

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CUBA, MISSOURI  
TUESDAY – JUNE 17, 2025 – 6:00 P.M.  
CUBA CITY HALL COUNCIL ROOM**

Mayor Kevin Copling called the meeting to order. Aldermen present: Joyce Hartzell, Pitts Lesesne, Ray Mortimeyer, Tony Hutson, Harold Halbert, and Jeff Bouse. Police Chief present: Doug Shelton. City Attorney present: Emily Guffey.

**Motion by Mortimeyer, seconded by Hutson, to approve the agenda. Vote: All ayes.**

**Citizens participation:** Terry Miles with the demolition derby stated that they would like to give back to the community and parks with some proceeds from their event and would like to install a concrete pad to install bleachers on. Miles stated that they have volunteers to perform the work and the concrete was donated. Hutson stated that it was briefly talked about and shouldn't be an issue with the parks and recreation board. Miles stated they are hoping to have the pad poured before the county fair.

**Motion by Bouse, seconded by Hutson, to approve a concrete pad poured by volunteers and paid for by demolition derby proceeds. Vote: All ayes.**

Debbie Martin asked the council if the agendas could also be posted on Facebook. Garbo replied yes.

**Motion by Hutson, seconded by Hartzell, to approve the regular meeting minutes from June 3, 2025. Vote: All ayes.**

**Motion by Mortimeyer, seconded by Lesesne, to approve the executive session meeting minutes of June 3, 2025. Vote: All ayes.**

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

**Tangle Creek Park preliminary plans:** Cameron Schweiss, Archer-Elgin Engineering, presented the council with two different plans with two subjective designs for a master layout and future planning and budgeting. Schweiss stated that there was concern about ADA accessibility to the new playground equipment within Tangle Creek Park and they have done more surveying to determine the most economical ADA parking and layouts. Schweiss stated that the existing parking lot in front of the pool area is pretty compliant with some resealing, restriping of parking spots that would achieve ADA spots, and some work on an existing sidewalk that ties into the park. Schweiss had spoke with Bill Dotson, street supervisor, about the parking lot upgrades and achieving the ADA parking spots and that they would be fairly economical and would salvage some asphalt while cleaning it up.

Hartzell asked about the park layout plan and discussed some concerns with the different aged kids activities next to each other. Schweiss stated that the plan presented was a pretty common layout and parents have different ages. There was more discussion with the pros and cons of the placement of

basketball courts, pickleball courts, and pavilions and then the other problems that could be caused or added with moving them like ADA access and safety concerns. Schweiss stated there were some good points discussed and that the goal was to see if there was room in the park to fit all the requests and will take the feedback to look at different layouts and options.

Hutson thanked Schweiss for presenting the plans and stated that the intent was to see the amount of walkway and parking lot upgrades needed to move forward with the new playground equipment. Hutson presented the council with bids to reseal the back parking lot, reseal the full parking lot, and to install a sidewalk from the parking lot to the new playground. Hutson stated there is money in this current budget if the job can be completed by the end of the fiscal year.

Diamond L Sealing	\$3753.00	Full parking lot resealing, crack filling, striping
Diamond L Sealing	\$1801.00	Back parking lot resealing, crack filling, striping
Sedewalk material cost	\$5170.00	Concrete, rock, culvert, collar, parking stops

**Motion by Hutson, seconded by Bouse, to approve the bid from Diamond L Sealing for the full parking lot resealing, crack filling, and striping for \$3753.00 and the sidewalk material costs for concrete, rock, culvert, collar, and parking stops for \$5170.00. Vote: All ayes.**

**Treatment plant bids – UV system parts:** David Minardi, treatment plant operator, presented a bid for UV lamps, lamp inserts, and o-ring lamp holder seals as they are needed to operate the treatment plant.  
Xylem \$8375.00

**Motion by Hutson, seconded by Mortimeyer, to approve the bid from Xylem for \$8375.00. Vote: All ayes.**

**Fund balance transfers for FY 2023:** Jennifer Basham, accounting, presented the council with fund balance transfers for FY 2023. **Motion by Hutson, seconded by Mortimeyer, to approve the fund balance transfers for FY 2023. Vote: All ayes.**

