

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CUBA, MISSOURI  
TUESDAY – JUNE 2, 2026 – 6:00 P.M.  
CUBA CITY HALL COUNCIL ROOM**

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

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

**Citizens participation:** None

**Motion by Hartzell, seconded by Crocker, to approve the regular meeting minutes of May 19, 2026. Vote: All ayes. Bouse abstained.**

**Motion by Raineri, seconded by Hartzell, to approve the special meeting minutes of May 19, 2026. Vote: All ayes. Bouse abstained.**

**Motion by Mortimeyer, seconded by Raineri, to approve the special meeting minutes of May 29, 2026. Vote: All ayes. Bouse and Crocker abstained.**

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

**Park and Recreation recommendations:** The park and recreation committee recommended to approve the concrete improvements for the pickleball court for ADA compliance and to approve the purchase of signs for the pickleball courts. **Motion by Bouse, seconded by Hartzell, to approve the recommendations. Vote: All ayes.**

**Pickleball court project:**

Cameron Schweiss, Archer-Elgin Engineer, stated that he met some Public Works employees about some additional concrete and the pavilion. Schweiss stated that originally it was unknown if the city could secure donations so the original bid was for the pavilion to remain in place, and then it was decided to remove and salvage. Currently, there is a rock pad for shades or a pavilion to put in place that needs to have concrete and the existing parking lot is less than desirable for ADA parking and will also need some additional work. Schweiss presented a contract change order of \$21,800.00 for the additional concrete work to be done by BuildTec Construction, LLC. Schweiss stated that if approved it will be added to the original order and they can start the work that week. Mayor Lesesne stated that the funding for the concrete work and pavilion had been secured as The Chymiak Foundation did approve additional donation funding up to \$37,000.00 to finish the project. Mayor Lesesne stated that they will look for vendors to install shades, but that will not hold up the pickleball court opening. **Motion by Hartzell, seconded by Crocker, to approve the \$21,800.00 change order to BuildTec for additional concrete for**

**the pickleball court project. Roll call vote: Hartzell-yes, Crocker-yes, Mortimeyer-yes, Raineri-yes, Rosemann-yes, Bouse-yes.**

**Electric Department – Mid-MO Truss transformer discussion/approval:** Andy Simpson stated that a transformer was ordered for Mid-MO Truss per their specs and instruction and it was wrong size. Mid-MO Truss is willing to purchase the wrong transformer. Bids were received for the correct size transformer and Mid-MO Truss is willing to pay the price difference between the lowest bid and the highest bid to get the transformer faster for emergency need. Simpson stated that according to attorney advice there will need to be a contract for the purchase, warranty and storing of the transformer before moving forward with another transformer. **Motion by Hartzell, seconded by Crocker, to approve a contract and terms to purchase transformers. Vote: All ayes.**

**Approval to start a 501(c)3 for the Animal Shelter:** Garbo stated that this would be approving moving forward with an agency partnership like the current parks department one. PC Shelton asked if the police department would be included in this and it was replied no, it is specific to the animal shelter. A police department would have to be specific and put on the next agenda. **Motion by Hartzell, seconded by Rosemann, to approve moving forward with the Animal Shelter 501(c)3 agency partnership. Vote: All ayes.**

**Animal Control Manager contract discussion/approval:** PC Shelton stated that at an animal control committee meeting there was discussion and a recommendation of possibly hiring a supervisor instead of a contracted manager. This employee would not be full-time and could be an employee that had been there the longest and had experience. **Motion by Hartzell, seconded by Bouse, to approve the recommendation of hiring a supervisor instead of a contract position. Roll call vote: Bouse-yes, Rosemann-yes, Raineri-yes, Mortimeyer-yes, Crocker-yes, Hartzell-yes.**

**Airport Manager contract discussion/approval:** Travis Pritchett, current airport manager, agreed and submitted to extend his contract with no pay difference. **Motion by Raineri, seconded by Mortimeyer, to accept the one-year contract for the Airport Manager Travis Pritchett. Vote: All ayes.**

