

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
**BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CUBA, MISSOURI**  
**TUESDAY – AUGUST 5, 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, Harold Halbert, Jeff Bouse. Alderman absent: Richard Hewkin. Police Officer present: Jason Davis. City Attorney present: Emily Guffey.

**Motion by Bouse, seconded by Hartzell, to approve the agenda. Vote: All ayes. Hewkin absent.**

**Citizens participation:**

Greg Hubbell stated that he is a motorcycle rider and advocate and stated that people discharging grass clippings into the streets is unsafe and asked the process to get an ordinance to prohibit that from being done. Guffey stated that they will check the ordinances then put it on the next agenda for the council to discuss for a possible ordinance.

Norman Heironimus stated that he has been a Cuba resident for over forty years and while doing some research at the recorders office found a map of Cuba from 1858 and gave the council a copy.

Heironimus stated that he would like to see the city put direction letters on the street signs with the street names as he thinks it would be more visitor friendly and help children learn the streets. Heironimus stated that Cuba's center point is the Highway 19 and Route 66 intersection and would like to see the north, south, east and west division shown on the street signs. Heironimus did not ask for a decision, just consideration as he feels it is important. Mayor Copling will get with the street department to discuss.

Clerk Garbo asked for an amendment on the regular meeting minutes from July 14, 2025. The motion on discussion of digger truck should be \*\*motion by Bouse, seconded by Hartzell, to approve bidding a digger truck and the mechanic to look at the truck. Vote: All ayes.

**Motion by Bouse, seconded by Hartzell, to approve the regular meeting minutes with the amendment from July 14, 2025. Vote: All ayes. Hewkin absent.**

**Motion by Halbert, seconded by Mortimeyer, to approve the executive session meeting minutes from July 14, 2025. Vote: All ayes. Hewkin absent.**

**Motion by Mortimeyer, seconded by Bouse, to approve the special meeting minutes from July 28, 2025. Vote: All ayes. Hartzell abstained. Hewkin absent.**

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

**Electric department:**

**Pole bids** – Bids were presented to the council.

Bridgewell Resources Total - \$11,510.00

Stella-Jones Total - \$18,291.29

Types of poles, quantities, size, and cost/pole is attached from each company.

Lesesne questioned if the poles were for stock or a project and if budgeted.

**Motion by Mortimeyer, seconded by Hartzell, to approve the bid from Bridgewell Resources for a total cost of \$11,510.00. Vote: All ayes. Hewkin absent.**

**Wire bids** – Bids were presented to the council.

Cape Electrical \$5335.40

Fletcher-Reinhardt Co. \$8050.00

Wesco \$8050.00

**Motion by Bouse, seconded by Halbert, to approve the bid from Cape Electrical for \$5335.40. Vote: All ayes. Hewkin absent.**

**Crawford County R-2 School – cross country meet at Hood Park:** Garbo read a request from the Cuba School Athletic Director asking permission to use Hood Park for a cross country meet at Hood Park on October 1, 2025. The park would need to be closed to the public for the meet but not for the other times requested for marking the course and a possible practice meet there. Garbo stated that the event has been held at the park in previous years. **Motion by Bouse, seconded by Hartzell, to approve the use of Hood Park for a Cuba Schools cross country meet on October 1, 2025. Vote: All ayes. Hewkin absent.**

**Brightspeed internet services:** It was presented to the council that the courtroom is currently being charged with Brightspeed internet and it has not been used as they were unaware of the service until the recent upgrade to Charter. I was requested to cancel the service. Also requested was to cancel the phone line at the treatment plant as all calls are going directly to the operators cell phone wasting money on a service not being used. **Motion by Mortimeyer, seconded by Hartell, to approve cancelling the Brightspeed internet service at the courtroom and the Brightspeed phone service at the treatment plant. Vote: All ayes. Hewkin absent.**

