

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CUBA, MISSOURI
TUESDAY – SEPTEMBER 5, 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 stated that line item 6 – Bluebit pole agreement discussion, 13 – Bill No. 2107 a lease agreement with the Senior Center, and 19 – Executive session, existing or proposed security systems will be tabled. **Motion by Honea, seconded by Graddy to approve the agenda with the above line items being tabled. Vote: All ayes.**

Citizens Participation:

Bruce Nebel with DAV asked the council again if there was any available office space that they could keep paperwork and some desks. Mayor Leathers stated that there is some open space at the old Mepco building but isn't sure due to some city offices being there and how to arrange getting in and out of the building. Thurman asked if they needed an area with a meeting space or just an office area. Nebel replied they meet at the American Legion Hall for meetings and only need a small office space. Bouse suggested moving pretreatment and emergency preparedness to the old Mepco building allowing DAV to use some of that office space. Bouse stated he will reach out to the other offices and then get in contact with Nebel.

Nebel stated that he had also asked at the previous meeting about purchasing some flags. Clerk Garbo stated that it was approved by the comptroller. **Motion by Bouse, seconded by Honea, to approve purchasing \$300 worth of flags then putting them in the care and custody of DAV. Vote: All ayes.**

Genifer Cape gave an update on the Hood Park project. Most of the tree has been removed from the hole and ready to be filled. Jared Boast with Crawford County is getting ready to resurface McPherson Road around the beginning of October and is willing to give the loads of fill matter to the city to use if the city is willing to take it. Cape stated that she also spoke with Bill Dotson, street supervisor, about the matter and they have also starting filling so the fill from the county would be fine. **Motion by Bouse, seconded by Graddy, to allow Crawford County to dump the fill at Hood Park. Vote: All ayes.**

Cape stated that the food shack at Hood Park was broke into again and there was a lot stolen.

There was discussion amongst the council about the host camper at Hood Park to try and help with the theft. Mayor stated that there is a lot of planning and work for a host camper and it can be explored if the council wants to get a self-formed committee to discuss. **Motion by Bouse, seconded by Graddy, to allow Dave Honea to pursue a host camper at Hood Park. Vote: All ayes.**

Kim Roedemeier with the tourism committee asked the council about the use of the south side of the rock building that also houses the emergency preparedness office and the pretreatment office for a Route 66 Visitor Center. Roedemeier stated that there are always big traveling groups walking by and don't make it to the Visitor Center along Interstate 44 and would like to use and will staff with volunteers and supplies. It was mentioned that the Missouri Career Center is also using the building, but it was stated in the meeting that they will be vacating the building and donating all the stuff to the building. **Motion by Honea, seconded by Bouse, to approve a Visitor/Information Center at the rock building. Vote: All ayes.**

Roedemeier stated that they would like to start selling local merchandise at the Visitor Center and new Route 66 Information Center and asked about contracts with vendors to sell as it was stated in the state audit they were needed. Thurman stated that it has to be figured out how the money is handled because if it is the city's money then it has to filter thru City Hall, if it is not the city's money then how will it be handled. Roedemeier stated that they are a not for profit board, but Thurman stated that they are a political entity and that the workers at the Visitor Center are paid employees so they can't handle money for a third party entity. Roedemeier stated that at the new Route 66 Information Center it will be all volunteers working and asked if they could sell merchandise and Thurman stated that yes, volunteers can take money and sell. It was decided that sales would only take place at the Route 66 Information Center with volunteers.

Motion by Graddy, seconded by Holt, to approve the regular meeting minutes from August 17, 2023. Vote: All ayes.

Motion by Honea, seconded by Holt, to approve the special regular meeting minutes from August 25, 2023. Vote: All ayes. Graddy abstained.

Motion by Honea, seconded by Martin, to approve the special regular meeting minutes from August 29, 2023. Vote: All ayes.

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

Electric Department:

There were 2 bids presented to the council for stock underground material.

Fletcher-Reinhardt Company	\$7857.00
Harry Cooper Supply	\$9155.00

Motion by Bouse, seconded by Honea, to approve the bid for stock underground material from Fletcher-Reinhardt Company for \$7857.00. Vote: All ayes.

Mechanic Shop:

There were 2 bids presented to the council for a diagnostic scanner.

Autotech Systems Midwest	\$8674.48
Snap-On	\$13,500.00

Motion by Honea, seconded by Bouse, to approve the bid for a diagnostic scanner from Autotech Systems Midwest for \$8674.48. Vote: All ayes.

