

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
**BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CUBA, MISSOURI**  
**TUESDAY – NOVEMBER 28, 2023 – 6:00 P.M.**  
**CUBA CITY HALL COUNCIL ROOM**

Mayor Cody Leathers called the meeting to order. Aldermen present: Dave Honea, Debbie Martin, Curtis Holt, and Jeff Bouse (arrived at 6:23). Aldermen absent: Kevin Copling and Warren Graddy. Police Chief present: Doug Shelton. City Attorney present: Lance Thurman.

\*\*Meeting started at 6:23 p.m.

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

**Motion by Martin, seconded by Honea, to open the dangerous animal hearing at 6:25 p.m. Vote: All ayes. Copling and Graddy absent.** Mullally stated that there was a situation and a written complaint of a dog killing another dog on the victims property viewing the dog as dangerous. A notice in letter form was hand delivered to the dogs owner stating it had been viewed as aggressive and dangerous. The owner had 5 working days from the time the letter was received to file an appeal to the City Clerk for a hearing at the next scheduled meeting or to find placement for the dog outside the city limits and that failure to comply will result in further action from the city. No written appeal was received. Mullally stated that they will see if the owners would surrender the dog to the pound or it would have to be removed within 5 days according to policy. Mayor Leathers asked if anyone was present to appeal, none. **Motion by Honea, seconded by Bouse, to proceed with the dangerous animal actions. Vote: All ayes. Copling and Graddy absent.**

**Motion by Honea, seconded by Martin, to close the dangerous animal hearing. Vote: All ayes. Copling and Graddy absent.**

Mayor Leathers stated that there were some park and recreation members present, and asked if they had something to discuss. Jimmy West, president, stated they were just present for moral support. Mayor Leathers stated that in the last park and recreation meeting minutes there was discussion on some projects not being followed thru on and stated that even though some things are approved in the budget, there still needs to be approval to seek bids then presented to the council and once that is all done the projects can proceed. Thurman stated that the park board is not its own entity, everything has to be approved thru the city. West stated that the splash pad at the pool does not work and has not worked properly since it was installed. Honea asked if it is still under warranty. Jerry Montgomery stated that he is not sure about the warranty but when the company who installed it winterized it the first year, is hasn't worked properly and they have not come back. Montgomery will reach out and have the company who installed come and check it out.

West stated that the lifeguards that completed the season are due to be reimbursed half of the cost. Clerk Garbo stated that it was in the minutes, then there was discussion to clarify who was to receive and then it did not get passed along for payment but will at the December 12<sup>th</sup> meeting. West stated there will be discussion for dates to qualify for reimbursement the next year.

West asked about approval to go out for bids to resurface the floors at the pool. Mayor Leathers asked if there were specs of the job to bid and West will check and then get back to the council.

**Motion by Honea, seconded by Holt, to approve the regular meeting minutes from November 7, 2023. Vote: All ayes. Copling and Graddy absent.**

**Motion by Martin, seconded by Honea, to approve the special meeting minutes from November 16, 2023. Vote: All ayes. Copling and Graddy absent.**

**Motion by Bouse, seconded by Honea, to approve the bills to be paid. Vote: All ayes. Copling and Graddy absent.**

**Electric Department:**

Andy Simpson presented the council with tree trimming bids in three areas.

Park Street from School Street to Wayde's Equipment

Brown's Tree & Bucket Service	\$11,750
AAA Tree Service	\$17,000

**Motion by Bouse, seconded by Honea, to approve the tree trimming bid from Brown's Tree & Bucket Service for Park Street for \$11,750. Vote: All ayes. Copling and Graddy absent.**

Albert Street

Brown's Tree & Bucket Service	\$4,200
AAA Tree Service	\$6,000

**Motion by Bouse, seconded by Honea, to approve the tree trimming bid from Brown's Tree & Bucket Service for Albert Street for \$4,200. Vote: All ayes. Copling and Graddy absent.**

712 Bond Street.

Brown's Tree & Bucket Service – option 1, remove live soft maple to access	\$2,500
option 2, add alley trim and remove	\$4,800
AAA Tree Service	\$1,800

There was discussion that AAA Tree Service would possibly have to rent a crane for this job and since someone was trimming anyway, it would be good to clear out the alley.

**Motion by Bouse, seconded by Martin, to approve the tree trimming bid from Brown's Tree & Bucket Service for 712 Bond Street option 2 for \$4,800. Vote: All ayes. Copling and Graddy absent.**

Simpson presented Hood Park lighting bids to the council. These are the lights that will attach to the poles.

