

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CUBA, MISSOURI
TUESDAY – MAY 19, 2026 – 6:00 P.M.
CUBA CITY HALL COUNCIL ROOM

Mayor Pitts Lesesne called the meeting to order. Aldermen present: Joyce Hartzell, Russell Crocker (arrived 6:05 pm), Ray Mortimeyer, Louis Raineri and Jeremy Rosemann. Alderman absent: Jeff Bouse. Attorney present: Emily Guffey. Police Chief present: Doug Shelton.

Motion by Hartzel, seconded by Mortimeyer, to approve the agenda. Vote: All ayes. Bouse absent.

Citizens participation:

Dan Eidson stated that he had made several requests since the Mayor has been in office with no responses and that if the Mayor wants something from him, to ask himself directly and not through another alderman as it is not their responsibility. Mayor Lesesne asked Eidson kindly for a copy of the documentation of the request and Eidson replied sure.

**Russell Crocker arrived.

Motion by Hartzell, seconded by Rosemann, to approve the regular meeting minutes from May 5, 2026. Vote: All ayes. Bouse absent.

Motion by Mortimeyer, seconded by Raineri, to approve the closed executive session meeting minutes from May 5, 2026. Vote: All ayes. Bouse absent.

Motion by Hartzell, seconded by Crocker, to approve the special meeting minutes from May 14, 2026. Vote: All ayes. Bouse absent.

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

Municipal Advisor discussion and update: Chris Collier, Northland Public Finance Municipal Advisor, presented funding options for infrastructure improvements. Attached.

Water/sewer rate study discussion and approval: Cameron Schweiss, Archer-Elgin Engineer, presented the study review and the recommendation for rate increases of 7% per year through 2033 for both water and sewer services. Attached. Guffey recommended to review the increase yearly. **Motion by Mortimeyer, seconded by Crocker, to approve the 7% per year increase for both water and sewer services reviewing yearly to begin June 30, 2026. Roll call vote: Hartzell-yes, Crocker-yes, Mortimeyer-yes, Raineri-yes, Rosemann-yes. Bouse absent.**

Discussion of the park tax on August 4, 2026 ballot: Guffey stated that after further review, the prior ordinance was in effect in October and can only be reviewed every 10 years and recommend putting on the April 2027 municipal ballot and it will still flow without interruption and will pay less election expenses.

Discussion and approval of FY24 audit: Jennifer Basham presented the FY24 audit and read some points within the audit. Basham stated that there was one finding regarding inventory and it is currently being addressed and worked on and by July all should be online and trackable. **Motion by Crocker, seconded by Rosemann, to approve the FY24 audit report. Roll call vote: Rosemann-yes, Raineri-yes, Mortimeyer-yes, Crocker-yes, Hartzell-yes. Bouse absent.**

Natural gas rates discussion and approval: There was discussion on the natural gas rates and Kevin Stiles, natural gas consultant, recommended a rate increase to \$0.0145 per cubic foot. This increase is in line with the surrounding areas. **Motion by Mortimeyer, seconded by Hartzell, to approve the natural gas rate increase to \$0.0145 per cubic foot. Roll call vote: Hartzell-yes, Crocker-yes, Mortimeyer-yes, Raineri-yes, Rosemann-yes. Bouse absent.**

Animal Control/Police Committee: Discuss and hiring of Animal Control Officer:

PC Shelton stated that the Animal Control Assistant that was hired is still being trained and it is going well. PC Shelton stated that the shelter is open by appointment only at this time until an Animal Control Officer is hired. PC Shelton has no recommendation for hire at this time but possibly by the next council meeting.

Park and Recreation committee: Pool rates recommendations:

Daily admission	\$6.00
55 and over	\$4.00
Individual Season Pass	\$60.00
Family of 2 Season Pass	\$90.00
Family of 3-6 Season Pass	\$140.00
(up to 8 members, \$15.00 each additional)	
Senior Pass	\$45.00
Individual swimming lessons	\$70.00
Family of 2 swimming lessons	\$110.00
Additional child for swimming lessons	\$15.00/each additional
Pool party 1-25 guests	\$150.00
Pool party 26-40 guests	\$200.00
Pool party over 41 guests	\$250.00
Evening activities	\$3.00

Motion by Hartzell, seconded by Mortimeyer, to approve the pool prices. Vote: All ayes. Bouse absent.

Surplus bid – old Tangle Creek pavilion: One bid was received from Robert Weitszacker for \$217.00. The bid was not accepted.