**Budget revisions as of 06/30/25:** Basham presented the budget revisions as of 06/30/25. **Motion by Mortimeyer, seconded by Halbert, to approve the budget revisions as of 06/30/25. Vote: All ayes.**

**FY 2026 budget proposal:** Basham presented the proposed budget.

Mayor Copling stated that he wanted to add fencing for the retention pond to this budget. Mayor Copling stated that it could be dangerous for kids and animals and a safety concern. Guffey stated there are many factors present and potential for something bad to happen and the cost of a fence is insignificant if something were to happen and are making reasonable effort to stop kids from entering. Basham stated that the budget has to be approved by June 30, 2025. Hutson stated that a fence won't keep all out as they could still climb over. **Motion by Bouse, seconded by Mortimeyer, to get bids for fencing at both retention ponds. Roll call vote: Hartzell-yes, Lesesne-no, Mortimeyer, yes, Hutson-yes, Halbert-yes, Bouse-yes.**

Basham stated that a special meeting to approve the budget and pass the ordinance.

Mayor Copling stated that Jerry Montgomery would still like a part-time person for three months. Mortimeyer stated that he has read the budget and revisions and the city is spending more than taking in and they need to take financial responsibility. Mayor Copling stated the fencing is a must. Mortimeyer stated that maybe a committee outside of the city could help with plans. Mortimeyer stated that money can't be spent until received. Basham stated that a policy needs to be developed on budget transfers.

A special meeting to approve the budget and pass the ordinance was set for June 24, 2025 at 3:30 p.m.

**Airport – hay cutting bid/contract:** Mortimeyer and Lesesne had a meeting with McCallister Farms that bid cutting the hay at the airport, treatment plant, and industrial park and McCallister Farms has not cut as yet this year. It was stated that during the meeting McCallister Farms got defensive of not cutting and that he broke equipment and then left the meeting. There was discussion of how many hay bales were taken and not paid for yet and that the fields were not limed or fertilized like the bid stated. Mortimeyer would like to terminate the contract as not only do the fields need cut but the FAA regulations have to be followed. Mortimeyer talked to Frank Cason and he is willing to cut and clean the fields up for no cost and just a one year contract and then if the council wants to rebid the job next year they can. Lesesne stated that bidding the job now is not necessary as it is an emergency situation to be compliant at the airport. Garbo stated that after speaking with the attorney, an invoice for the hay bales will be sent to McCallister Farms and they will try to get a written signed letter to terminate the current bid. **Motion by Bouse, seconded by Mortimeyer, to allow Frank Cason to cut and remove the hay and clean up the areas for one year and then rebid the job next year. Vote: All ayes.**

**Pool vacuum bids:** It was stated that the current pool vacuum is not working and a new one is needed. The old one could possibly be repaired depending on cost and kept for a back-up. Mayor Copling asked if it was budgeted, and yes in the current budget.

Aqua Products K.C.	\$4270.00
Vaughan	\$7695.00

The bid from Vaughan if accepted, will make any repairs on site if necessary and was recommended.

**Motion by Hutson, seconded by Lesesne, to approve the bid from Vaughan for \$7695.00. Vote: All ayes.**

**Park and recreation recommendations:** Hutson stated that some pool repairs and concerns like shower curtains, floor drains, and new rule boards were discussed and taken care of by city employees.

Hutson stated that there was a recommendation from the park and recreation meeting to accept the preliminary plans for Tangle Creek Park, but there are changes that need to be made that were discussed earlier in the council meeting.

Hutson thanked the park and recreation board, Dan Eidson and Aileen Schantz for volunteering their time at the movie night and that the community appreciated it also.

