. Vote: All ayes. Graddy absent.

Simpson presented bids for 2 – 25 KVA transformers. One at well #3 is bad and will need replaced. Simpson recommended the Sunbelt-Solomon bid as there is currently a \$6000 credit on the account and they have a shorter waiting time to receive.

DSI	\$1650.00/each	total for 2 = \$3300.00
Sunbelt-Solomon	\$1995.00/each	total for 2 = \$3990.00
Midwest El Transformer	\$3260.00/each	total for 2 = \$6520.00
Emerald Transformer	\$1764.00/each	total for 2 = \$3528.00

Motion by Bouse, seconded by Martin, to approve the bid from Sunbelt-Solomon for 2 – 25 KVA transformers at \$1995.00/each, total cost \$3990.00. Vote: All ayes. Graddy absent.

Mepco building discussion:

Mayor Leathers wanted to clarify some confusion regarding public works departments moving to the old Mepco building. Internet at that building was approved due to having materials there and for inventory system purposes. Since that conversation, some departments have moved their offices to the building. Andy Simpson stated that it was his department and not the others. Mayor Leathers stated that they are not moving into the building as of now as there has been no council discussion and now and wanted to make that clear. Mayor Leathers stated that he had received a lot of calls and questions and they may make the decision to move in the future, but there will be more discussion prior to. Bouse thought it was a good move because of a prior water line breaking and was caught due to some in the building. Martin would like to tour the building at some time and Mayor Leathers encouraged. Mayor Leathers stated that it can be discussed at budget time and if there is money for repairs then they can move forward. Copling stated that they discussed putting a committee together previously. David Minardi, Natural Gas Department, stated that their office in the public works building has black mold and feels that if a department wants to move then they should be able to as they will still be close. Simpson stated that their move was for convenience. Honea asked what the income of the last renter was and it was replied possible \$5000/month. Bouse stated that the public works committee would be happy to discuss. Martin is not opposed, but would like to have a plan in place for the set-up. Mayor Leathers stated that the main entrance of the building should be for clerical purposes but then that brings up whether or not City Hall moves to that building or not. Bouse feels that move should involve the public. Minardi stated that a public hearing was had previously and the public didn't want City Hall to move. Minardi asked if their department could move to the old Mepco building to get out of the mold infested office. . Honea would like to see some ownership as the current public work space hasn't' been cleaned or taken care of and if they are going to lose revenue for a building then they need to take ownership and keep it decent. Copling stated all public works departments should move to the other building. Martin asked about the office with the mold and if they are spraying to rid of and if it is helping. Mayor Leathers, Honea, and Martin also stated that is the first time hearing of the mold. Minardi stated the spraying has slowed it down and they have tried to prevent, but it's just now working. Bouse stated that

the natural gas department should move out and then they will meet to get a plan for the future, Mayor Leathers agreed. **Motion by Bouse, seconded by Copling to allow the natural gas department to move to the old Mepco building in the back office by the electric supplies. Vote: All ayes. Graddy absent.**

Mayor Leathers stated that the grounds department was approved to advertise for 2 summer helpers. There were 2 applicants, Hailey Shockley and Dustin Mitchell, and they are returning from the previous summer. **Motion by Honea, seconded by Bouse, to hire Hailey Shockley and Dustin Mitchell for summer help. Vote: All ayes. Graddy absent.**

Mayor Leathers stated that the Spring Clean-Up has been scheduled for May 8 and May 9, 2023. The pick-up will be the same as the trash pick up schedule. **Motion by Bouse, seconded by Holt, to approve Spring Clean-Up on May 8 and May 9, 2023. Vote: All ayes. Graddy absent.**

Park and Recreation committee recommendations:

It was recommended from the park and recreation committee to hire for front gate, concessions, and lifeguards. **Motion by Bouse, seconded by Martin, to hire Madisyn Harfst, Carter Jesse, Sam Leonard, Morgan Pilkenton, McKenna Shelton, Makayla Harfst, Parker Stewart, and Sophia Horsefield for the pool. Vote: All ayes. Graddy absent.**

Mayor Leathers stated that the park and recreation board had some blueprints for a Safety City in Tangle Creek Park revised to make smaller with a smaller cost. Copling asked about the location and the ball fields in the park. Mayor Leathers stated they did make concessions for the ball fields. **Motion by Martin, seconded by Honea, to approve the revised blueprints for the Safety City in Tangle Creek Park. Vote: All ayes. Graddy absent.**

Mayor Leathers stated Stephen Brown of the Park and Recreation Board is resigning due to some health issues. **Motion by Bouse, seconded by Holt, to approve the resignation of Stephen Brown. Vote: All ayes. Graddy absent.**

Mayor Leathers stated that there is a vacancy on the Park and Recreation Board and let him know if anyone is interested.

EOC Director report:

Rodney Neff stated that he met with a security company last week and may lose some views as that company doesn't do that kind of technology and neither does the other company coming to look. Neff is unsure of where to go with the project as he doesn't want to lose views. Neff is waiting to see what Honea's plan is for Hood Park. Neff suggested putting more cameras up. Mayor Leathers stated that we will have to work with what we have now and to make sure all is still functioning. Neff will get with Wave Internet and unsure of the recommendation at this time.

