

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CUBA, MISSOURI
THURSDAY – AUGUST 17, 2023 – 6:00 P.M.
CUBA CITY HALL COUNCIL ROOM

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

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

Citizens Participation:

DAV – Bruce Nebel: Nebel stated that the DAV had to vacate their office at the Friends Helping Friends building due to the building being hit by lightning and asked if the city had any office space they could use. Bouse asked how long they would need the space and Nebel is unsure. Honea stated that he is unsure if there is anything available but will check and reach out to him.

Nebel stated that in past years the city had donated money to purchase flags and asked if there was interest in donating again. Honea asked how much and Nebel stated there have been donations of \$300 and \$500 previously. Honea will check with the comptroller and asked Nebel to check back.

Genifer Cape asked Bill Dotson, street supervisor, about the millings from the street projects and if those would help smooth the rock area at the fairgrounds where the rides are for those with strollers or wheelchairs. Dotson has no problem doing that, but doesn't know if it will help any. Cape asked about rolling the chat and Dotson stated that it could be torn up not helping the situation. Cape agreed and passed on the idea.

Cape stated that there needed to be a decision on the big tree by fence in the back area and asked if it should be burned and once that is done if it was ready for fill. Dotson stated yes. Honea stated to get someone to cut it for firewood instead of burning. Dotson stated that there is fill at the Barnett Park that can be used at Hood Park.

Cape stated that it had been asked about the use of the horse arena. Garbo stated that it had just been discussed with Thurman and there will not be an answer tonight as it is being checked into.

Cape stated that at the park and recreation board meeting there was discussion of needing additional bathrooms at Hood Park but the park and recreation board feel the current bathrooms are in need of some upkeep before adding additional bathrooms. There was also discussion of a new enclosed pavilion but the park and recreation board discussed rehabbing the front area of the building between the barns at Hood Park instead and possibly renting again.

Cape stated there was discussion at the park and recreation board meeting about the planning of the Halloween event and asked the fair board if they would be interested in helping along with other organizations that will be reached out to.

Motion by Martin, seconded by Graddy, to approve the regular meeting minutes from August 1, 2023. Vote: All ayes.

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

Garbo stated that auditing service bids for a three year term are being requested to be advertised.

Motion by Martin, seconded by Graddy, to approve advertising for auditing bids with a three year term. Vote: All ayes.

Water/Sewer Department:

Sewer pipe bids were presented for the Jim Lee property and Stubblefield (apartments) property.

Schulte Supply, Inc \$3780.00

Harry Cooper Supply \$3794.81

Motion by Graddy, seconded by Bouse, to approve the bid from Schulte Supply, Inc for \$3780.00.

Vote: All ayes.

Trailer bids were presented for the sewer department.

Camper Exchange Inc. \$16,172.00

John Deere \$19,000.00

Motion by Bouse, seconded by Holt, to approve the trailer bid from Camper Exchange Inc. for \$16,172.00. Vote: All ayes.

Park and Recreation board recommendations:

The park and recreation board recommended the appointment of Andres Viramontes to the board.

Motion by Bouse, seconded by Graddy, to approve the appointment of Andres Viramontes. Vote: All ayes.

The park and recreation board recommended moving the board meeting to the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. **Motion by Graddy, seconded by Martin, to approve moving the park and recreation board meeting to the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. Vote: All ayes.**

EOC Director report:

Rodney Neff stated that St. Louis University would like a weather station in Cuba at no cost, would just need to enter into a contract. Neff will discuss with Travis Pritchett to make sure it will meet the FAA regulations and keep the council informed of any updates.

Police Chief report:

PC Shelton gave an update on the nuisance complaints that are being addressed.

PC Shelton reported that the kids summer camp held at Meramec Adventure Ranch was very successful and had a total of 50 kids attending. PC Shelton asked for approval of the invoice in the total of \$7500.00. **Motion by Martin, seconded by Graddy, to approve the invoice from Meramec Adventure Ranch for \$7500.00. Vote: All ayes.**

Graddy stated that Cameron Sanders works on nuisance complaints from 3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. and is off work by the time the people he needs to contact get home from work. Graddy stated that they need to come up with something to catch the attention of those with the nuisance or adjust Sanders work schedule to allow to work until 6 p.m. PC Shelton stated that Sanders has not mentioned the issue and is the first time hearing. Martin asked how that would impact the animal control work if adjusting the work schedule to work later. PC Shelton stated Sanders would have to come in later on the days working late unless the council approves overtime. Graddy asked if something could be worked on to address the situation. PC Shelton will work with Captain Ben Scharfenberg to work on a solution.

Motion by Graddy, seconded by Martin, to have the first reading of Bill No. 2103 by caption only.

Vote: All ayes. Thurman read Bill No. 2103 – An ordinance authorizing the Mayor of the City of Cuba, Missouri, on behalf of said city, to enter into an agreement with CDG Inc. for services related to economic development on behalf of the city. **Motion by Bouse, seconded by Graddy, to approve the first reading of Bill No. 2103. Roll call vote: Bouse-yes, Holt-yes, Graddy-yes, Honea-yes, Martin-yes, Copling-yes. Motion by Graddy, seconded by Bouse, to have the second reading of Bill No. 2103.**

Vote: All ayes. Thurman read Bill No. 2103 a second time. **Motion by Bouse, seconded by Holt, to approve the second reading of Bill No. 2103. Roll call vote: Copling-yes, Martin-yes, Honea-yes, Graddy-yes, Holt-yes, Bouse-yes.** Honea declared that Bill No. 2103 becomes Special Ordinance 886 on this 17th day of August 2023.

