

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CUBA, MISSOURI
TUESDAY – SEPTEMBER 3, 2024 – 6:00 P.M.
CUBA CITY HALL COUNCIL ROOM**

Mayor Kevin Copling called the meeting to order. Aldermen present: Joyce Hartzell, Debbie Martin, Dave Honea, Tony Hutson, Jeff Bouse. Aldermen absent: Harold Halbert (arrived 6:12) Police Chief: Doug Shelton. City Attorney present: Charles Hurth III.

Motion by Hutson, seconded by Honea, to approve the agenda. Vote: All ayes. Halbert absent.

Citizens participation: Andi Harley announced that some Missouri S&T classes are working on some possible projects for the town and will present on November 12, 2024 at Recklein Auditorium with detailed plans, how the plan was created, and the funding needed. Harley invited all to attend.

Motion by Bouse, seconded by Honea, to approve the regular meeting minutes from August 20, 2024. Vote: All ayes. Halbert absent.

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

Airport committee discussion: Honea state that they have things to bring to the council but would like to get more information and tabled until the next council meeting.

Honea asked about a possible car for the airport for visitors to use when they fly in. Attorney Hurth clarified that it would be a dedicated courtesy car and stated that it would have to be check into how to pay for the car and check with the insurance company. Clerk Garbo stated that in the past the insurance company did not recommend due to liability but will check again. Martin would like to get an opinion from the insurance company in writing.

Audit bids: 2 audit bids were presented at the previous council meeting. The bids received were from Clifton Larson Allen LLP and Catlett & Associates, LLC. The breakdown of costs for the audit years are attached. After reviewing the bids Jennifer Basham recommended the bid from Clifton Larson Allen LLP. Basham stated that the bid from Catlett & Associates is non-conformed and not complete according to the specifications and that Clifton Larson Allen LLP will give more quality. Martin expressed concern with the cost of Clifton Larson Allen LLP when other local towns are paying much less. Basham was asked the differences and stated that the Catlett & Associates, LLC bid did not include some services required and could be charged additionally for those services. Mayor Copling thinks the council should approve Basham's recommendation. Martin stated that if the Catlett & Associates, LLC single audit bid is \$20,000 then that still gives money to work with compared to the other bid received. Basham stated that Catlett & Associates, LLC can't schedule until at least January 2025. **Motion by Martin, seconded by Bouse, to approve and accept the bid from Catlett & Associates, LLC. Roll call vote: Bouse-yes, Hutson-yes, Honea-yes, Martin-yes, Hartzell-yes. Halbert absent.**

Park and Recreation committee recommendations: Hutson stated that there was some discussion on the phone lines and to discontinue the land line service at the soccer fields and to check with the fair board for their office land line service.

Motion by Martin, seconded by Bouse, to approve discontinuing the phone land line service at the Hood Park soccer fields. Vote: All ayes. Halbert absent.

Hutson stated that there was discussion and a recommendation to have block walls and doors installed in the bathrooms at Hood Park and Tangle Creek. **Motion by Martin, seconded by Hutson, to approve the recommendation. Vote: All ayes. Halbert absent.** Bouse stated that the bathrooms are looking rough and could use some attention and a facelift.

*****Halbert arrived at 6:12 p.m.**

Hutson stated that there was a recommendation to move Recklein Auditorium to another fund. Basham stated that the building is a recreational facility and needs to remain within the parks and recreation fund.

There was a recommendation to appoint Dan Eidson to the park and recreation board and Mayor Coping made the appointment. Council agreed with the appointment.

Martin stated that Ryan Meiser of the park and recreation board wants to resign and has a person interested in filling the vacancy, Nancy Montgomery. Harley stated that they also have a recommendation of Renee Martin. Bouse stated that the park and recreation board need to meet to discuss as there are more than one interested. Mayor Coping stated he will wait to make the appointment.

Police Chief report:

PC Shelton gave an update on the nuisance complaints. Honea asked about the house on the corner of Springfield and Route 66 as it is being torn down but more of a nuisance now. PC Shelton will check into.

