

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CUBA, MISSOURI
TUESDAY – APRIL 15, 2025 – 6:00 P.M.
CUBA CITY HALL COUNCIL ROOM**

Mayor Kevin Copling called the meeting to order. Aldermen present: Joyce Hartzell, Dave Honea, Tony Hutson, Harold Halbert, and Jeff Bouse. Alderman absent: Debbie Martin. Police Captain present: Ben Scharfenberg. City Attorney present: Emily Guffey.

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

Dangerous animal hearing: Guffey stated that based off a review of reports, documentation, and discussion with the police department there will be no hearing regarding this matter. Guffey stated that there are reports of bites but all to the same person who is going on the property of the animals residence. The victim did admit fault and still visited the home. Matthew Padgett, owner of animal, stated that the victim provoked the animal and the only reason the animal was out of the home was because the victim kicked in the door. Guffey stated again that there would be no hearing due to no case.

Citizens participation: None

Motion by Halbert, seconded by Hartzell, to approve the regular meeting minutes from April 1, 2025. Vote: All ayes. Martin absent.

Motion by Hutson, seconded by Hartzell, to approve the executive session meeting minutes from April 1, 2025. Vote: All ayes. Martin absent.

Motion by Halbert, seconded by Hartzell, to approve the special regular meeting minutes from April 7, 2025. Vote: All ayes. Martin absent.

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

Budget revisions as of March 31, 2025: Jennifer Basham presented the budget revisions. See attached. **Motion by Hutson, seconded by Halbert, to approve the budget revisions as of March 31, 2025. Vote: All ayes. Martin absent.**

Budget revisions as of FY 2023: Jennifer Basham presented the budget revisions. See attached. **Motion by Hutson, seconded by Bouse, to approve the budget revisions as of FY 2023. Vote: All ayes. Martin absent.**

Budget revisions as of FY 2024: Jennifer Basham presented the budget revisions. See attached.
Motion by Hutson, seconded by Hartzell, to approve the budget revisions as of FY 2024. Vote: All ayes. Martin absent.

Surplus property bids:

2017 Dodge Charger-VIN 2C3CDXKT3HH546904, white 4 door, all-wheel drive, 88,160 miles
Reserve price set at \$5500.00

Brian Mullally	\$7025.00
Rose Swaller	\$6666.00
Ringwood Motors Inc	\$5555.00

Motion by Halbert, seconded by Bouse, to accept the bid from Brian Mullally for \$7025.00 Vote: All ayes. Martin absent.

2011 Dodge Charger-VIN 2B3CL1CT1BH540554, black 4 door, 2-wheel drive, 103,825 miles
Reserve price set at \$3500.00

Ringwood Motors Inc	\$1555.00
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No bid accepted as it did not meet the reserve price.

1992 GMC Topkick-VIN 1GDL7H1P5NJ519688, 7000 single axle dump truck, white, 89,902 miles
Reserve price set at \$5000.00

Medlock Properties	\$5027.00
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Motion by Bouse, seconded by Hartzell, to accept the bid from Medlock Properties for \$5027.00. vote: All ayes. Martin absent.

Motion by Honea, seconded by Bouse, to advertise the 2011 Dodge Charger surplus item with reserve price of \$3500.00 with bids due May 5, 2025. Vote: All ayes. Martin absent.

Tourism committee recommendation – Sparklight agreement: There was a recommendation from the tourism committee’s March 12, 2025 meeting to enter an agreement with Sparklight Advertising to provide website development with a one time set up cost of \$3425.00 and a monthly hosting fee of \$135.00. It was asked if this would work with their budget and Basham replied yes. **Motion by Honea, seconded by Hutson, to approve and agreement with Sparklight Advertising. Vote: All ayes. Martin absent.**

Grounds maintenance laborer position: Jerry Montgomery stated that there was an internal applicant apply for the position and recommended Michael Montgomery for the position. **Motion by Bouse, seconded by Hartzell, to approve Michael Montgomery move to the grounds department effective immediately. Roll call vote: Bouse-yes, Halbert-yes, Hutson-yes, Honea-yes, Hartzell-yes. Martin absent.**

It was discussed to keep advertising for the part time grounds laborer until the position is filled.