Fletcher-Reinhardt Company \$8,826.60

Excellence Opto, Inc. \$9,150.00

**Motion by Honea, seconded by Bouse, to approve the bid from Fletcher-Reinhardt Company for \$8,826.60. Vote: All ayes. Copling and Graddy absent.**

**Bluebit pole agreement discussion:** Thurman stated that the agreement presented includes all that was requested. Mayor Leathers asked if it included rental fees, Thurman replied yes. Mayor Leathers asked if the agreement falls in line with all the other companies, Thurman replied yes. Thurman stated that he approves of the agreement and Simpson stated that he does also. **Motion by bouse, seconded by Martin, to approve moving forward and Thurman preparing an ordinance with Bluebit to approve a signature. Vote: All ayes. Copling and Graddy absent.**

**Police Chief report:**

PC Shelton gave a nuisance report update.

PC Shelton requested a social media policy be added to the police handbook at the previous council meeting. Thurman stated that the policy can be approved by motion and added to the handbook.

**Motion by Honea, seconded by Martin, to approve the social media policy be added to the police handbook. Vote: All ayes. Copling and Graddy absent.**

**Motion by Holt, seconded by Honea, to have the first reading of Bill No. 2118 by caption only. Vote: All ayes. Copling and Graddy absent.** Thurman read Bill No. 2118 – An ordinance authorizing the Mayor of the City of Cuba, Missouri, on behalf of said city, to enter into a contract with GWORKS for software for City Hall accounting. **Motion by Martin, seconded by Bouse, to approve the first reading of Bill No. 2118. Roll call vote: Bouse-yes, Holt-yes, Honea-yes, Martin-yes. Copling and Graddy absent. Motion by Honea, seconded by Martin, to have the second reading of Bill No. 2118. Vote: All ayes. Copling and Graddy absent.** Thurman read Bill No. 2118 a second time. **Motion by Honea, seconded by Martin, to approve the second reading of Bill No. 2118. Roll call vote: Martin-yes, Honea-yes, Holt-yes, Bouse-yes. Copling and Graddy absent.** Mayor Leathers declared that Bill No. 2118 becomes Special Ordinance 897 this 28<sup>th</sup> of November 2023.

**Motion by Holt, seconded by Honea, to have the first reading of Bill No. 2119 by caption only. Vote: All ayes. Copling and Bouse absent.** Thurman read Bill No. 2119 – An ordinance authorizing the Mayor of the City of Cuba, Missouri, on behalf of said city, to enter into a contract with McCoy Construction & Forestry for the purchase of a backhoe and equipment. **Motion by Honea, seconded by Martin, to approve the first reading of Bill No. 2119. Roll call vote: Bouse-yes, Holt-yes, Honea-yes, Martin-yes. Copling and Graddy absent. Motion by Bouse, seconded by Holt, to have the second reading of Bill No. 2119. Vote: All ayes. Copling and Graddy absent.** Thurman read Bill No. 2119 a second time. **Motion by Honea, seconded by Bouse, to approve the second reading of Bill No. 2119. Roll call vote:**

**Martin-yes, Honea-yes, Holt-yes, Bouse-yes. Copling and Graddy absent.** Mayor Leathers declared Bill No. 2119 becomes Special Ordinance No. 898 on this 28<sup>th</sup> day of November 2023.

Martin asked if the Servpro report regarding the lead paint and asbestos at the old City Hall building is available. Clerk Garbo stated that it had not been received, but will check on it.

Holt thanked Simpson and the electric department for a good job with installing the poles at Hood Park, they look great.

Bouse apologized for being late to the meeting.

Mayor Leathers reminded all of the Christmas parade on Friday night, December 1<sup>st</sup>. Starts at Wagon Wheel and one can register on the Chamber of Commerce website.

Mayor Leathers asked Montgomery if all park bathrooms are winterized and locked. Montgomery replied yes.

Mayor Leathers stated that the next council meeting is December 12, 2023 and it will be the only meeting in December.

Mayor Leathers asked all to keep in mind that election filing opens Tuesday, December 5, 2023 at 8:00 a.m. and closes at 5 p.m. December 26, 2023.

Mayor Leathers announced that he will not be seeking another Mayor term of candidacy and encourages all to consider running for a position.

Bouse stated that at the Recklein Auditorium there is a hole in the hall ceiling. Montgomery stated that they have been working on the problem trying to eliminate the leak.

**Motion by Bouse, seconded by Honea, to adjourn. Vote: All ayes. Copling and Bouse absent.**

Lainie Garbo, City Clerk