

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CUBA, MISSOURI  
TUESDAY – JUNE 16, 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 Hartzell, seconded by Mortimeyer, to approve the agenda. Vote: All ayes.**

**Citizens participation:**

**Rena Martin – Witches on 66:** Cyndi Mercer and Amy Hendrix presented with Martin being absent an event of Witches on 66. It was stated that the event would be block party style with vendors, music, food trucks, etc. Mercer and Hendrix requested the date of October 3, 2026 from 3 pm – 10 pm and a street closure for the event, Smith Street from School Street to Route 66. It was discussed that the event carry liability insurance and the food trucks will have to have insurance and a business license.

**Motion by Bouse, seconded by Crocker, to approve the Smith Street closure for the Witches on 66 event on October 3, 2026 with provided event liability insurance and food trucks to have insurance and a business license. Vote. All ayes.**

Jackie Hunt shared a story and some history on Viola Alice Hoyer as there was a memorial stone in her memory at Tangle Creek Park. Hunt stated that after some research, the memorial stone is now in the possession of the great grand-daughter.

**Motion by Hartzell, seconded by Raineri, to approve the regular meeting minutes of June 2, 2026. Vote: All ayes.**

**Motion by Mortimeyer, seconded by Rosemann, to approve the executive session meeting minutes of June 2, 2026. Vote: All ayes. Hartzell nay.**

**Motion by Hartzell, seconded by Crocker, to approve the special meeting minutes of June 8, 2026. Vote: All ayes. Bouse abstain.**

**Motion by Mortimeyer, seconded by Crocker, to approve the bills to be paid as presented. Vote: All ayes.**

**Budget revisions as of 06/30/26:** Basham presented the budget revisions (attached). Mortimeyer asked if the new budget projected as many revisions and Basham stated that they will do revisions quarterly to make sure all is on point and that is her recommendation as well as the state audit. **Motion by Mortimeyer, seconded by Rosemann, to approve the budget revisions as of 06/30/26. Roll call vote: Hartzell-yes, Crocker-yes, Mortimeyer-yes, Raineri-yes, Rosemann-yes, Bouse-no.** Bouse does not

think they can buy batteries with capital improvements funds. Basham stated that they are maintenance of something on the depreciation schedule. Mayor Lesesne asked Bouse where the money should come from and he replied another fund and that was why he voted no.

**Discussion/approval of final FY27 budget:** Hartzell stated that she didn't think it was the whole budget being voted on at the special meeting, but just the highlighted items and had some concerns. Mortimeyer stated that he motioned to approve the budget including the highlighted items. Basham presented the final FY27 budget for approval (attached). There was discussion of a hiring and spending freeze. Bouse stated that they are not adding more within the police department, just replacing and that they have to have a police force. Hartzell stated that there are times they will have to rehire a position and Mayor Lesesne stated that depending on the department there is a minimum of employees needed. Hartzell asked how they would protect citizens as a full force is needed 24/7/365. Basham asked what will happen when the city doesn't have the money to pay for the employees they have and if they have to lay off and stated that she can only work with the money that they have. Basham stated that they will have to absorb with attrition and lowering the staff. Crocker stated that there is a K9 grant that would have to be paid back if there is no K9. Basham stated that there is a current employee that could work K9 and can only make the recommendations as she sees fit and asked the council what will happen should the bank account get that low. Raineri stated that they are hearing the bad news but are not doing anything to improve income and asked if they are up to date on rates. Basham stated that they are being worked on currently but can't throw everything out at once and that improvement doesn't happen overnight and all the increased income doesn't go to just the police department. Mayor Lesesne stated that the city is supposed to be capped at a percentage of funds that are transferred and all funds have been used and even the auditors have told the city they need policies in place to prohibit this. Mayor Lesesne stated that the utilities have been raised in increments and annual increments, so they are not raising all at once. Mayor Lesesne stated that they city is committed to the McBride project and others that may require grants so if the city is working on putting policies in place then it is showing some issues are being addressed. Mortimeyer stated that since 2020 the city spent 4.3 million more that they took in and they can't keep doing that. Basham stated that she is not picking on the police department, but it is taking from a fund that can't sustain as they are a large department. Basham stated again, that she looks for cuts that could be made and makes the recommendations as she sees fit for the department. Hartzell asked how many are in the police department currently and PC Shelton replied 10-11 as there is also one injured and they are working with a skeleton crew. PC Shelton stated that it is his job to protect his officers and there are some working by themselves. Hartzell stated that they can't be short three officers. Basham stated that they could cut down to a minimum and the city didn't have to have a K9 before, and questioned why the need now. **Motion by Mortimeyer, seconded by Rosemann, to approve the final FY27 budget as presented. Roll call vote: Bouse-no, Rosemann-yes, Raineri-yes, Mortimeyer-yes, Crocker-no, Hartzell-no. Tie-breaker Mayor Lesesne-yes.**