**Park and recreation committee appointments:** There are open seats on the committee and there are two citizens that are interested in filling them. Mayor Copling appointed Ashley Wells and Ashley Curtner to the park and recreation committee. **Motion by Bouse, seconded by Hutson, to approve the appointments of Ashley Wells and Ashley Curtner to the park and recreation committee. Vote: All ayes.**

Hutson stated that Jordan Baeten resigned from the park and recreation committee. **Motion by Bouse, seconded by Hutson, to approve the resignation of Jordan Baeten from the park and recreation committee. Vote: All ayes.**

**Fluoride reimbursement grant program:** The Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services is offering a grant that would reimburse up to \$9999.00 for the purchase of pumps, injectors, scales or any other equipment necessary for the fluoride treatment. If the city decides within five years of accepting this grant to cease the fluoride treatment, then the money received would have to be reimbursed. Glen Shockley would like to proceed with this as a new pump is going to be purchased soon anyway. There was discussion of the federal administration doing away with the fluoride treatment and if that is to happen then the money would not have to be reimbursed. Lesesne would like to have the fluoride treatment put back on the ballot and let the tax payers decide to continue or not. There was further discussion of whether the fluoride treatment is good or not and if it should be kept or not. The discussion was tabled at this time.

**EOC committee recommendation/update:** Hutson stated that the EOC committee met, and it was a good turnout with good discussion. Attending were Hutson, Halbert, Lesesne, Greg Hubbel, PC Shelton, and Rodney Neff. Hubbell was given some good information to build from. Hutson stated that the sirens are back up and operating and Hubbel is more informed on how to handle them. Hutson stated that moving the equipment from the current to the old Mepco building needs to be considered as it is not in a good spot and the job will have to be rebid. Hutson thanked all for attending and helping.

**Police Chief report: Nuisances –** PC Shelton stated that all officers are working on the nuisances.

PC Shelton stated that during the EOC committee meeting, a city laptop was on the premises and had been destroyed and would like to know how to proceed. It was stated that the computer was taken apart and the hard drive was beaten with a hammer and asked the council if they would like them to investigate. Bouse would like to proceed to find out who and why. **Motion by Bouse, seconded by Lesesne, to approve moving forward to pursue the damages. Vote: All ayes.**

Lesesne thanked PC Shelton for addressing the commuter lot situation with someone living there.

**Motion by Hartzell, seconded by Hutson, to have the first reading of Bill No. 2179 by caption only. Vote: All ayes.** Guffey read Bill No. 2179 – An ordinance authorizing the Mayor of the City of Cuba, Missouri, on behalf of said city, to enter into an agreement with Revize LLC for the development, purchase, and maintenance of a new website. **Motion by Hartzell, seconded by Mortimeyer, to**

approve the first reading of Bill No. 2179. Roll call vote: Bouse-yes, Halbert-yes, Hutson-yes, Mortimeyer-yes, Lesesne-yes, Hartzell-yes. Motion by Bouse, seconded by Halbert, to have the second reading of Bill No. 2179. Vote: All ayes. Guffey read Bill No. 2179 a second time. Motion by Mortimeyer, seconded by Halbert, to approve the second reading of Bill No. 2179. Roll call vote: Hartzell-yes, Lesesne-yes, Mortimeyer-yes, Hutson-yes, Halbert-yes, Bouse-yes. Mayor Copling declared that Bill No. 2179 becomes Special Ordinance No. 939 on this 17<sup>th</sup> day of June 2025.

Motion by Bouse, seconded by Hutson, to have the first reading of Bill No. 2180 by caption only. Vote: All ayes. Guffey read Bill No. 2180 – An ordinance amending schedule III of the Cuba city code of parking restrictions and repealing the restrictions on parking on the West side of Green Street at a point 45 feet North of the Northwest corner of the intersection of Green Street and Washington Street and continuing North from said point on Green Street for a distance of ninety feet. Motion by Bouse, seconded by Mortimeyer, to approve the first reading of Bill No. 2180. Roll call vote: Bouse-yes, Halbert-yes, Hutson-yes, Mortimeyer-yes, Lesesne-yes, Hartzell-yes. Motion by Halbert, seconded by Lesesne, to have the second reading of Bill No. 2180. Vote: All ayes. Guffey read Bill No. 2180 a second time. Motion by Mortimeyer, seconded by Bouse, to approve the second reading of Bill No. 2180. Roll call vote: Hartzell-yes, Lesesne-yes, Mortimeyer-yes, Hutson-yes, Halbert-yes, Bouse-yes. Mayor Copling declared that Bill No. 2180 becomes General Ordinance 1241 on this 17<sup>th</sup> day of June 2025.