Motion by Holt, seconded by Graddy, to have the first reading of Bill No. 2104 by caption only. Vote:

All ayes. Thurman read Bill No. 2104 – An ordinance authorizing the Mayor of the City of Cuba, Missouri, on behalf of said city, to enter into a contract with AAA Tree Service for tree trimming services at Maiden Lane area. **Motion by Graddy, seconded by Martin, to approve the first reading of Bill No. 2104. Roll call vote: 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. 2104. Vote: All ayes.**

Thurman read Bill No. 2104 a second time. **Motion by Bouse, seconded by Graddy, to approve the second reading of Bill No. 2104. Roll call vote: Copling-yes, Martin-yes, Honea-yes, Graddy-yes, Holt-yes, Bouse-yes.** Honea declared that Bill No. 2104 becomes Special Ordinance 887 on this 17th day of August 2023.

Motion by Bouse, seconded by Graddy, to have the first reading of Bill No. 2105 by caption only.

Vote: All ayes. Thurman read Bill No. 2105 – An ordinance authorizing the Mayor of the City of Cuba, Missouri, on behalf of said city, to enter into a contract with Brown's Tree and Bucket Service for tree trimming services at Voss circuit area. **Motion by Bouse, seconded by Martin, to approve the first reading of Bill No. 2105. Roll call vote: Bouse-yes, Holt-yes, Graddy-yes, Honea-yes, Martin-yes, Copling-yes. Motion by Bouse, seconded by Holt, to have the second reading of Bill No. 2105. Vote:**

All ayes. Thurman read Bill No. 2105 a second time. **Motion by Bouse, seconded by Holt, to approve the second reading of Bill No. 2105. Roll call vote: Copling-yes, Martin-yes, Honea-yes, Graddy-yes, Holt-yes, Bouse-yes.** Honea declared that Bill No. 2105 becomes Special Ordinance 888 on this 17th day of August 2023.

Motion by Graddy, seconded by Holt, to have the first reading of Bill No. 2106 by caption only. Vote: all ayes. Thurman read Bill No. 2106 - An ordinance authorizing the Mayor of the City of Cuba, Missouri, on behalf of said city, to enter into a contract with Brown's Tree and Bucket Service for tree trimming services at Town Substation (Belden Street) circuit area. **Motion by Graddy, seconded by Martin, to approve the first reading of Bill No. 2106. Roll call vote: Bouse-yes, Holt-yes, Graddy-yes, Honea-yes, Martin-yes, Copling-yes. Motion by Holt, seconded by Graddy, to have the second reading of Bill No. 2106.** Thurman read Bill No. 2106 a second time. **Motion by Graddy, seconded by Martin, to approve the second reading of Bill No. 2106. Roll call vote: Copling-yes, Martin-yes, Honea-yes, Graddy-yes, Holt-yes, Bouse-yes.** Honea declared that Bill No. 2106 becomes Special Ordinance 889 on this 17th day of August 2023.

Street Department:

A bid for ice control salt was presented to the council for approximately 125 tons at \$93/ton.
Oakley Fertilizer approximately \$11,625.00

Motion by Graddy, seconded by Holt, to approve the bid from Oakley Fertilizer. Vote: All ayes.

Street laborer position: Bouse left the meeting for the discussion. Holt stated that the applicants were narrowed to two and then those two were interviewed and the committee recommends to hire Jeff Bouse for the entry level position. **Motion by Holt, seconded by Graddy, to hire Jeff Bouse for the entry level street department laborer position. Vote: All ayes.**

Bouse enters the meeting and Honea asked if he accepted the position at an entry level. Bouse replied yes, and he will submit his letter of resignation from the council after his first week of work. Thurman stated that Bouse can not be an employee and an alderman at the same time holding two positions. Thurman recommended verbally resigning from the council now. Thurman stated that the letter of resignation has to be filed before starting employment and then can be accepted at the next council meeting. Bouse stated that he will submit a letter of resignation that can be approved at the next council meeting.

Old, unfinished, and new business:

Copling asked about the audit recommendation policies and would like to work on getting them in place. He thinks there needs to be an ordinance regarding texting and would like Thurman to work on those. Thurman stated that he needs direction as to what the council wants. Copling wants to look into the recommendations to show that they policies are being worked on.

Martin stated that Jerry Montgomery had to purchase new tires for the lawn mowers as it is not certain when they will be available.

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Holt asked if the responses were submitted to the state audit office and the status. Clerk Garbo stated that the responses had already been submitted and accepted, the next step is implementing new policies.

Bouse stated that Ronnie Woodruff expressed his interest in being the camping host at Hood Park and asked Honea to reach out to him.

Bouse thanked Missy Mullally, animal control, for helping in a situation.

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

Lainie Garbo, City Clerk