**Municipal Advisor bidding:** No discussion and will pass to the next agenda.

**City Hall – air conditioning bid:** No discussion and will pass to the next agenda.

**Retention pond fencing bids:** Bids were presented for six foot fences at the retention ponds at Rutz Subdivision.

All-Type Fence Inc \$15,560.00 – next to the Branson’s property

\$19,060.00 – on Shenandoah

**Motion by Bouse, seconded by Hartzell, to approve the fence bids from All-Type Fence Inc for \$15,560.00 and \$19,060.00. Vote: All ayes. Hewkin absent.**

**Natural gas department – supervisor position:** No discussion and will pass to the next agenda.

**Asphalt bid:** Bill Dotson, street supervisor, stated that there are only two companies that provide the asphalt service required and only one bid was received.

NB West Contracting Company                      \$216,000.00

Streets included are Eden Prairie Lane, Woodbury, Eden Prairie Ct, Ridgeview Dr, Valleyview Dr, Cody Ln, Kristen Ln, and Grove St. **Motion by Bouse, seconded by Mortimeyer, to approve the bid from NB**

**West Contracting Company for \$216,000.00. Vote: All ayes. Hewkin absent.**

**Park and Recreation recommendations:**

**Purchase of thirty concrete blocks –** Hartzell stated that it was discussed at the last council meeting that the park and recreation board recommended to purchase thirty concrete blocks at a total of \$1300.00.

**Motion by Hartzell, seconded by Bouse, to approve the purchase of thirty concrete blocks, \$1300.00.**

**Vote: All ayes. Hewkin absent.**

**Basketball court:** Hartzell stated that extending the basketball court and adding another full court was not budgeted and the park and recreation board will have to address.

Dan Eidson stated that there is a Back to School party at the pool on August 9, 2025 and a church is sponsoring the event by paying all the admissions of \$5/person of those attending but the park and recreation board agreed on \$3/person and questioned where the extra money was going. Lesesne stated that they are unaware of what is going on.

Eidson asked about the budget line on the bills of a \$60 pool phone and asked if it was a reimbursement for Beth Dotson's phone. Garbo stated it was an internet charge.

Eidson stated that he believes someone got in the parks and recreation Facebook page and deleted a post that he had agreed to delete, but then it was gone. They have their suspicions as to who did it and it has been taken care of and it involves Beth Dotson. Eidson stated that he will be submitting a Sunshine Request for any and all communications between City Hall and Beth Dotson for any pool business of this current pool season. Eidson also understands that Garbo receives a \$25 phone reimbursement and those messages should be public knowledge. Eidson stated that if anything was deleted they will handle.

**Fluoride grant:** No discussion and will pass to the next agenda.

**Community Foundation of the Ozarks:** No discussion and will pass to the next agenda.

**Police Chief report:** None. PC Shelton was not present.

Mortimeyer stated that a citizen asked about electric outages and stated that the city does not have a plan for ventilators and oxygen for long periods of time with no power. There was discussion on some solutions. Mayor Copling asked Mortimeyer and Lesesne to meet as a committee and get some suggestions.

Mortimeyer thanked the cooperation between three departments to get a job done at Tangle Creek in a timely manner and the park looks great. Mayor Copling also thanked those departments, pretreatment, grounds, street for working on the park and water/sewer for working on another project.

**Motion by Halbert, seconded by Mortimeyer, to go into executive session – closed to the public pursuant RSMo 610.021 – Section 3)personnel. Roll call vote: Bouse-yes, Halbert-yes, Mortimeyer-yes, Lesesne-yes, Hartzell-yes. Hewkin absent.**

**Motion by Bouse, seconded by Mortimeyer, to go back into regular open session. Roll call vote: Hartzell-yes, Lesesne-yes, Mortimeyer-yes, Halbert-yes, Bouse-yes. Hewkin absent.**

Guffey stated that the Board of Aldermen met in closed session to discuss personnel and there were no final actions taken.

**Motion by Mortimeyer, seconded by Lesesne, to adjourn. All ayes. Hewkin absent.**

**Lainie Garbo, City Clerk**