

**MINUTES
BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING
THURSDAY, MARCH 16, 2017**

CALL TO ORDER. Mayor Luke Davis called the regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen to order at 6:06 PM on Thursday, March 16, 2017 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	Absent
Bud Addington, Alderman Ward 2	Present	Kerry Nelson, Alderman Ward 2	Present
Alisa Lowry, Alderman Ward 3	Absent	Randy West, Alderman Ward 3	Present

Guests: Brian Bennett/Fremont Hills Country Club, Mike Hayward/Empire District Electric, Jennifer White/Fremont Hills Lifestyle Magazine, Residents Ruth Benedett, Sean and Deb O’Connell, Valerie Stadnik and Bernie Tellez.

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

OPEN FLOOR TO VISITORS*. Ruth Benedett addressed the board about the recent Springfield Business Journal article on the new city hall building; she asked if the city submitted the article. Mayor Davis informed those in attendance that the City did not submit the article to the Springfield Business Journal. Valerie Stadnik inquired about the stormwater plan for the community.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Approval of February 16, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes. A motion to approve the February 16, 2017 regular meeting minutes as written was made by Kerry Nelson, with Ann Littell Mills seconding the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Approval of Treasurer’s Report and Expenses to be Paid. Jeanette Curtiss presented the Treasurer’s Report and expenses to be paid of \$16,763.11 (plus \$37.55 to Ozark Water) from the general fund and \$21,406.69 (plus \$22.22 to Ozark Water) from the sewer fund—the Ozark Water invoices were not on the report given to the board as they were just received in the mail today. A motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report and expenses to be paid, plus the Ozark Water expenses, was made by Ann Littell Mills, with Kerry Nelson seconding the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Bill #289-2017/Ordinance #289-2017 County Tax Share For Roads. The City was approved for \$114,000, or 60% of our street resurfacing request, and 0% of our debt service request of \$39,000, from the county’s tax share program for roads. Bill #289-2017 was read by title only on the first reading. A motion to approve Bill #289-2017 by title only was made by Randy West, with Ann Littell Mills seconding the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote with the ayes being: Bud Addington, Ann Littell Mills, Kerry Nelson and Randy West—there were no nay votes. A motion to dispense with the second reading of Bill #289-2017 was made by Randy West, with Kerry Nelson seconding the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote with the ayes being: Bud Addington, Ann Littell Mills, Kerry Nelson and Randy West—there were no nay votes. A motion to adopt Bill #289-2017 as Ordinance #289-2017 was made by Ann Littell Mills, with Randy West

seconding the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote with the ayes being: Budd Addington, Ann Littell Mills, Kerry Nelson and Randy West—there were no nay votes.

Bill #290-2017/Ordinance #290-2017 Empire District Electric Municipal Electric Service Agreement. Mike Hayward, Business and Community Development Manager for Empire District Electric, provided background information on the Municipal Electric Service Agreement. Electric rates are set by the Public Service Commission—this agreement is a 10 year renewal for street lighting services. The Board had a copy of the ordinance prior to the meeting. A motion to approve Bill #290-2017 by title only was made by Kerry Nelson, with Bud Addington seconding the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote with the ayes being: Bud Addington, Ann Littell Mills, Kerry Nelson and Randy West—there were no nay votes. The bill has to be on file with the city for 30 days prior to the final adoption--the final reading will take place at the April 20 meeting.

Contract Extension for Mowing and Landscaping Services. Scapes agreed to extend their mowing and landscaping services contract through the end of 2017 at the same rates. A motion to approve the contract extension with Scapes for 2017 was made by Bud Addington, with Randy West seconding the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

Planning and Zoning

Review of Codes for Exterior Building Materials—Scott Christensen reported that the P & Z Commission will be looking at revising/better defining exterior materials that can be used in home construction—in addition to brick/stucco/stone, our codes say wood/copper/high quality materials can be used on 10% of the home exterior. We have currently been permitting hardie board/cement board on a home's second level—easier to install, particularly in the case of dormers.

Landscaping Guidelines—Scott Christensen reported that the P & Z Commission will better define guidelines for landscaping (they currently are very vague--a landscaping plan is a required plan with the new construction application). The Commission will look at foundation planting size, type, number, etc. in the ordinance.

Sewer

Contact Repair at WWTP. Scott Christensen reported the sludge pump shut down and the problem was isolated to wiring running to the control building (a short in the line—the main panel was arcing). A rep from the system manufacturer came on site and discovered the ladder logic programming in the system had additional issues (flow clock not tripping quickly, dissolving oxygen timing not correct, etc.) and reset those other issues. We may have Integrated Controls make periodic checks on the system. The air conditioner needed in the control panel is no longer working (may look at venting the panel with an external unit), and we need a different type of surge protector. These will be future repairs to the system.

Beautification

Tree Removal on Winged Foot Drive. The two dead trees along the fence/west end of Winged Foot Drive will be scheduled for removal by Mike's Tree Service.

Streets

Stormwater Master Plan 2017 Projects. Randy West reported that the stormwater subcommittee met earlier this week and discussed the stormwater master plan presented by Shaffer & Hines. We looked at balancing impact to residents from street runoff onto private property first, then budget—four areas were identified as a higher priority (Shaffer & Hines projects #1, #5, #8 & #9). \$25,000 is budgeted for stormwater improvements in 2017—considering #8 & #9 for this year's budget and next year budget to complete the others. We would like to talk to the engineers on specifics on these four projects before making a final decision and will table at this time for more research. These are prevailing wage projects.

2017 Street Resurfacing Projects. Scott Christensen reported that the bid specs have been completed, and the ad will be published with a due date of April 19. This is phase 3 of our three year project.

City Hall Plan Update

Short-term Plan for Rental Space. Luke Davis reported that the Fremont Hills Country Club has been discussing infill to their existing building to provide for leased office space—they are currently getting pricing on the infill.

OLD BUSINESS

Natural Gas Installation—Progress Report. Scott Christensen reported that MGE is currently working on the west end of Winged Foot Drive and will be picking up the cul de sacs and east end of the city next. MGE will probably be finished in another 90 days.

New City Logo. Topic tabled until next meeting--Alisa Lowry was not in attendance.

Fremont Hills Lifestyle Magazine—Jennifer White, publisher of the Fremont Hills Lifestyle Magazine answered questions of the board regarding the intent of the magazine. She indicated other cities have this type of publication, and there are 1,000 similar publications nationwide. The magazine is funded by the sponsors who advertise in the publication. The Board expressed concern that this is perceived by residents as a city publication—it is not a city publication.

NEW BUSINESS

Sawgrass Traffic—Discuss Installation of Speed Bumps. Luke Davis reported receiving comments from concerned residents about northbound Fremont Road traffic cutting through Sawgrass to avoid the light (they are heading west). After general discussion, the Board was not in favor of installing speed bumps. We will post a speed limit signs (if none are on Sawgrass) and make officers aware of complaint and have them watch this area.

Republic Services Yard Waste Program Change. Republic Services changed their yard waste program this year, based on requests from our residents. They will now be able to take Christmas trees and limbs. The cost is \$192. With there being several residents who go south for the winter, we asked if they would also consider offering a seasonal program—we have yet to hear back from our rep on this request. A mailer on the new program was just mailed to those who currently utilize their yard waste services.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn was made by Ann Littell Mills, with Kerry Nelson seconding the motion. The motion was unanimously approved and the meeting adjourned at 7:17 PM.

CITY OF FREMONT HILLS

By: _____

Luke Davis, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jeanette Curtiss, City Clerk/Finance Officer