**Discussion/approval to contract CPA firm to establish financial policies and work with Municipal Advisor:** Mayor Lesesne stated that Christy Mathews, CPA with Busch, Mathews, & Associates, CPA has offered her services pro bono to assist Basham with establishing financial policies and assisting/working

with the Municipal Advisor. As these services are time consuming, it will allow Basham to still do and keep up with the day to day work. Basham and Mathews have spoke and believe it will be a good working collaboration and moving forward. Mayor Lesesne stated that these policies are extensive and for one person to create could take a year if the information is had to write them. The Municipal Advisor advised getting some of these policies and Mathews has wrote numerous in her time. Mayor Lesesne stated that Mathews is originally from Cuba, graduated from Cuba and has family in the area. Mayor Lesesne stated that Mathews will not have access to the computer system as will only be working with Basham. **Motion by Hartzell, seconded by Raineri, to approve the pro bono services from Christy Mathews, CPA with Busch, Mathews, & Associates, CPA to establish financial policies and work with the Municipal Advisor. Vote: All ayes.** Mayor Lesesne stated that a contract is needed and will be presented at the next council meeting.

**Pickleball court project:** Mayor Lesesne thanked Al Monda and the street department for a great job done with the pavement/concrete as some areas had to be reengineered and looks great.

**Discussion/approval of bid for pavilion shades:** Michael Montgomery, PW Supervisor, presented two bids for sun shades.

All Inclusive Rec, LLC bid is for one 24x12 shade, \$8107.48

Barco Products, LLC bid is for two 12x12 shades, \$10,258.00

**Motion by Raineri, seconded by Mortimeyer, to accept the bid from Barco for two 12x12 shades, \$10,258.00. Vote: All ayes.**

**Discussion/approval of Chymiak Family Foundation Pickleball Complex signs:** Bouse stated that the signs need to be advertised for bids. **Motion by Hartzell, seconded by Bouse, to advertise for complex sign bids for two weeks. Vote: All ayes.**

**Discussion/approval of landscape at entrance to pickleball court:** Mayor Lesesne stated that for the entrance of the pickleball courts it was recommended to install 2 inch rock. **Motion by Hartzell, seconded by Crocker, to approve 2 inch rock at the entrance of the pickleball courts. Vote: All ayes.**

**Electric department:**

**Mid-MO Truss transformer discussion/approval of contract:** Mayor Lesesne stated that a contract was presented with the details of Mid-MO Truss purchasing the wrong transformer and paying the difference of the lowest bid and the highest bid to get a correct one in a timely manner. If the council approves the contract then it will be presented to Mid-MO Truss for approval. **Motion by Mortimeyer, seconded by Crocker, to approve the contract with Mid-MO Truss. Vote: All ayes.**

**Underground primary wire bids discussion/approval:** Two bids were presented.

Wesco/Anixter \$10,454.00

Fletcher-Reinhardt Co. \$10,831.06

**Motion by Raineri, seconded by Hartzell, to approve the underground primary wire bid from Wesco/Anixter for \$10,454.00. Vote: All ayes.**

**Planning and Zoning recommendation:**

**Koch Rental Properties, LLC rezoning request R1 to R2 Board of Aldermen public hearing**

**discussion/approval:** Garbo stated that the planning and zoning board held a public hearing for the rezoning request from R1 to R2 on a piece of property on Candlewyck and the recommendation was made to approve moving forward in the process of a Board of Aldermen public hearing. **Motion by Crocker, seconded by Rosemann, to approve moving forward with a Board of Aldermen rezoning hearing. Roll call vote: Hartzell-yes, Crocker-yes, Mortimeyer-yes, Raineri-yes, Rosemann-yes, Bouse-yes.**

