

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CUBA, MISSOURI
TUESDAY – DECEMBER 17, 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, Harold Halbert, Jeff Bouse. Police Officer: Kevin Ziegler. City Attorney present: Lance Thurman.

Mayor Copling stated the agenda is to be amended for emergency purposes. Bill No. 2161 – an ordinance authorizing the Mayor of the City of Cuba, Missouri, on behalf of said city, to enter into an agreement with Williams, Robinson, & Wiggins for legal services is to be added under emergency notice of 24 hours until a bid is received for legal services and can be appointed. **Motion by Honea, seconded by Bouse, to amend the agenda under emergency notice of 24 hours for legal services until a bid is received, adding Bill No. 2161 to enter into an agreement with Williams, Robinson, & Wiggins for legal services. Vote: All ayes.**

Motion by Bouse, seconded by Halbert, to approve the agenda with amendment. Vote: All ayes.

Motion by Hutson, seconded by Hartzell, to have the first reading of Bill No. 2161 by caption only. Vote: All ayes. Clerk Garbo read Bill No. 2161 – An ordinance authorizing the Mayor of the city of Cuba, Missouri, on behalf of said city, to enter into an agreement with Williams, Robinson, & Wiggins for legal services. **Motion by Bouse, seconded by Hartzell, to approve the first reading of Bill No. 2161. Roll call vote: Bouse-yes, Halbert-yes, Hutson-yes, Honea-yes, Martin-yes, Hartzell-yes. Motion by Hutson, seconded by Bouse, to have the second reading of Bill No. 2161. Vote: All ayes.** Clerk Garbo read Bill No. 2161 a second time. **Motion by Halbert, seconded by Bouse, to approve the second reading of Bill No. 2161. Roll call vote: Hartzell-yes, Martin-yes, Honea-yes, Hutson-yes, Halbert-yes, Bouse-yes.** Mayor Copling declared that Bill No. 2161 becomes Special Ordinance No. 927 on this 17th day of December 2024.

Citizens participation: Donald Doran stated that he would like to have a demolition derby in Cuba again as there hasn't been one in a few years. He has people and businesses to donate time and equipment and came directly to the city as they own the park and was not getting any help from the fair board. Doran stated there is a promoter that helps make the event happen and carries liability insurance for the event. All money made will be donated back to the city. Bouse asked him to reach out to the park board and gave some contact information. Thurman would like a recommendation from the park and recreation board to move forward.

Derrick Sutton and Evelia Navarro expressed concerns with the newly passed no parking on the west side of Green Street as it is affecting their businesses. Both stated that they have spoke with the Chief of Police and would like to know why changes were made to the parking. Bouse stated that there were complaints made regarding safety. Navarro stated that the ice company trucks could take a different

route to make it easier for their trucks to dock and still allow parking and with there only being so many parking spots in the area it does not help that many local workers park there all day. Bouse stated that the Police Chief makes recommendations to the council for safety. Mayor Copling will speak with Police Chief and report back. **There were many conversations at once and was hard to hear.

Motion by Halbert, seconded by Bouse, to approve the regular meeting minutes of November 19, 2024. Vote: All ayes.

Motion by Honea, seconded by Hartzell, to approve the executive session meeting minutes of November 19, 2024. Vote: All ayes. Bouse abstained.

Motion by Bouse, seconded by Halbert, to approve the special meeting minutes of November 27, 2024. Vote: All ayes.

Motion by Bouse, seconded by Hartzell, to approve the special executive session meeting minutes of November 27, 2024. Vote: All ayes.

Motion by Halbert, seconded by Hartzell, to approve the special meeting minutes of December 13, 2024. All ayes.

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

Discussion of temporary chlorination: Cameron Schweiss, Archer-Elgin Engineer, stated that Mayor Coping asked for a quick update of the temporary chlorination status. Schweiss stated that Glen Shockley, water supervisor, takes water samples and sends them off for testing and if one comes back positive for anything it is documented by DNR. Several tests have come back positive this year and have crossed the threshold of DNR standards. Because of the number of positive samples, it required DNR to enforce a compliance agreement and normally the city would be mandated to chlorinate but because Shockley was very reactive to the situation and asked DNR if the city could install the temporary chlorination pumps and start immediately. By doing this it gave the city one last chance to do it on our terms and DNR approved. The installation of the chlorinator obligated twelve months of chlorination and if any positive samples are received then could mean being forced to meet DNR standards. Schweiss stated that the temporary chlorination is unfortunate, but the willingness allows to do it with less oversight and string attached. Mayor Copling clarified that the chlorination is temporary. Schweiss stated that it is a little more complicated and the city needs to find the issues of positive sampling within the towers or water system and doesn't want to say it is temporary until the issue is found and fixed. Honea asked what is testing positive in the samples. Schweiss stated it is a bacteria in the water that is not dangerous but is a water quality concern and could be caused by lots of different things. Adam Staples, pretreatment coordinator, added that it could be something as simple as a dust particle flying in the testing or skin contacting the testing as it is super sensitive. Schweiss stated that it is in the public's best interest to chlorinate. Thurman clarified that temporary chlorination means it is possible to end if negative testing in the interim of our own chlorination but if there is one more positive testing then it

could be permanent. Schweiss stated that there will be an agreement from DNR out for review and signature probably by the next council meeting.