Electric department – Task Work Authorization No. 9 Electrical Engineering Services: Cameron Schweiss with Archer-Elgin Engineering stated that this task work order is to allow Andy Simpson, electric supervisor, to work with an electrical engineer for the new McBride Homes development as it is a large project with high stakes. Simpson stated that he would like an engineer to review and this would allow a stamp of approval on the plans for the development. Schweiss stated that they would bill hourly as needed. Hutson asked if they could put a cap of hours to help with the cost and Schweiss replied yes. **Motion by Hutson, seconded by Bouse, to approve Archer-Elgin Engineering task work authorization No. 9 electrical engineering services with a cap of \$10,000.00. Vote: All ayes. Martin absent.**

Police chief report: Captain Scharfenberg stated that PC Shelton and Missy Mullally interviewed for the Animal Care Assistant position and recommend to hire Caitlyn Zweifel. **Motion by Bouse, seconded by Hartzell, to approve hiring Caitlyn Zweifel. Vote: All ayes. Martin absent.**

Captain Scharfenberg stated that PC Shelton and Mullally recommend to hire Sarah Butler for the second opening of Animal Care Assistant. Bouse stated that he would motion to hire and for Butler to start when the other Animal Care Assistant leaves. Mullally stated that the council approved to hire two assistants at this council meeting and that there would maybe only be one week of overlapping and that she would make sure to keep the hours close as she would like to train. **Motion by Bouse, seconded by Halbert, to approve hiring Sarah Butler when the other Animal Care Assistant is finished. Roll call vote: Hartzell-yes, Honea-no, Hutson-no, Halbert-yes, Bouse-yes. Martin absent.**

Captain Scharfenberg stated that PC Shelton had bids to purchase firearms and was asking for approval to purchase. Mayor Copling asked if they were budgeted and it was replied yes. The bids are for fifteen firearms. Greg Hubbel from the audience asked if the optics could be replaced in the current firearms to same money and Captain Scharfenberg replied that the optics are not replaceable.

Kiesler Police Supply \$7010.00

GT Distributors \$7310.00

Motion by Bouse, seconded by Honea, to approve the bid from Kiesler Police Supply for firearms at \$7010.00. Roll call vote: Hartzell-yes, Honea-yes Hutson-yes, Halbert-yes, Bouse-yes. Martin absent.

Hutson stated that at the April 8, 2025 park and recreation meeting it was brought up that previously the fair board requested to increase the goat/rabbit barn to the south and need about a dozen trees removed and was asking the council for permission. The park and recreation committee did make the recommendation. Hutson would like to save the trees and expand in a different direction. Hartzell asked if the city would be the ones to remove the trees as it is the city's property and it was replied yes. Guffey stated that this is discussion only and can be voted on the next meeting with it on the agenda.

Hutson stated that the fair board would also like permission to go out for bid to cover the main stage at Hood Park. The current roof does not cover the entire stage and they would like to expand. Bouse asked if the fair board would be responsible for the cost and Hutson replied yes. This will be on the next agenda.

Mayor Copling thanked the citizens as they are awesome.

Approval of the election results – April 8, 2025: Mayor Copling announced the election results. Results attached.

Alderman Ward 1:

Dave Honea 38 votes received

Ray Mortimeyer 31 votes received

Alderman Ward 2:

Pitts S. Lesesne 67 votes received

Alderman Ward 3:

Jeff Bouse 50 votes received

Municipal Judge:

No candidate filed 0 votes received

Motion by Bouse, seconded by Halbert, to approve the April 15, 2025 election results of Alderman Ward 1, Alderman Ward 2, Alderman Ward 3, and Municipal Judge. Vote: All ayes. Martin absent.

Motion by Hutson, seconded by Bouse, to adjourn. Vote: All ayes. Martin absent.

5 MINUTE RECESS

City Clerk Garbo administered the oath of office to the newly elected officials and seats were taken.

Mayor Kevin Copling called the meeting to order. Aldermen present: Joyce Hartzell, Pitts Lesesne, Dave Honea, Tony Hutson, Harold Halbert, and Jeff Bouse. Police Captain present: Ben Scharfenberg. City Attorney present: Emily Guffey.

Mayor Copling presented the Mayor’s committees and appointments. See attached. **Motion by Bouse, seconded by Hutson, to approve the Mayor’s committees and appointments. Vote: All ayes.**

Motion by Bouse, seconded by Halbert, to nominate and approve Tony Hutson as President of the Board of Aldermen. Vote: All ayes.

Guffey stated that there was no candidate that filed for municipal judge as no one met the requirements for the position. Guffey stated that the current judge Kara Wacker would accept the appointment.

Motion by Bouse, seconded by Lesesne, to approve the appointment of Kara Wacker as municipal judge. Vote: All ayes.

New business with announcements:

Mayor Copling welcomed Pitts Lesesne to the board.

Clerk Garbo asked for council approval to get a bid for training with Pat Chrislip and it would help with the new software system. **Motion by Bouse, seconded by Hutson, to approve getting a bid from Pat Chrislip for training. Vote: All ayes.**

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

Lainie Garbo, City Clerk