**Approval to start a 501c3 for the Police Department:** Garbo stated that this would be an agency partnership like the prior ones set up. PC Shelton stated that the funds would be used for children’s events. Hartzell asked if the funds could be used for anything else and Basham stated the agency is very specific on the use of funds and that the invoices have to be specific. **Motion by Bouse, seconded by Mortimeyer, to approve moving forward with a 501c3 agency partnership for the Police Department. Vote: All ayes.**

**Attorney/legal representation bids/approval:** Bids were received from Lauber Municipal Law and Williams Robinson Wiggins. **Motion by Mortimeyer, seconded by Raineri, to approve the bid from Williams Robinson Wiggins for legal services. Vote: All ayes.**

**Police Chief report:**

**Nuisance report:** None

**Department of Agriculture Animal Control investigative report:** PC Shelton stated that the final investigative report found the animal shelter to be going good and running fine with some minor things to change. The council read the report and agreed all was good. PC Shelton stated that if there were any questions, reach out to Missy Mullally.

**SRO agreement with Cuba School discussion/approval:** PC Shelton presented the council with an agreement with the Crawford County R-II School District for the SRO paying \$3833.33/month. It was stated that this amount will not fully fund an officer but will assist keeping two in the school. **Motion by Raineri, seconded by Hartzell, to approve the SRO agreement for \$3833.33/month with the Crawford County R-II School District. Vote: All ayes.**

**Hiring of K9 Officer position discussion/approval:** PC Shelton stated that they have a K9 grant and need to keep the dog or would have to pay it back and it could be roughly \$16,000. PC Shelton stated that a K9 Officer is something that one has to want to do but is also a road working officer and the applicant Ben Weber is trained and asking for pay of \$52,000/year and K9 recertification should not cost anything. PC Shelton stated that it is a council decision, but officers are working by themselves and if they have to keep doing so could result in losing officers. Mayor Lesesne stated that they would need to know for sure if there is a cost to recertify, discuss the requested start pay and the grant payback costs and timeline. Basham stated the requested start pay was more than budgeted and can not afford the extra

\$6000. Mayor Lesesne recommended tabling the discussion as there are too many unknowns. PC Shelton stated that Weber will not take less than the requested pay. There was discussion of the grant, where the K9 would go if an officer was not hired, and if an additional officer would/could be hired if they approved Weber and where the funds would come from. **Motion by Raineri, seconded by Mortimeyer, to table the discussion. Roll call vote: Bouse=yes, Rosemann=yes, Raineri=yes, Mortimeyer=yes, Crocker=yes, Hartzell=yes.**

PC Shelton stated that the new officer from the academy Brenyn Cyr resigned.

A special meeting to discuss/approve hiring of K9 Officer position was scheduled for June 23, 2026 at 5:30 pm.

Bouse left the meeting.

**Motion by Raineri, seconded by Hartzell, to have the first reading of Bill No. 2219 by caption only. Vote: All ayes. Bouse absent.** Guffey read Bill No. 2219 – 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 Mortimeyer, seconded by Rosemann, to approve the first reading of Bill No. 2219. Roll call vote: Hartzell=yes, Crocker=yes, Mortimeyer=yes, Raineri=yes, Rosemann=yes, Bouse absent. Motion by Hartzell, seconded by Raineri, to have the second reading of Bill No. 2219. Vote: All ayes. Bouse absent.** Guffey read Bill No. 2219 a second time. **Motion by Mortimeyer, seconded by Crocker, to approve the second reading of Bill No. 2219. Roll call vote: Rosemann=yes, Raineri=yes, Mortimeyer=yes, Crocker=yes, Hartzell=yes. Bouse absent.** Mayor Lesesne declared that Bill No. 2219 becomes Special Ordinance 964 on this 16<sup>th</sup> day of June 2026.

