

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CUBA, MISSOURI
TUESDAY – NOVEMBER 19, 2024 – 6:00 P.M.
CUBA CITY HALL COUNCIL ROOM**

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

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

Citizens participation: None

Motion by Halbert, seconded by Hutson, to approve the regular meeting minutes from November 7, 2024. Vote: All ayes. Honea and Bouse absent.

Motion by Hartzell, seconded by Hutson, to approve the executive session meeting minutes from November 7, 2024. Vote: All ayes. Honea and Bouse absent.

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

Approval for contractors pay in December 2024: Clerk Garbo stated that approval is needed to pay all the contracted employees the beginning of December as the council meeting isn't until December 17, 2024. **Motion by Halbert, seconded by Martin, to approve paying contracted employees beginning of December 2024. Vote: All ayes. Honea and Bous absent.**

Approval of closing the CDBG Grant bank account: Clerk Garbo stated that the CDBG Grant bank account is at Peoples Bank and has not been used in years and asked for approval to close. **Motion by Martin, seconded by Hartzell, to approve closing the CDBG Grant account at Peoples Bank. Vote: All ayes. Honea and Bouse absent.**

Approval of closing the USDA Grant bank account: Clerk Garbo stated that the USDA Grant bank account is at Peoples Bank and has not been used in years and asked for approval to close. **Motion by Martin, seconded by Halbert, to approve closing the USDA Grant account at Peoples Bank. Vote: All ayes. Honea and Bouse absent.**

Electric department: Bids were presented for a truck transmission as one is going out and needs to be replaced. Bids do not include core as it is refundable.

Jasper Engines-Transmissions	\$6812.00 (with warrantny)
Taylor Chrysler	\$8584.00

Motion by Hutson, seconded by Hartzell, to approve the bid from Jasper Engines-Transmissions for \$6812.00 warranty included. Vote: All ayes. Honea and Bouse absent.

Andy Simpson, electric supervisor, asked for council approval to go out for bids for a dump trailer that is budgeted. **Motion by Hartzell, seconded by Martin, to approve going out for bids for a dump trailer. Vote: All ayes. Honea and Bouse absent.**

Hartzell asked Simpson to discuss a policy that the committee would like to possibly make changes to. Simpson stated that the way the policy currently reads is that the supervisor makes the decision regarding electrical upgrades and charges to a facility but would like to present a black and white policy. The discussion was tabled until something can be presented to the council.

Treatment Plant – aeration basin blower motor and ditch rotor gearbox bids: David Minardi, treatment plant operator, state that one of the aeration basin blowers is not good and would like to purchase the new motor. Minardi stated that the money is available and that it was budgeted. A bid from ESA, Inc. was presented for \$3036.69. **Motion by Hutson, seconded by Martin, to approve the bid from ESA, Inc. for \$3036.69. Vote: All ayes. Honea and Bouse absent.**

Minardi stated that a gear reducer is part of the rotor and also needs replaced as it has been limped along for the last few years. A bid from ESA, Inc. was presented for \$9349.39. Hutson asked if the labor was included, and it is not. **Motion by Martin, seconded by Hutson, to approve the bid from ESA, Inc. for \$9,319.39. Vote: All ayes. Honea and Bouse absent.**

Status of EOC contract: Attorney Hurth stated that he met with David Smith, the county prosecuting attorney, regarding the EOC contract and they discussed the terms of the property owner and tenant agreement. Smith will present at the county commissioner meeting and then it will be ready to present to the city council.

Park and recreation committee recommendations: Hutson stated that the park and recreation committee would like to approve purchasing 5 basketball nets and have the basketball courts striped. Mayor Copling asked if the striping would be done by city employees and it was replied yes. **Motion by Hutson, seconded by Halbert, to approve the 5 basketball nets and striping the basketball courts. Vote: All ayes. Honea and Bouse absent.**

Hutson stated that the playground equipment will be here in the spring and it will need to be decided where it will be located and is looking for any input.

Police Chief report: PC Shelton stated that the animal control officer is getting along really well and will need to start discussing the nuisance responsibilities and asked for the council to be thinking about it.

PC Shelton stated that there are 2 vehicles that were retired when the 2 new ones were purchased. Ron Owsley, mechanic, has them fixed and there was talk of them being used for the airport or the nuisance

officer. PC Shelton asked the council to be thinking about what to do with the cars. Martin asked what was discussed during the budget process, selling them for revenue that was budgeted or not. PC Shelton will ask Jennifer Basham, accounting.

Mayor Copling asked PC Shelton about the parking at Roberts-Judson and asked about a 2 hour parking. PC Shelton stated that Roberts-Judson will need to approach him to discuss.

Hutson stated to PC Shelton that he really wants the gate to Hood Park closed every night. PC Shelton stated that they will do whatever the council decided as it has gone back and forth for years. The officers leave the gate open as it is easier and faster to get to an emergency call inside the park. Pros and cons were discussed about the gate being closed and open. Hutson understands them all but the extra deterrents could help with vandalism. Mayor Copling asked the council to think about it.

Motion by Halbert, seconded by Hartzell, to have the first reading of Bill No. 2160 by caption only. Vote: All ayes. Honea and Bouse absent. Clerk Garbo read Bill No. 2160 – An ordinance authorizing the Mayor of the City of Cuba, Missouri, on behalf of said city, to enter into an agreement with Servpro of Rolla to provide clean-up services at the Tourist Center on Smith Street. **Motion by Hutson, seconded by Halbert, to approve the first reading of Bill No. 2160. Roll call vote: Halbert-yes, Hutson-yes, Martin-yes, Hartzell-yes. Honea and Bouse absent. Motion by Hartzell, seconded by Hutson, to have the second reading of Bill No. 2160. Vote: All ayes.** Clerk Garbo read Bill 2160 a second time. **Motion by Halbert, seconded by Hutson, to approve the second reading of Bill No. 2160. Roll call vote: Hartzell-yes, Martin-yes, Hutson-yes, Halbert-yes. Honea and Bouse absent.** Mayor Copling declared that Bill No. 2160 becomes Special Ordinance 926 on this 19th day of November 2024.

Martin asked the status of the marijuana tax on the ballot. It was her understanding that it was approved but the ballot language hasn't been approved and would have to be submitted by January 28, 2025. Attorney Hurth will work to present at the next council meeting.

Mayor Copling announced the next council meeting is December 17, 2024 and wished all a Happy Thanksgiving.

Mayor Copling apologized to McBride Homes for the attorney's behavior as he hung up on their attorney and stated that all need to show respect and courtesy. Mayor Copling stated that he will do whatever he can do for them.

Motion by Hutson, seconded by Halbert, to enter into executive session – closed to the public pursuant RSMo 610.021 – Section 1) litigation; Section 2) real estate; Section 3) personnel. Roll call vote: Hartzell-yes, Martin-yes, Hutson-yes, Halbert-yes. Honea and Bouse absent.

There was no motion to exit executive session.

There was no motion to adjourn.

Lainie Garbo, City Clerk