

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CUBA, MISSOURI
TUESDAY – APRIL 18, 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, Warren Graddy, Curtis Holt, Jeff Bouse. Police Chief present: Doug Shelton. City Attorney present: Lance Thurman.

Mayor Leathers requested to remove line item #8, Bill No. 2090 – An ordinance approving the Jim Lee annexation of property located off Fleenor Rd., from the agenda as there has not been enough time from the public hearing to approve. **Motion by Bouse, seconded by Hone, to approve the agenda with removing line item #8. Vote: All ayes.**

Citizens Participation:

Mr. Jim Barnett with Cuba Development Group (CDG) asked the council to continue the funding of the CDG position. Mr. Barnett gave a quick history of the IDA also stating that it has worked well for the past 42 years helping with creating jobs, utility revenue, coordinating with the large employers, addressing issues, new companies, and going to Jefferson City to coordinate with the IDA organization. With budget time coming up, would like the council to consider \$40,000 for the position with the additional funding being contributed. Mayor Leathers stated that the amount requested is less than previous and if the budget allows, they will be able to work together. Mayor Leathers thanked Mr. Barnett for approaching the council and would like to fund the position as there is no one to follow up with the industries and thinks it is a benefit to the city. Mayor Leathers would also like whomever fills the position to attend the council meetings quarterly for updates and possibly assist with some grant writing. Copling would also like to see the CDG board back together and fill the position as it is needed for many reasons and gives full support. Martin stated that she is not opposed but wants to see results. Mayor Leathers agreed that more transparency would like to be seen.

Mr. Dan Eidson, 505 Kidwell, stated that he has lived at his address for the previous 6 years with no other place to buy utilities and has noticed his electric bill varies with no explanation on the bill. Mr. Eidson stated that he did ask the City Hall staff if there was a rate increase and it was explained that as there was not an increase rate, there is a variable rate (fuel adjustment) as a component of the electric pricing that does change monthly. Mr. Eidson asked why that rate is not on the bill but only the consumption and price as most places have a breakdown of the rates. Mr. Eidson would like to see a breakdown of the rates on the printed bill and feels the fuel adjustment is a hidden cost. Mayor Leathers stated it could be a possibility to put the rates on the bill or maybe a mailed letter with the rates and an explanation. Mr. Eidson asked about the purchasing of the electric and Mayor Leathers explained the consortium the city belongs to and that the purchasing consultant group does their best for the best pricing.

Motion by Honea, seconded Bouse, to approve the regular meeting minutes from April 6, 2023. Vote: All ayes.

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

Parks and Recreation Board:

The parks and recreation board met on April 18, 2023 at 5:00 pm and had some recommendations for approval.

It was recommended to hire Kamryn Dunk, Elizabeth Fieser, River Nickelson, and Maeghan Leonard as lifeguards at the Cuba Municipal Pool. **Motion by Bouse, seconded by Honea, to approve the recommended lifeguards. Vote: All ayes.**

It was recommended to hire Jenna Shireman as manager of the Cuba Municipal Pool. **Motion by Bouse, seconded by Martin, to approve the recommended pool manager, Jenna Shireman. Vote: All ayes.**

It was recommended to hire Jessica Driskell as assistant manager of the Cuba Municipal Pool. **Motion by Bouse, seconded by martin, to approve the recommended assistant pool manager. Vote: All ayes.**

It was recommended that some changes to the aquatics manual be approved. The section regarding the kiddie pool had been removed. And there were changes to the discipline as it was changed to a 3 strike system. **Motion by Honea, seconded by Graddy, to approve the changes in the aquatics manual. Vote: All ayes. Bouse abstained as he wanted to read the changes. **Later in the meeting Bouse stated that he did agree with the changes and would vote yes.**

Honea stated that there is a need to cut some trees back to the fence in Hood Park at the RV spots being built. Nick Adams Logging will buy the logs making it a wash in cost. There will be some donating time to help with the clearing and will burn and push the tree waste. The Fair Board will pay for the fuel. They have also met with Andy Simpson and spots have been marked for the electric bases to start the process. Mayor Leathers likes the collaboration and thanked them all for working together. **Motion by Bouse, seconded by Martin, to approve the tree removal at Hood Park. Vote: All ayes.**

It was recommended to replace Stephen Brown on the park and recreation board with Andi Harley. **Motion by Martin, seconded by Bouse, to approve the appointment of Andi Harley on the Park and Recreation Board. Vote: All ayes.**

Police Chief report: None

Motion by Holt, seconded by Graddy, to have the first reading of Bill No. 2091 by caption only. Vote: All ayes. Thurman read Bill No. 2091 – 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 Click It or Ticket Enforcement

Campaign. **Motion by Martin, seconded by Holt, to approve the first reading of Bill No. 2091. Roll call vote: Bouse-yes, Holt-yes, Graddy-yes, Honea-yes, Martin-yes, Copling-yes. Motion by Graddy, seconded by Holt, to have the second reading of Bill No. 2091. Vote: All ayes.** Thurman read Bill No. 2091 a second time. **Motion by Bouse, seconded by Graddy, to approve the second reading of Bill No. 2091. Roll call vote: Copling-yes, Martin-yes, Honea-yes, Graddy-yes, Holt-yes, Bouse-yes.** Mayor Leathers declared that Bill No. 2091 becomes Special Ordinance 875 on this 18th day of April 2023.

Copling asked where they were at on the water problem project and if bids were received. Mayor Leathers stated that the bids have been received and are still working with some adjoining property owners and once they hear back will be ready to approve the bid.

Martin stated that they met with a company for a fuel tank at the airport and an estimate received prior to this meeting is no longer valid, but another company was also present and may present a bid. Travis Pritchett is working on the project.

Martin stated that off of Old Springfield Road, anyone can drive onto the airport runway and a fence and gate have been recommended to help with the problem.

Martin stated that there is an abundance of pigeons at and near the airport and they do not mix with airplanes. It was discussed as to how to fix the problem and getting rid of the pigeons.

Martin stated that the airport would like a flagpole installed. Garbo to discuss with Jerry Montgomery.

Holt stated that Jim Happel and the natural gas department are moving to the old electric shop. Happel, in audience, stated that some things were brought up at the last meeting and wanted the council to know that they have rectified the moisture problem, hopefully eliminating the problem.

Bouse stated that he would like for Thurman to send a letter regarding the discussion he had previously about executive session.

Honea asked the status of the demolition on Shaw Street by Kevin Britton. Garbo will reach out.

Mayor Leathers stated that Ron Owsley, mechanic, would like to surplus bid a 1990 Ford-800 dump truck with a reserve price of \$4000.00. **Motion by Bouse, seconded by Honea, to approve the surplus bid of the 1990 Ford-800 dump truck with a reserve price of \$4000.00 with bids due on May 12, 2023 at 4:00 p.m. Vote: All ayes.**

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

Lainie Garbo, City Clerk