REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CUBA, MISSOURI
TUESDAY – JULY 21, 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 Captain present: Ben Scharfenberg.

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

Citizens participation: Mayor Lesesne introduced Porter Kimberlin and stated that during the fair, there was an accident where his friend crashed his scooter and Kimberlin was instrumental in assisting and helping doing what all parents hope their child would do to get help. Mayor Lesesne presented an award to Porter Kimberlin to recognize his efforts in helping his friend Danny Mabe. Mayor Lesesne, the council and the audience applauded his helping efforts.

Jeremiah Wilson and Tommy Cox approached the council requesting approval for a firework display at the 2026 Covenant Praise Block Party. Wilson stated that they were aware of the new fireworks policy at events and wanted to take the correct approach for approval. Wilson gave a packet of event information, a pyrotechnician license and stated that they had permission from the Moreland's to use the Sports Complex. Mayor Lesesne asked if the event could be moved to Hood Park as it is bigger and not next to homes. Wilson stated that was not possible for this year, but is the goal for the following year. **Motion by Bouse, seconded by Hartzell, to allow the event with fireworks at Sports Complex on September 19, 2026. Vote: All ayes.**

Motion by Hartzell, seconded by Mortimeyer, to approve the regular meeting minutes from July 7, 2026. Vote: All ayes.

Bills to be paid: Bouse asked if the city was still showing in the red and Mayor Lesesne stated only in the general fund but there is money in the bank to pay bills. **Motion by Bouse, seconded by Raineri, to approve the bills to be paid. Vote: All ayes.**

Mayors appointment – Ben Scharfenberg to Assistant City Marshal/Assistant Chief of Police: Hartzell asked if they had to have the assistant. Guffey stated it is not required by state law. Mayor Lesesne stated it is required by ordinance and read the ordinance. Mayor Lesesne stated that he spoke with PC Doug Shelton and Scharfenberg is already performing the functions but prefers the title Captain. Hartzell asked if they could change the ordinance as they don't need that title and was from a long time ago and Bouse asked if it could be disbanded. Guffey stated that if there is an ordinance then they are not in compliance and stated that if they choose to make changes, then it needs to be put on the next agenda. Mayor Lesesne stated that the agenda was out and the council knew about the discussion but received no feedback prior to the meeting. **Motion by Bouse, seconded by Hartzell, to table until the**

next meeting. ***motion rescinded Mayor Lesesne asked if they were choosing to not abide by the ordinance. Guffey stated that if they intend to change the ordinance then they would have to vote down the appointment and have the discussion of what to do. **Mayor Lesesne made the appointment of Ben Scharfenberg to Assistant City Marshal/Assistant Chief of Police. Roll call vote: Hartzell-no, Crocker-no, Mortimeyer-no, Raineri-no, Rosemann-no, Bouse-no.**

Mayor Lesesne vetoed the motion as there is an ordinance that requires the position to be appointed and to change the ordinance, it has to be done the correct way and would have to be voted to change at the next meeting. Guffey clarified that the Mayor can not veto the appointment vote.

Mayors appointments – planning and zoning members: Mayor Lesesne re-appointed Randy Tiner and Becky Ness to the planning and zoning committee with their terms expiring on July 21, 2030. **Motion by Mortimeyer, seconded by Hartzell, to approve the appointments. Vote: All ayes.**

Socket Fiber discussion/approval: Kurt Bruemmer stated that they approached the city to build a fiber internet service line and need the ability to attach to the pole with an agreement. Andy Simpson provided an agreement currently being used with another company that would work once updated. The updated agreement will be presented at the next council meeting. **Motion by Mortimeyer, seconded by Hartzell, to approve moving forward with a pole attachment agreement with Socket Fiber. Vote: All ayes.**

Lien release on 608 Crestview discussion/approval: Michael Montgomery, PW Supervisor, stated that this lien was filed back in 1961 and after speaking to Bob Baldwin the lien amount of $100 was paid through building permits and was fulfilled. It was requested to release the lien on 608 Crestview. **Motion by Bouse, seconded by Hartzell, to approve the lien release on 608 Crestview. Vote: All ayes.**

6 month financial statement discussion/approval: Jennifer Basham presented the 6 month financial statement that according to ordinance needs approval then published in the newspaper. **Motion by Raineri, seconded by Mortimeyer, to approve the 6 month financial statement. Vote: All ayes.**

Street department – Street repair bids: Al Monda, street supervisor, stated that one bid was received from NB West Contracting for $395,012.50 higher than what was budgeted. Basham stated that they can check to see if more capital can be used or they would have to rebudget, recommending looking at the options and revisiting at the next meeting. Mayor Lesesne also recommended to look at the budget and revisit. **Motion by Mortimeyer, seconded by Crocker, to table and revisit. Roll call vote: Bouse-yes, Rosemann-yes, Raineri-yes, Mortimeyer-yes, Crocker-yes, Hartzell-yes.**