Martin asked about an empty lot on Route 66 east. The grass/weeds are supposed to be cut but asked PC Shelton to check into.

PC Shelton presented a bid for fencing at the firing range. The bid presented is lower than budgeted.
All-Type Fence Inc. \$44,330.00

Motion by Bouse, seconded by Hartzell, to approve the bid from All-Type Fence Inc. for \$44,330.00. Vote: All ayes.

Bouse asked PC Shelton about the easement for the firing range. PC Shelton stated that they will have to decide if the city wants to use the road on the manufacturer's property or make their own road and then they would need to get the land surveyed. Bouse asked if it would be easier to try for an easement

from the manufacturer but it was discussed that if they expand a new road would be needed. PC Shelton isn't sure who at Public Works would address this.

PC Shelton stated that 6 years ago the police departments roof was redone and had a 5 year warranty and as it is not leaking yet wants to get it redone again before it does. There is only one bid, but it has 2 options. Hutson verified that the work is for the entire building.

Rudy's Roofing, option 1 – 10 year warranty with all labor and materials - \$14,950.00

Option 2 – 5 year warranty with all labor and materials - \$11,500.00

PC Shelton recommended option 1 with the 10 year warranty.

Motion by Bouse, seconded by Hartzell, to approve the bid from Rudy's Roofing, option 1 with a 10 year warranty for \$14,950.00. Vote: All ayes.

Martin stated that she has received 2 phone calls regarding the parking on Bond Street during school hours and asked if PC Shelton could check into. PC Shelton stated that when the street was changed to no parking it excluded the residents who live on Bond Street and are not ticketed. Martin stated that if the rule says no parking then it should apply to all and would like to check the ordinance.

Martin reminded PC Shelton to talk with the post office regarding the parking issue.

Honea stated that when Jimmy Happel retired he agreed to come back part time to help train and help the gas department. It was discussed the pay and Hutson stated that he would work for the same rate as he left. Mayor Copling asked Matt Pigg, in audience, if he wanted the help and it was replied yes.

Motion by Honea, seconded by Hutson, to approve Jimmy Happel coming back part time at the same hourly pay rate. Roll call vote: Hartzell-yes, Martin-yes, Honea-yes, Hutson-yes, Halbert-yes, Bouse-yes.

Hutson welcomed Dan Eidson to the park and recreation board.

Hutson stated that he was contacted by Rodney Neff, EOC Director about space at the county office and Darren Dake working out an agreement. It was discussed that there would also be a cost to have all the equipment moved. Mayor Copling stated that the matter will be discussed at a later time.

Hutson asked about the back-up generators and if they are being taken care of and services. Clerk Garbo knew they were at one time and would check into. Adam Staples stated that he thinks there is a maintenance schedule.

Mayor Copling stated that he talked with Dennis Roedemeier about some display cabinets for the historical museum. Basham stated that the council would need to determine what fund to pay from. Honea doesn't know if the tourism board has any money to pay with. Basham stated that the tourism and park and recreation funds both have some wiggle room to work with. Harley didn't think the historical museum was within the park and recreation fund. **Motion by Martin, seconded by Hutson, to**

approve \$2000.00 from the tourism fund for cabinets at the historical museum. Vote: All ayes. Honea abstained.

Motion by Martin, seconded by Honea, to enter into closed executive session – closed to the public pursuant RSMo 610.021 – Section 2) real estate. Roll call vote: Bouse-yes, Halbert-yes, Hutson-yes, Honea-yes, Martin-yes, Hartzell-yes.

Motion by Honea, seconded by Bouse, to enter back into regular open session. Roll call vote: Bouse-yes, Halbert-yes, Hutson-yes, Honea-yes, Martin-yes, Hartzell-yes.

Attorney Hurth stated that the Board of Aldermen met in closed session to discuss real estate and there were no final actions taken.

Motion by Honea, seconded by Hutson, to adjourn. Vote: All ayes.

Lainie Garbo, City Clerk