Street Department – discussion of bridge issue on Main Street and approval of solution: Allen Monday, street supervisor, stated that there was a brief meeting regarding of the street bridge on Main Street, between Highway 19 and A Street, and that the culvert is washing out but it is a band aid fix and have half of the street blocked off as it is unsafe. Monda recommended to close the street until there are funds to replace it as there are also water and sewer issues that will have to be repaired at the same time for a complete repair. **Motion by Raineri, seconded by Hartzell, to close immediately for safety reasons. Roll call vote: Hartzell-yes, Crocker-yes, Mortimeyer-yes, Raineri-yes, Rosemann-yes.** Monda stated he will get the street closed. Guffey stated there needs to be a specific agenda item and a public posting. **Motion by Crocker, seconded by Hartzell, to reconsider the motion to close the street and put the specific item of closure on the June 2, 2026 agenda. Vote: All ayes. Bouse absent.**

Guffey stated that the agenda item is to have specific location of the roadway for approval and then the closure will be posted publicly.

Water department: Hiring of water laborer position: Glen Shockley, water supervisor, stated that interviews were held and he recommended to hire Tristan Evans. Shockley stated Evans would be able to start 6/1. Mayor Lesesne asked if Evans was aware of the reimbursement of training and it was replied yes. **Motion by Hartzell, seconded by Rosemann, to approve to hire Tristan Evans for the water laborer position. Vote: All ayes. Bouse absent.**

Airport Hangar Project grant application using NPE and BIL AIG funds discussion and approval: Basham asked the council for permission to use the previous ordinance passed on October 7, 2025 to apply for available NPE and BIL funding on the Airport Hangar Project that is still active. This will have to be done each year for the grant amount that is available for that year. **Motion by Hartzell, seconded by Raineri, to approve the use of Ordinance 949 for hangar grant applications. Vote: All ayes. Bouse absent.**

Police Chief report:

Nuisance report: PC Shelton stated that a complaint at 405 Springfield was taken care of.

Accept the resignation of Jay Howard: PC Shelton stated that Howard submitted his resignation for a better paying job and need to advertise the position as he was the K9 handler. **Motion by Hartzell, seconded by Crocker, to accept the resignation of Jay Howard. Vote: All ayes. Bouse absent.**

Approval to advertise the open position: **Motion by Hartzell, seconded by Crocker, to advertise the open position.** Basham asked the council where the money to hire the officer would come from and asked the council questions regarding the pay and gave some budget information requesting the council to look into the future and consider attrition. Basham did not recommend filling the position due to the budget.

PC Shelton stated that he is only asking to replace the position. PC Shelton gave the council an analysis report of incidents. PC Shelton stated that they have spoke with the school regarding the SRO pay and they are presenting to their budget and will respond back. There was discussion of the different squads working 12 hour shifts and the possibility of officers working by themselves, officers moonlighting, K9 handling and scheduling. Rosemann stated this is a difficult time and doesn't want to approve a hire and then have to lay off but this is only approving to advertise the position. **Roll call vote: Rosemann-yes, Raineri-yes, Mortimeyer-yes, Crocker-yes, Hartzell-yes. Bouse absent.**

Hartzell stated that they voted for the EOC to bid moving equipment and haven't heard anything about it. Greg Hubbell, EOC Director, stated that he got bids but was advised by the Mayor that it would not be moving due to budget restraints. There was discussion of where the equipment would be moved to and conversations with the county EOC Director. The topic is tabled until the June 2nd council meeting and it was approved previously to get the bids so they could be presented then.

Jerry Montgomery thanked Noel Hendrix for donating a repair at the pool.

Motion by Raineri, seconded by Hartzell, to go into closed executive session – closed to the public pursuant RSMo 610.021 – Section 1) legal advice – litigation; Section 21) security camera system. Roll call vote: Hartzell-yes, Crocker-yes, Mortimeyer-yes, Raineri-yes, Rosemann-yes. Bouse absent.

Motion by Hartzell, seconded by Mortimeyer, to go back into regular open session. Roll call vote: Rosemann-yes, Raineri-yes, Mortimeyer-yes, Crocker-yes, Hartzell-yes. Bouse absent.

Guffey stated that the Board of Aldermen met in closed executive session to discuss legal advice-litigation and security camera system with no final actions taken.

Motion by Raineri, seconded by Mortimeyer, to adjourn. Vote: All ayes. Bouse absent.

Lainie Garbo, City Clerk

