

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF CUBA, MISSOURI
TUESDAY – DECEMBER 9, 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, Richard Hewkin, Jeff Bouse. Attorney present: Emily Guffey. Police Chief present: Doug Shelton.

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

Mayor Copling stated that the city supports the kids sports programs and all do a great job running the programs.

Cuba Sports Complex field agreement: Joe and Jennifer Moreland with Cuba Ball Program. **Motion by Bouse, seconded by Lesesne, to approve to enter into a field contract with the Cuba Ball Program. Roll call vote: Bouse-yes, Hewkin-yes, Halbert-yes, Mortimeyer-yes, Lesesne-yes, Hartzell-yes.**

Hood Park soccer field agreement: Amy Hendrix with Cuba Soccer Association. Hendrix just wanted to make sure nobody could come in and take the program over as they have invested their time over the years. It was discussed that the agreement will be reviewed and terms negotiated before signatures and approval. **Motion by Bouse, seconded by Mortimeyer, to approve a field contract with Cuba Soccer Association. Roll call vote: Hartzell-yes, Lesesne-yes, Mortimeyer-yes, Halbert-yes, Hewkin-yes, Bouse-yes.**

Hood Park football field agreement:

Cuba Youth Football (CYF): Aimee Jones asked the council for the field agreement.

Mayor Copling asked if there was any way the two football groups could compromise as he wants all kids to play and possibly give both groups the field. Jones stated that yes, they are willing to compromise. Jones stated that their group started in 2004 but she has had the 501c3 since 2022. Jones asked the council to renew their agreement as they do have the 4 rivers league and would like the field to play games on. The other group is a newly formed group and would be allowed to come in and undercut their program and asked for that not to happen as the soccer group asked.

Crawford County Youth Football (CCYF): Ciara Kitchen asked the council for the field agreement.

Kitchen stated that their 501c3 was approved 11/18/25 and their organization was formed because parents came to her with issues within CYF and they were getting no answers or help leading them to form a new group and approaching the council every meeting since then. Lesesne asked if their group would charge and entry fee. Kitchen responded no. Lesesne asked how CCYF would fund their program. Kitchen stated with fundraising and their concessions.

Lesesne stated for both programs that our football teams are struggling in high school and asked if they would be willing to invite the high school coaches to assist so they have the basics for the transition. Jones stated that they have contacted and talked with Coach Cason from high school. Kitchen has also talked to Coach Cason, Coach Dace, and a coach from Steellville.

Mortimeyer stated that they should not be there trying to figure the leagues problems and can only offer an agreement for the use of the field. Mayor Copling stated that there is only one field and asked again if the two groups could work together for the kids.

Kitchen does not think it can be worked out because of things that have taken place with the other program.

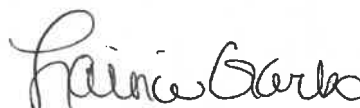
Motion by Bouse, seconded by Lesesne, to approve a field agreement with Crawford County Youth Football. Roll call vote: Bouse-yes, Hewkin-yes, Halbert-yes, Mortimeyer-yes, Lesesne-yes, Hartzell-yes.

Police Department:

Josh Smith submitted his resignation. **Motion by Bouse, seconded by Mortimeyer, to accept the resignation of Josh Smith. Vote: All ayes.**

PC Shelton proposed a sponsorship employee that will attend the police academy. The next class is January 5, 2025 and the last day to sign up is December 29, 2025. PC Shelton asked the council to think about the proposal as they hire, pay a salary, and send them to the academy which will start their contract and if not fulfilled then they will have to refund anything paid. It was asked how much the sponsorship was. PC Shelton stated the city pays the salary and the tuition is \$5000 with a scholarship. It was asked if PC Shelton spoke with Basham and if there was funding, PC Shelton said yes. **Motion by Bouse, seconded by Lesesne, to approve moving forward with the program. Roll call vote: Hartzell-yes, Lesesne-yes, Mortimeyer-yes, Halbert-yes, Hewkin-yes, Bouse-yes.**

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



Lainie Garbo
City Clerk