Property management laborer:

Jerry Montgomery stated that there 2 interviews were had, and the recommendation is to hire Marvin Henson for the position. Mayor Leathers asked if they are available to start soon and Montgomery stated yes. Honea asked if the gentleman can do everything, Montgomery replied yes. **Motion by Honea, seconded by Copling, to approve the hire of Marvin Henson as an entry level property management laborer. Vote: All ayes.**

Maiden Lane – no parking signs:

Mayor Leathers stated that an individual reached out regarding parking on Maiden Lane as they bought a home and people park on the streets leaving no chance for an ambulance to get thru. PC Shelton stated that there are no shoulders and parking can block the road. **Motion by Martin, seconded by Honea, to allow no parking on either side of Maiden Lane from Glassey Ave to Interstate View and for signs to be installed. Vote: All ayes.**

EOC:

Rodney Neff, EOC Director, stated that the tornado siren system needs to be updated and will have to update the PC software also. Neff presented a bid, could get only one as it is a specific bid and it was budgeted.

Table Rock Alerting Systems \$4490.00

Motion by Graddy, seconded by Holt, to approve the bid from Table Rock Alerting Systems for \$4490.00. Vote: All ayes.

Police Chief report:

No nuisance report.

PC Shelton stated that there have been issues with parking on Bond Street and they are trying to decipher the current ordinance. PC Shelton proposes no parking on Bond Street from Orchard to Wildcat Pride Drive, Monday – Friday from 7:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. PC Shelton stated that where some are parking on Bond Street, the busses can't make the proper turns. Honea stated that he can see no parking closer to the intersections but not the whole street and can they make it no parking at certain points. Mayor Leathers suggested signs of no parking from her to corner. PC Shelton stated that kids are not parking in the school parking lots and parking on the sides of the streets instead. Mayor Leathers thinks those that live on Bond Street should be able to park and if the busses can make the turns then that should solve the issue if the intersections are addressed. Mayor Leathers recommended starting with signs of no parking from here to corner before addressing the whole street. Bouse suggested 2 hour parking signs. Honea doesn't know why they are trying to regulate who parks on the street. Thurman stated that whatever they decide on has to have an enforceable ability. PC Shelton will get with the resource officer and the school bus supervisor and measure the spot of no parking before

the corners and bring back a recommendation. Thurman stated that they will need the street intersection and distance of feet.

Motion by Graddy, seconded by Holt, to have the first reading of Bill No. 2108 by caption only. Vote: All ayes. Thurman read Bill No. 2108 – An ordinance which establishes and makes public the method of disclosing potential conflicts of interest and substantial interests for certain officers and elected officials of the City of Cuba, Missouri. **Motion by Graddy, seconded by Honea, to approve the first reading of Bill No. 2108. Roll call vote: Bouse-yes, Holt-yes, Graddy-yes, Honea-yes, Martin-yes, Copling-yes.** **Motion by Honea, seconded by Graddy, to have the second reading of Bill No. 2108 by caption only. Vote: All ayes.** Thurman read Bill No. 2108 a second time. **Motion by Graddy, seconded by Honea, to approve the second reading of Bill No. 2108. Roll call vote: Copling-yes, Martin-yes, Honea-yes, Graddy-yes, Holt-yes, Bouse-yes.** Mayor Leathers declared that Bill No. 2108 becomes General Ordinance No. 1223 on this 5th day of September 2023.

Motion by Graddy, seconded by Holt, to have the first reading of Bill No. 2109 by caption only. Vote: All ayes. Thurman read Bill No. 2109 – An ordinance authorizing the Mayor of the City of Cuba, Missouri, on behalf of said city, to enter into a contract with Environmental Works, Inc for closure tank cleaning and regulatory closure of fuel tanks at the Cuba Municipal Airport. **Motion by Martin, seconded by Graddy, to approve the first reading of Bill No. 2109. Roll call vote: Bouse-yes, Holt-yes, Graddy-yes, Honea-yes, Martin-yes, Copling-yes.** **Motion by Martin, seconded by Graddy, to have the second reading of Bill No. 2109 by caption only. Vote: All ayes.** Thurman read Bill No. 2109 a second time. **Motion by Holt, seconded by Graddy, to approve the second reading of Bill No. 2109. Roll call vote: Copling-yes, Martin-yes, Honea-yes, Graddy-yes, Holt-yes, Bouse-yes.** Mayor Leathers declared that Bill No. 2109 becomes Special Ordinance No. 891 on this 5th day of September 2023.