Motion by Bouse, seconded by Hutson, to have the first reading of Bill No. 2181 by caption only. Vote: All ayes. Guffey read Bill No. 2181 – An ordinance amending schedule III of the Cuba city code on parking restrictions and designating two hour parking on the East side of Hickory Street between Washington Street and Spencer Street. Motion by Mortimeyer, seconded by Lesesne, to approve the first reading of Bill No. 2181. Roll call vote: Bouse-yes, Halbert-yes, Hutson-yes, Mortimeyer-yes, Lesesne-yes, Hartzell-yes. Motion by Halbert, seconded by Lesesne, to have the second reading of Bill No. 2181. Vote: All ayes. Guffey read Bill No. 2181 a second time. Motion by Mortimeyer, seconded by Bouse, to approve the second reading of Bill No. 2181. Roll call vote: Hartzell-yes, Lesesne-yes, Mortimeyer-yes, Hutson-yes, Halbert-yes, Bouse-yes. Mayor Copling declared that Bill No. 2181 becomes General Ordinance 1242 on this 17<sup>th</sup> day of June 2025.

Motion by Halbert, seconded by Hutson, to have the first reading of Bill No. 2182 by caption only. Vote: All ayes. Guffey read Bill No. 2182 – An ordinance accepting the bid and authorizing the Mayor of the city of Cuba, Missouri on behalf of the City of Cuba, Missouri to enter into and execute an agreement with Melissa Mullally to manage the Cuba Animal Control Shelter. Motion by Hutson, seconded by Mortimeyer, to approve the first reading of Bill No. 2182. Roll call vote: Bouse-yes, Halbert-yes, Hutson-yes, Mortimeyer-yes, Lesesne-yes, Hartzell-yes. Motion by Hartzell, seconded by Hutson, to have the second reading of Bill No. 2182. Vote: All ayes. Guffey read Bill No. 2182 a second time. Motion by Lesesne, seconded by Halbert, to approve the second reading of Bill No. 2182. Roll call vote: Hartzell-yes, Lesesne-yes, Mortimeyer-yes, Hutson-yes, Halbert-yes, Bouse-yes. Mayor Copling declared that Bill No. 2182 becomes Special Ordinance No. 940 this 17<sup>th</sup> day of June 2025.

**Motion by Hutson, seconded by Mortimeyer, to have the first reading of Bill No. 2183 by caption only.**

**Vote: All ayes.** Guffey read Bill No. 2183 – An ordinance accepting and authorizing the Mayor of the city of Cuba, Missouri on behalf of the City of Cuba, Missouri to enter into and execute an agreement with Travis Pritchett to manage the Municipal Airport. **Motion by Halbert, seconded by Lesesne, to approve the first reading of Bill No. 2183. Roll call vote: Bouse-yes, Halbert-yes, Hutson-yes, Mortimeyer-yes, Lesesne-yes, Hartzell-yes. Motion by Hartzell, seconded by Lesesne, to have the second reading of Bill No. 2183. Vote: All ayes.** Guffey read Bill No. a second time. **Motion by Mortimeyer, seconded by Halbert, to approve the second reading of Bill No. 2183. Roll call vote: Hartzell-yes, Lesesne-yes, Mortimeyer-yes, Hutson-yes, Halbert-yes, Bouse-yes.** Mayor Copling declared that Bill No. 2183 becomes Special Ordinance 941 on this 17<sup>th</sup> day of June 2025.

Mortimeyer stated that tourism is a huge asset to Cuba and would like to purchase four signs for \$80 each a total of \$320. The signs are for the Crawford County Museum with their address on it. Guffey recommended it be on the next agenda to approve the signs.

Hutson stated he is still thinking about the fences around the retention ponds and asked about all the other open waterways in Cuba and if they are also a safety concern. Bouse stated that these retention ponds are in a neighborhood where kids play.

Mayor Copling would like the natural gas committee to meet with Kevin Stiles, gas consultant, to discuss the future of the natural gas and how to proceed with the pricing.

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

Lainie Garbo, City Clerk