Electric department: Dump trailer bids – Bids were presented for a dump trailer.

BigTex Trailer World	\$11,992.50
Blackburn Truck Equipment	\$13,500.00
Jim’s Motors	\$13,893.76

Bouse stated that some of these bids are from out of town and would like to keep it local. **Motion by Bouse, seconded by Hartzell, to approve the bid from Jim’s Motors for \$13,893.76. Roll call vote: Hartzell-yes, Martin-yes, Honea-yes, Hutson-yes, Halbert-yes, Bouse-yes.**

Discussion of Max Drive project: Clerk Garbo stated that some new homes are being built on Max Drive needing electric service and Andy Simpson asked for approval to start the project. Total cost of the project will be \$17,000.00. To start the project some supplies will be used from the stock but have to be replaced. The cost will come from the electric system funding as this is a new service. **Motion by Bouse, seconded by Hartzell, to approve the Max Drive electric project of \$17,000.00. Vote: All ayes.**

Discussion of grants for the treatment plant: Mayor Copling stated that the treatment plant has some problems and have had to shut down at times because of them and would like to check with MRPC for some grants. Schweiss stated that some sewer line projects have been done but nothing has been done for the treatment plant and there are some grant programs with engineering reports for those types of facilities and some long/short term repair project grants. An assessment would have to be made to see what is needed and what grants are available. Ray Mortimeyer, cities MRPC representative, stated that they would need to know what the treatment plant needs to proceed and specifically what it is for. Mortimeyer also stated that there are many ways to approach the grants like determining where/why the water is coming in at or if there other reasons causing the problems then determine what grants are needed. Mayor Copling asked if Schweiss and Mortimeyer could get together sometime to discuss what grants are available and what is needed, both parties agreed. **Motion by Bouse, seconded by Hartzell, to approve using MRPC grant hours for a treatment plant grant. Vote: All ayes.**

Health insurance HSA/FSA contribution: Clerk Garbo explained that the past few years the council has approved a \$1200.00 employee contribution to help offset the insurance deductible and out of pocket expense. There was discussion of who monitors the HSA/FSA, when new employees receive, what happens if any employee quits. **Motion by Bouse, seconded by Hartzell, to approve the employee \$1200.00 HSA/FSA contribution for 2025. Roll call vote: Bouse-yes, Halbert-yes, Hutson-yes, Honea-yes, Martin-no, Hartzell-yes.**

Versatile Molding – Deed of release: Thurman stated that in the original contract with Versatile Molding there were some requirements that had to be met, and a promissory note was signed but all requirements have been met and the deed can be released by a council motion as the council has all authority necessary to consider it paid. **Motion by Bouse, seconded by Honea, to approve the deed of**

release for Versatile Molding. Roll call vote: Hartzell-yes, Martin-yes, Honea-yes, Hutson-yes, Halbert-yes, Bouse-yes.

Police Chief report: None

The council wished all a Merry Christmas.

Hutson stated that the Christmas lights looked great and thanked all who helped.

Bouse sent condolences to the Dildine family and Andy Simpson.

Mayor Copling also wished all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Mayor Coping stated that the hay isn't being cut at the airport and is looking bad. It will have to be addressed soon.

Mayor Copling stated that the house at 606 Bond Street is ready for demolition as all notices have been sent. **Motion by Honea, seconded by Bouse, to approve the demolition of 606 Bond Street. Vote: All ayes.**

Bouse stated that Jenifer Basham is working very hard to get all the books balanced for the audit and asked all to limit their time with her to allow the time to work. Bouse stated that he told Basham to work overtime if needed and if they see it on her timecard he said it was ok. **Motion by Bouse, seconded by Hartzell, to authorize working overtime for Jennifer Basham. Roll call vote: Hartzell-yes, Martin-yes, Honea-yes, Hutson-yes, Halbert-yes, Bouse-yes.**

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

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

Thurman stated that the board of aldermen met in executive session to discuss real estate and there were no final actions taken.

Bouse stated that he asked Schweiss, Archer-Elgin Engineer, to go over to the Branson's property and meet with PJ Myers to observe and listen to Gary Branson's and PJ Myer's solution of the water issue and report back to the council. Honea would like to be there also when it rains hard. Bouse wants to do something for the Branson's if it is a city problem.

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

Lainie Garbo, City Clerk