City of Cuba Emergency Management Plan discussion/approval: Mayor Lesesne stated that the city has an ordinance requiring a sworn in emergency director position appointed by the Mayor and read the ordinance. Mayor Lesesne stated that the current plan has not been updated since 2012 and the county is in the process of redoing theirs, so the city's will mirror the counties updated plan. Mayor Lesesne stated that the appointment will be for an emergency management director position that will not operate warming or colling centers or the sirens. Mayor Lesesne made the recommendation of Michael Montgomery for the position with the pay of $6000/year as a separate salary and asked the council to consider the recommendation. **Motion by Bouse, seconded by Hartzell, to approve the recommendation of Michael Montgomery as the Emergency Management Director with pay of $6000/year. Roll call vote: Hartzell-yes, Crocker-yes, Mortimeyer-yes, Raineri-yes, Rosemann-yes, Bouse-yes.**

Garbo swore in Montgomery to the position.

Promulgation statement discussion/approval: Mayor Lesesne read the promulgation statement and stated that all aldermen are required to sign and then it will be updated in the emergency action plan that is kept in the City Clerk's office. It was discussed that a committee is needed for the Emergency Management Director and Raineri and Bouse would like to serve on the committee. Mayor Lesesne stated that one side of the building is being worked on and cleaned, then the committee can get together to discuss what is needed.

Pickleball court monument sign bids discussion/approval: Mayor Lesesne stated that three bids were requested and one was received.
Rock Ranch Monuments $2400.00
Motion by Bouse, seconded by Hartzell, to accept the bid from Rock Ranch Monuments for $2400.00. Vote: All ayes.

Food truck policy discussion/approval: Tabled. Todd Honea, All American Food Company, offered some recommendations for license fees and there was discussion of other towns, events and suggestions for consideration.

Police Chief report:
Nuisance report: None

K9 assigned to Mark Friedmann discussion/approval: Mayor Lesesne stated that he met with PC Shelton and Friedmann regarding the K9 and Friedmann agreed to have the K9 assigned to him. It will require 4 weeks of training costing $2000.00, hotels and food. **Motion by Bouse, seconded by Hartzell, to approve appointing the K9 to Mark Friedmann. Vote: All ayes.**

Motion by Raineri, seconded by Hartzell, to have the first reading of Bill No. 2230 by caption only. Vote: All ayes. Guffey read Bill No. 2230 – An ordinance authorizing the Mayor of the city of Cuba, Missouri, on behalf of said city, to enter into an agreement with Utility Safety & Design, Inc (USDI) for mapping and compliance services required for the operation of the natural gas system. **Motion by Crocker, seconded by Mortimeyer, to approve the first reading of Bill No. 2230. Roll call vote: Hartzell-yes, Crocker-yes, Mortimeyer-yes, Raineri-yes, Rosemann-yes, Bouse-yes. Motion by Raineri, seconded by Rosemann, to have the second reading of Bill No. 2230. Vote: All ayes.** Guffey read Bill No. 2230 a second time. **Motion by Mortimeyer, seconded by Crocker, to approve the second reading**

of Bill No. 2230. Roll call vote: Bouse-yes, Rosemann-yes, Raineri-yes, Mortimeyer-yes, Crocker-yes, Hartzell-yes. Mayor Lesesne declared that Bill No. 2230 becomes Special Ordinance 971 this 21st day of July 2026.

Motion by Hartzell, seconded by Rosemann, to have the first reading of Bill No. 2231 by caption only. Vote: All ayes. Guffey read Bill No. 2231 – An ordinance approving the 2027 fiscal year wages and salaries for employees of the City of Cuba, Missouri, as provided for in the city's 2027 fiscal budget. **Motion by Crocker, seconded by Hartzell, to approve the first reading of Bill No. 2231. Roll call vote: Hartzell-yes, Crocker-yes, Mortimeyer-yes, Raineri-yes, Rosemann-yes, Bouse-yes. Motion by Raineri, seconded by Hartzell, to have the second reading of Bill No. 2231. Vote: All ayes.** Guffey read Bill No. 2231 a second time. **Motion by Hartzell, seconded by Crocker, to approve the second reading of Bill No. 2231. Roll call vote: Bouse-yes, Rosemann-yes, Raineri-yes, Mortimeyer-yes, Crocker-yes, Hartzell-yes.** Mayor Lesesne declared that Bill No. 2231 becomes Special Ordinance 972 on theis 21st day of July 2026.

Rosemann asked about the surplus action items and it was stated that the bids close at 4:00 p.m. on July 21, 2026.

Bouse asked about billing of the electric during the fair and all the meters involved. There was discussion of electric usage in the parks and how to manage. Jessica Baker, utility manager, will get with the electric department to discuss.

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Motion by Rosemann, seconded by Mortimeyer, 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-yes.

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

Lainie Garbo, City Clerk