**Motion by Rosemann, seconded by Hartzell, to have the first reading of Bill No. 2220 by caption only. Vote: All ayes. Bouse absent.** Guffey read Bill No. 2220 – An ordinance amending Section 210.2210 pertaining to the discharge of fireworks. **Motion by Crocker, seconded by Mortimeyer, to approve the first reading of Bill No. 2220. Roll call vote: Hartzell=yes, Crocker=yes, Mortimeyer=yes, Raineri=yes, Rosemann=yes, Bouse absent. Motion by Hartzell, seconded by Rosemann, to have the second reading of Bill No. 2220. Vote: All ayes. Bouse absent.** Guffey read Bill No. 2220 a second time. **Motion by Mortimeyer, seconded by Raineri, to approve the second reading of Bill No. 2220. Roll call vote: Rosemann=yes, Raineri=yes, Mortimeyer=yes, Crocker=yes, Hartzell=yes. Bouse absent.** Mayor Lesesne declared that Bill No. 2220 becomes General Ordinance 1251 on this 16<sup>th</sup> day of June 2026.

**Motion by Hartzell, seconded by Rosemann, to have the first reading of Bill No. 2221 by caption only. Vote: All ayes. Bouse absent.** Guffey read Bill No. 2221 – An ordinance authorizing the acceptance of the budget for Fiscal Year 2027 of the City of Cuba, Missouri. **Motion by Mortimeyer, seconded by Rosemann, to approve the first reading of Bill No. 2221. Roll call vote: Hartzell=yes, Crocker=yes, Mortimeyer=yes, Raineri=yes, Rosemann=yes, Bouse absent. Motion by Crocker, seconded by Hartzell, to have the second reading of Bill No. 2221. Vote: All ayes. Bouse absent.** Guffey read Bill No. 2221 a

second time. **Motion by Mortimeyer, seconded by Hartzell, to approve the second reading of Bill No. 2221. Roll call vote: Rosemann-yes, Raineri-yes, Mortimeyer-yes, Crocker-yes, Hartzell-yes. Bouse absent.** Mayor Lesesne declared that Bill No. 2221 becomes Special Ordinance 965 on this 16<sup>th</sup> day of June.

**Motion by Raineri, seconded by Rosemann, to have the first reading of Bill No. 2222 by caption only.**

**Vote: All ayes. Bouse absent.** Guffey read Bill No. 2222 – An ordinance amending Section 725.120 of the Cuba City Code amending water rates in the City of Cuba, Missouri, for the purpose of providing funds needed to pay for all expenses associated with construction, installation, operation, maintenance upkeep and repair of the city’s water system. **Motion by Mortimeyer, seconded by Hartzell, to approve the first reading of Bill No. 2222. Roll call vote: Hartzell-yes, Crocker-yes, Mortimeyer-yes, Raineri-yes, Rosemann-yes, Bouse absent.** **Motion by Hartzell, seconded by Raineri, to have the second reading of Bill No. 2222. Vote: All ayes. Bouse absent.** Guffey read Bill No. 2222 a second time.

**Motion by Hartzell, seconded by Mortimeyer, to approve the second reading of Bill No. 2222. Roll call vote: Rosemann-yes, Raineri-yes, Mortimeyer-yes, Crocker-yes, Hartzell-yes. Bouse absent.** Mayor Lesesne declared that Bill No. 2222 becomes General Ordinance 1252 on this 16<sup>th</sup> day of June 2026.

**Motion by Hartzell, seconded by Rosemann, to have the first reading of Bill No. 2223 by caption only.**

**Vote: All ayes. Bouse absent.** Guffey read Bill No. 2223 – An ordinance amending Section 725.110(D) of the Cuba City Code amending the user fees in the City of Cuba, Missouri, for the purpose of providing funds needed to pay for all expenses associated with construction, installation, operation, maintenance, upkeep and repair of the City’s wastewater treatment works. **Motion by Mortimeyer, seconded by Crocker, to approve the first reading of Bill No. 2223. Roll call vote: Hartzell-yes, Crocker-yes, Mortimeyer-yes, Raineri-yes, Rosemann-yes, Bouse absent.** **Motion by Hartzell, seconded by Raineri, to have the second reading of Bill No. 2223. Vote: All ayes. Bouse absent.** Guffey read Bill No. 2223 a second time. **Motion by Crocker, seconded by Mortimeyer, to approve the second reading of Bill No. 2223. Roll call vote: Rosemann-yes, Raineri-yes, Mortimeyer-yes, Crocker-yes, Hartzell-yes. Bouse absent.** Mayor Lesesne declared that Bill No. 2223 becomes General Ordinance 1253 on this 16<sup>th</sup> day of June 2026.

