

**MINUTES
BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2016**

CALL TO ORDER. Mayor Luke Davis called the regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen to order at 6:00 PM on Thursday, December 15, 2016 at the Fremont Hills Country Club, 1953 Fremont Hills Drive, Nixa, MO.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. The pledge of allegiance was recited.

ROLL CALL. Jeanette Curtiss, City Clerk/Finance Officer called the roll—a quorum was present.

Luke Davis, Mayor	Present		
Ann Littell Mills, Alderman Ward 1	Present	Kevin Jansen, Alderman Ward 1	Present
Bud Addington, Alderman Ward 2	Present	Kerry Nelson, Alderman Ward 2	Absent
Alisa Lowry, Alderman Ward 3	Absent	Randy West, Alderman Ward 3	Present

Guests: Connie DeVita, Leslie Robinson and Ruth Benedett

City Officials Present: Matt Growcock, City Attorney; Scott Christensen, Project Manager and Jeanette Curtiss, City Clerk/Finance Officer.

OPEN FLOOR TO VISITORS*. No comments from visitors.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Approval of November 17, 2016, Regular Meeting Minutes. A motion to approve the November 17, 2016 regular meeting minutes as written was made by Ann Littell Mills, with Randy West seconding the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Approval of Treasurers Report and Expenses To Be Paid. Jeanette Curtiss presented the Treasurers Report and expenses to be paid from the general fund of \$15,550.30 (plus an additional expense just received from Ozark Water for \$37.55) and sewer fund of \$24,290.05 (plus an additional expense—Ozark Water--\$18.75). A motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report and expenses to be paid was made by Ann Littell Mills, with Kevin Jansen seconding the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Resolution #198-2016 Amending the 2016 Budget to Actual Expenses. A motion to approve Resolution #198-2016 amending the 2016 budget to actual expenses was made by Randy West, with Bud Addington seconding the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Resolution #199-2016 Adopting the 2017 Budget. Jeanette Curtiss recommended an additional \$2,500 be added to the miscellaneous expenses category (\$1,875 general fund/\$625 sewer fund) for the anniversary expenses that were approved at the November meeting. A motion to approve Resolution #199-2016, adopting the 2017 budget with the recommended change, was made by Ann Littell Mills, with Bud Addington seconding the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

2011 Street Resurfacing. The six-month renewal of the 2011 street resurfacing loan will be the latter part of December—the interest rate will be 2% above the CD rate, which secures the loan. A motion to renew the 2011 street resurfacing loan for an additional six months was made by Kevin Jansen, with Bud Addington seconding the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

Planning and Zoning. Scott Christensen reported that construction has slowed down considerably—no meetings this month.

Sewer. Scott Christensen reported that our plant operator is working on replacing the security lights at the WWTP with LED lights (estimating \$400 each—2 lights). DNR requires 7 tests of the effluent from the plant—there are only 2 certified companies in the area that perform such tests. The plant operator would like to give the newest company a try starting next year—hope to get faster results and at a 30% lower cost.

Beautification. No report.

Streets

Stormwater. Scott Christensen presented a conceptual plan prepared by Shaffer & Hines that would address stormwater issues throughout the city. Construction costs were strong. Projects are independent of one another. The board was asked to review the plan for discussion and to prioritize projects. There is a Springfield contact that may have some grant money available for such projects—20% city match.

City Hall Plan Update. Luke Davis reported that the city hall subcommittee met on December 7 and discussed several options--exploring further development in the Cassidy Addition, working with the club and discussed looking at this issue on a short-term solution (60-90 day window) and long-term range. Scott Christensen talked with a resident on available rental property (800-900 sf office with own restroom--on lower level at \$800 per month/upstairs rental space is 3,500 sf with 3 restrooms--they would be aggressive with pricing for the city). We are still not 100% sure whether a city hall office can be put outside our city limits. Bud Addington stated that the church is looking at a 15,000 sf addition—in the process of acquiring approval from headquarters. Luke Davis met with Jay Wasson and John Morrison and discussed the possibility of encouraging a developer to build a “city center” and carve out space for a city hall. Randy West and Luke Davis were on the agenda for the FHCC meeting on Dec. 12—their board was open and listening to our concerns (their board was open to non-members coming into office space for visibility)--negative comments were don’t want to give up property or space. Randy and Luke are going back to their January meeting to get feedback from the club. Commercial lot consideration would be a lease with option to buy.

OLD BUSINESS

Natural Gas Installation—Progress Report. Scott Christensen reported that MGE is working at the club entrance and heading up Interlochen and will then branch off to Oakmont. West side of city is live—no exact count yet on the number of connections. The curb removed at the club entrance will be replaced.

Zip Code. Ann Littell Mills reported we will not get a unique zip code, but we are approved for the address: Fremont Hills, MO, 65714. We will get this information out to residents.

New City Logo. No report.

30 Year Anniversary Celebration. Ann Littell Mills reported the club will be closed the last week in January (beginning January 23)—January 14 was the very first meeting date for the city. The plan is to send out invitations to residents the first of the year—dates selected in order of preference were Sunday afternoon, January 22, or Friday evening, January 20—Ann Littell Mills will check with the club to see if they have a date preference. The invitations will ask for an RSVP.

Declaration of Candidacy. Jeanette Curtiss reported that the opening date for filing was Tuesday, December 13 and the closing date is Tuesday, January 17. The 3 incumbents—Kevin Jansen, Kerry Nelson and Randy West have indicated they will run for office. No one has filed as of meeting date.

NEW BUSINESS

Fremont Hills Lifestyle Magazine. Jeanette Curtiss met with Jennifer White, who is with the Fremont Hills Lifestyle Magazine. She would like to give the city a ½ page to full page section in the magazine for “city news”, free of charge. She would also like to cover our anniversary in January (for a February publication) and start a section on “Meet Your City Officials” in March (starting with the mayor—feature one person a month). Fremont Hills residents, who are business owners, and not-for-profit organizations like the church, would get a free article. Jennifer White would like to get updated resident name/address information from the city—Matt Growcock will research whether we should give out this kind of an address list (the address list they used was given to them by the Williams family/from a residential directory). The county should be able to provide them with a current address list.

County Sales Tax Distribution For Roads. Scott Christensen reported that we just received the application for the county sales tax revenue distributions (it’s distributed to 6 cities and 6 road districts). Eleven of the 12 entities submitted projects last year—we are requesting 2 projects for 2017--\$39,000 for debt service and \$190,000 for the final phase of our street resurfacing (1.25 miles of resurfacing for 2017). The cost per mile is higher as it is harder to work the equipment in the cul de sacs.

ADJOURNMENT. A motion to adjourn was made by Bud Addington, with Kevin Jansen seconding the motion. The motion was unanimously approved and the meeting adjourned at 7:24 PM.

CITY OF FREMONT HILLS

By: _____

Luke Davis, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jeanette Curtiss, City Clerk/Finance Officer