Motion by Holt, seconded by Graddy, to have the first reading of Bill No. 2110 by caption only. Vote: All ayes. Thurman read Bill No. 2110 – An ordinance authorizing the Mayor of the city of Cuba, Missouri, on behalf of said city, to enter into an agreement with Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission to accept a grant for DWI saturation enforcement. **Motion by Graddy, seconded by Honea, to approve the first reading of Bill No. 2110. Roll call vote: Bouse-yes, Holt-yes, Graddy-yes, Honea-yes, Martin-yes, Copling-yes.** **Motion by Honea, seconded by Graddy, to have the second reading of Bill No. 2110 by caption only. Vote: All ayes.** Thurman read Bill No 2110 a second time. **Motion by Bouse, seconded by Holt, to approve the second reading of Bill No. 2110. Roll call vote: Copling-yes, Martin-yes, Honea-yes, Graddy-yes, Holt-yes, Bouse-yes.** Mayor Leathers declared that Bill No. 2110 becomes Special Ordinance No. 892 on this 5th day of September 2023.

Motion by Honea, seconded by Holt, to have the first reading of Bill No. 2111 by caption only. Vote: All ayes. Thurman read Bill No. 2111 – An ordinance authorizing the Mayor of the city of Cuba, Missouri, on behalf of said city, to enter into an agreement with Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission to accept a grant for HMV Enforcement for HMV Enforcement Campaign. **Motion by Graddy, seconded by Holt, to approve the first reading of Bill No. 2111. 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. 2111 by caption only. **Vote: All ayes.** Thurman read Bill No. 2111 a second time. **Motion by Bouse, seconded by Holt, to approve the second reading of Bill No. 2111. Roll call vote: Copling-yes, Martin-yes, Honea-yes, Graddy-yes, Holt-yes, Bouse-yes.** Mayor Leathers declared that Bill No. 2111 becomes Special Ordinance No. 893 on this 5th day of September 2023.

Old, unfinished, new business:

Copling stated that he would like to see the bills to be paid sent out earlier for them to view as they have been getting them close to the meeting time and used to get them a couple of days prior to.

Copling stated that he would like to see the lake at Hood Park cleaned out. Honea stated that the Lions Club volunteered to help stock the lake once cleaned out. Mayor Leathers stated that if the project is budgeted to move forward.

Martin stated that they are starting the process to pull the fuel tank at the airport. The contract was approved previously in the meeting with Environmental Works, Inc so the project will be moving forward.

Martin asked about mosquito spraying and if it can be done. Martin suggested advertising in the paper for those with any concerns and the spraying can begin September 18, 2023. Montgomery asked if the parks could be sprayed also, Mayor Leathers saw no problem with it. **Motion by Honea, seconded by Martin, to approve mosquito spraying to begin September 18, 2023. Vote: All ayes.**

Martin stated that the tourism committee would like to change the cleaning schedule at the Visitor Center to twice monthly instead of weekly. **Motion by Martin, seconded by Hone, to amend the contract with Sparkle Addicts to clean the Visitor Center twice monthly. Vote: All ayes.**

Bouse apologized for not taking the street department laborer position. Bouse stated that without paying for experience the pay scale needs to be looked into for possible changes. Bouse thanked the council and appreciated the opportunity but had to decline.

Bouse stated that there have been a lot of thieves in the Vine Street area but they are gone by the time the police can get there as there are a lot of dark areas where the thieves are cutting thru or hiding. These thieves are also close to the Public Works area. Bouse would like to have some additional streetlights installed in some dark areas on Vine Street. **Motion by Bouse, seconded by Holt, to approve contacting the electric department to install lighting on Vine Street. Vote: All ayes.**

Bouse sent his condolences to the family of Vicki Durham as she lost her battle with cancer.

Clerk Garbo addressed the council regarding the rentals of Recklein. An individual reached out for a Halloween event and having vendors at the event at Recklein Auditorium. There are non-profit organizations that have these public events with vendors but can an individual have an event and make money as a vendor. Garbo asked the council for direction as there needs to be clarification as to who

can and can't have the events. Thurman stated that the council can approve who uses the facility but the city needs to be careful with for profit events. Thurman stated that there needs to be liability coverage for events provided by the event coordinator. Thurman asked Garbo to contact the city's insurance agent and see what is required for an event on city property and report back to the council before any changes are made.

Mayor Leathers discussed the drug screens, and if marijuana should be on the panel or if it can be regulated on a pre-employment screen if not holding a federal regulated position since it is now legal in Missouri. Thurman stated that our authority is derived by the State of Missouri and marijuana is not considered an illegal drug and doesn't need to be tested for unless you hold a federally regulated position. Mayor Leathers stated that our policy does state that one can be tested if there is suspicion, as you can't use while on the job, like alcohol. Honea stated that the policy will have to be changed but Thurman stated that it will not as our policy states illegal drugs, and marijuana is legal.

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

Lainie Garbo, City Clerk