**Motion by Hartzell, seconded by Crocker, to have the reading of Bill No. 2224 by caption only. Vote:**

**All ayes. Bouse absent.** Guffey read Bill No. 2224 – A resolution to approve a mutual aid agreement between the City of Cuba, Missouri and the city of St. James, Missouri. **Motion by Mortimeyer, seconded by Hartzell, to approve the reading of Bill No. 2224. Roll call vote: Hartzell-yes, Crocker-yes, Mortimeyer-yes, Raineri-yes, Rosemann-yes, Bouse absent.** Mayor Lesesne declared that Bill No. 2224 becomes Resolution 06-16 on this 16<sup>th</sup> day of June 2026.

**Motion by Hartzell, seconded by Raineri, to have the first reading of Bill No. 2225 by caption only.**

**Vote: All ayes. Bouse absent.** Guffey read Bill No. 2225 – An ordinance authorizing the Mayor of the City of Cuba, Missouri, on behalf of said city, to enter into a lease agreement with GFI Digital for the lease of a copier and maintenance services. **Motion by Crocker, seconded by Mortimeyer, to approve the first reading of Bill No. 2225. Roll call vote: Rosemann-yes, Raineri-yes, Mortimeyer-yes, Crocker-**

**yes, Hartzell-yes. Bouse absent. Motion by Rosemann, seconded by Hartzell, to have the second reading of Bill No. 2225. Vote: All ayes. Bouse absent.** Guffey read Bill No. 2225 a second time. **Motion by Mortimeyer, seconded by Crocker, to approve the second reading of Bill No. 2225. Roll call vote: Hartzell-yes, Crocker-yes, Mortimeyer-yes, Raineri-yes, Rosemann-yes, Bouse absent.** Mayor Lesesne declared that Bill No. 2225 becomes Special Ordinance 966 on this 16<sup>th</sup> day of June 2026.

**Motion by Crocker, seconded by Hartzell, to have the first reading of Bill No. 2226 by caption only. Vote: All ayes. Bouse absent.** Guffey read Bill No. 2226 – An ordinance authorizing the Mayor of the City of Cuba, Missouri on behalf of the City of Cuba, Missouri to enter into an addendum to the original agreement for a donation from the Chymiak Family foundation to establish a new pickleball complex. **Motion by Mortimeyer, seconded by Hartzell, to approve the first reading of Bill No. 2226. Roll call vote: Rosemann-yes, Raineri-yes, Mortimeyer-yes, Crocker-yes, Hartzell-yes. Bouse absent. Motion by Crocker, seconded by Hartzell, to have the second reading of Bill No. 2226. Vote: All ayes. Bouse absent.** Guffey read Bill No. 2226 a second time. **Motion by Crocker, seconded by Hartzell, to approve the second reading of Bill No. 2226. Roll call vote: Hartzell-yes, Crocker-yes, Mortimeyer-yes, Raineri-yes, Rosemann-yes, Bouse absent.** Mayor Lesesne declared that Bill No. 2226 becomes Special Ordinance 967 on this 16<sup>th</sup> day of June 2026.

Mayor Lesesne stated that the pickleball courts will be opening June 19, 2026. There are a few things to completely finish the project and once all is completed a grand opening will be scheduled.

**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. 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 open regular session. Roll call vote: Rosemann-yes, Raineri-yes, Mortimeyer-yes, Crocker-yes, Hartzell-yes. Bouse absent.**

**Actions taken:**

**Motion by Mortimeyer, seconded by Hartzell, to not release the redacted closed executive session meeting minutes from December 16, 2025. Roll call vote: Hartzell-yes, Crocker-no, Mortimeyer-yes, Raineri-yes, Rosemann-yes. Bouse absent.**

Guffey stated that the Board of Aldermen met in closed executive session to discuss legal advice – litigation and the action was to not release the redacted closed executive session meeting minutes from December 16, 2025 and they shall remain closed.

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

Lainie Garbo, City Clerk