**Tourism – Approval to loan the Route 66 logo stencil to private citizens for public use:** Bouse stated that he was asked by a business owner on Route 66 and others to use the logo stencil. Al Monda stated that the Chamber of Commerce purchased the stencil and they did not have a problem with others using it. **Motion by Bouse, seconded by Mortimeyer, to approve citizens using the Route 66 logo. Vote: All ayes.**

**Discussion/approval of firework policy on city property:** There was discussion of fireworks being shot on city properties and liability of injury or accidents and recommended to not allow them unless approved with a pyrotechnicians license. **Motion by Raineri, seconded by Bouse, to amend the fireworks policy to prohibit fireworks on city properties unless Board of Alderman approved with a pyrotechnicians license. Vote: All ayes.**

**Attorney/legal representation bids/approval:** Mayor Lesesne stated that two bids were received and will be reviewed for an approval at the next council meeting. Bids were received from Williams Robinson Wiggins P.C. and Lauber Municipal Law.

**City Hall copier lease bid approval:** Basham presented bids from Marco and GFI Digital for copier leases at City Hall. Basham reviewed the bids and recommended GFI Digital as it was the cheaper bid. **Motion by Raineri, seconded by Hartzell, to approve the bid from GFI Digital. Vote: All ayes.**

**St. James mutual aid agreement approval:** Mayor Lesesne stated that St. James helped the city with some natural gas issues and agreed that it would be beneficial for the cities to work together in all departments if necessary. City of St. James passed a mutual aid agreement by resolution for signature. The City of Cuba will mirror the agreement for signature also. **Motion by Hartzell, seconded by Mortimeyer, to approve the mutual aid agreement with City of St. James. Vote: All ayes.**

**Street department – approval to close East Main Street between Highway 19 and 20 feet east of the bridge:** Al Monda stated that the bridge on East Main Street is ready to be closed immediately as it is a safety hazard and a notice will be posted. **Motion by Mortimeyer, seconded by Crocker, to approve the closing of East Main Street between Highway 19 and 20 feet east of the bridge. Roll call vote: Hartzell-yes, Crocker-yes, Mortimeyer-yes, Raineri-yes, Rosemann-yes, Bouse-yes.**

**Police Chief report: Nuisance – None**

**Motion by Hartzell, seconded by Mortimeyer, to have the first reading of Bill No. 2218 by caption only. Vote: All ayes.** Garbo read Bill No. 2218 – An ordinance amending Article X, Division 3, Section 24-250 of Chapter 24 of the Cuba City Code relating to utility rates charged for natural gas utility services furnished to residential, commercial and industrial consumers by the City of Cuba, Missouri, pursuant to recommendations made by the natural gas committee of the Board of Aldermen. **Motion by Raineri, seconded by Hartzell, to approve the first reading of Bill No. 2218. Roll call vote: Bouse-yes, Rosemann-yes, Raineri-yes, Mortimeyer-yes, Crocker-yes, Hartzell-yes. Motion by Hartzell, seconded by Crocker to have the second reading of Bill No. 2218. Vote: All ayes.** Garbo read Bill No. 2218 a second time. **Motion by Mortimeyer, seconded by Raineri, to approve the second reading of Bill No. 2218. Roll call vote: Hartzell-yes, Crocker-yes, Mortimeyer-yes, Raineri-yes, Rosemann-yes, Bouse-yes.** Mayor Lesesne declared that Bill No. 2218 becomes General Ordinance 1250 on this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of June 2026.

Hartzell asked what account Michael Montgomery is paid from. Basham stated the general fund. Hartzell asked if they voted to take from park tax fund and Basham replied no it was not required.

Bouse stated that Thursday, June 11, 2026 the Hot Rod Power Tour will be going from St. Louis to Springfield with lots of traffic going through Cuba.

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

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

Guffey stated that the Board of Aldermen met in closed executive session to discuss legal advice – litigation and there were no final actions taken.

**Motion by Hartzell, seconded by Raineri, to adjourn. Vote: All ayes.**

**Lainie Garbo, City Clerk**