Neff stated that there was a report the prior week of the airport siren and the Rutz Subdivision siren not working. Crawford Electric had an outage that affected the airport and there were some components

taken out of the Rutz Subdivision one causing to not work. Neff stated they may have to install cameras at the siren location. Mayor Leathers stated to keep the council informed of what needs to be done for security.

Police Chief report:

PC Shelton gave an update on the nuisance complaints.

Bouse stated that some officers have reached out to him regarding the snow days. Mayor Leathers stated that last winter they did not receive additional pay for that time. Honea suggested for those that worked to receive that amount of compensation time as the whole department did not have to work. Mayor Leathers clarified that those who worked those days will get the time and if they did not work then they do not get anything. **Motion by Honea, seconded by Bouse, to approve the police officers who worked the snow days to receive the amount of hours worked in compensation time. Vote: All ayes. Graddy absent.**

Mayor Leathers stated that Bill No. 2089 needs to be amended due to a changing of words. **Motion by Bouse, seconded by Martin, to amend in whereas section to change the word grant to traffic enforcement overtime. Vote: All ayes. Graddy absent.**

Motion by Bouse, seconded by Martin, to have the first reading of Bill No. 2089 by caption only. Vote: All ayes. Graddy absent. Thurman read Bill No. 2089 – An ordinance amending Section XII overtime in the handbook for the City of Cuba, Missouri employee handbook relating to overtime for the Police Department for the City of Cuba. **Motion by Bouse, seconded by Holt, to approve the first reading of Bill No. 2089. Roll call vote: Copling-yes, Martin-yes, Honea-yes, Holt-yes, Bouse-yes. Graddy absent.** **Motion by Bouse, seconded by Honea, to have the second reading of Bill No. 2089. Vote: All ayes. Graddy absent.** Thurman read Bill No. 2089 a second time. **Motion by Bouse, seconded by Holt, to approve the second reading of Bill No. 2089. Roll call vote: Bouse-yes, Holt-yes, Honea-yes, Martin-yes, Copling-yes. Graddy absent.** Mayor Leathers declared Bill No. 2089 becomes General Ordinance 1220 on this 6th day of April 2023.

Copling stated that there are problems at the treatment plant with water getting into the lines. AJ Harman, Sewer Supervisor, is getting bids to resolve the issue.

Copling stated that at Hood Park there are black things sticking out on the stone pillars at the entrance and they do not look good and would like to get something to put on them to look nicer.

Martin was asked by the Municipal Airport if they could get a flag installed. Mayor Leathers suggested reaching out to Jerry Montgomery to see what all is needed.

Martin stated that she understands that the department supervisors are doing a good job, but as the budget time nears she would like the supervisors to provide a project summary for what is most needed and periodically check on the projects. Martin stated she is a visual person and thinks it will help know

what is needing to be done and where with paying off in the long run and making progress. Martin would like this for funding and progress and will show where they stand on projects. Honea stated they can have a 5 year plan to work with. Copling stated that he asks the supervisors where they are at on projects and they answer him, knowing what is going on. Mayor Leathers stated that to Martin's point, they will have access to budgeting and that will help, and also that the budget meetings and budget worksheets will be starting soon.

Martin stated that she is happy to back n the council and thinks it is great to have candidates interested in the City of Cuba.

Honea stated that he has talked to an engineer, and they need the lighting before considering a new camera system at Hood Park. Mayor Leathers stated that Simpson brought the light study and is hoping to fund in the new budget. Hopefully that will light the park up and work well.

Honea thanked Simpson and electric department for no outages during the bad weather.

Simpson stated that he drove around town looking for lights that were out and have repaired them.

Honea stated that as a favor to the new bookkeeper, leave her alone for a bit as she gets settled. Mayor Leathers agreed to give the space for settling in and training.

Bouse thanked the voters that were out and voted. It is important to him and encourages all to vote regardless of who voting for.

Bouse stated that Ron Owsley got a bid for a diagnostic machine as he needs it for the vehicle repairs, getting harder to get someone to do it. Mayor Leathers asked if it was budgeted. Owsley stated that it was not, but he had budgeted for concrete and are not going to do the project and could use that money. **Motion by Bouse, seconded by Honea, to approve the diagnostic machine using the concrete funds if available. Vote: All ayes. Graddy absent.**

Mayor Leathers stated that a surplus item, 2008 Model Generator 6.8 V-10 Ford Engine 150 KV. Needs new rotor and stator with a reserve set at \$1000.00, did not sell and would like to advertise again. **Motion by Honea, seconded by Bouse, to advertise for the surplus 2008 Model Generator 6.8 V-10 Ford Engine, reserve set at \$1000.00 until 4:00 p.m. on April 28, 2023. Vote: All ayes. Graddy absent.**

Owsley stated that there is also a 1989 dump truck that needs to go to go out for surplus bid. Mayor Leathers suggested getting the information and will present at the next council meeting.

Copling stated that there have been a lot of calls regarding the bathrooms at the parks, and they are now open.

Bouse stated that for the cleaning at public works, they have to come in early from their jobs and maybe a cleaning service should be looked at during budget time. Honea thinks they all need to take better care of the building.

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

Lainie Garbo, City Clerk