

**BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2022**

CALL TO ORDER. Mayor Luke Davis called the regular semi-monthly meeting of the Board of Aldermen to order at 6:00 PM on Thursday, February 17, 2022, at the Fremont Hills Country Club, 1953 Fremont Hills Drive, Fremont Hills, MO.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. The pledge of allegiance was recited.

ROLL CALL. Kay O'Neill, City Clerk/Finance Officer called the roll—a quorum was present.

Luke Davis, Mayor	Present		
Damon Mills, Alderman Ward 1	Present	Sunthosh Parvathaneni, Alderman Ward 1	Present
Talyia Leeper, Alderwoman Ward 2	Present	Kerry Nelson, Alderman Ward 2	Absent
Alisa Lowry, Alderwoman Ward 3	Present	Randy West, Alderman Ward 3	Present

Guests: Resident, Ruth Benedett

City Officials: Dale Batson/Project Manager, Kay O'Neill/City Clerk/Finance Officers

OPEN FLOOR TO VISITORS*

No comments to come before the board.

AGENDA

ITEMS FOR APPROVAL

Approval of January 20, 2022, Regular Meeting Minutes (Davis)

A motion to approve the January 20, 2022, regular meeting minutes was made by Leeper, with West seconding the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Approval of January 20, 2022, Closed Session Meeting Minutes (Davis)

A motion to approve the January 20, 2022, closed session meeting minutes was made by West, with Leeper seconding the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Approval of February 3, 2022, Regular Meeting Minutes (Davis)

A motion to approve the February 3, 2022, regular meeting minutes was made by Mills, with Leeper seconding the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Approval of February 3, 2022, Closed Session Meeting Minutes (Davis)

A motion to approve the February 3, 2022, closed session meeting minutes was made by Leeper, with Mills seconding the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Approval of Treasurer's Report and Expenses to be Paid (O'Neill)

A motion to approve the treasurer's report and expenses to be paid of \$21,005.11/general fund and \$18,871.16/sewer fund was made by West, with Leeper seconding the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Resolution No. 245-2022 Authorizing Destruction of City Records (O'Neill)

The records proposed to be destroyed were attached with the resolution and made a part of the board packet.

A motion to approve Resolution #245-2022 was made by West, with Leeper seconding the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Citywide Fiber (Mills)

Brandon from Net Vision reported that they are currently installing on Congressional Circle. They anticipate fiber being installed to three to four homes per day going forward. They were held up due to their boring machine being down—they will get that back on Monday or Tuesday. They are currently boring south of Merion Drive and are laying 1500 feet per day.

Cassidy Guardhouse Construction Project (Batson)

Construction progress has slowed due to the weather. If temperatures are favorable next week, they will continue with the block work. The guardhouse should be finished by the end of March or beginning of April if everything goes well. Batson met with the Beautification Committee to discuss the landscape plan—the plan was sent to Jon at Scapes to obtain an estimate. The landscaping was not sent out for bid due to Scapes being our current contractor. Davis will confirm with Growcock if we can use Scapes or if it needs to be sent out for bid.

Parvathaneni entered the meeting at this time.

CWERG Engineering Update (Batson)

At the last board meeting, GRE presented the facility plan which included cost estimates for three proposals to reduce I&I (the project cost proposals were made a part of the board packet). Alternative 3 included smoke testing at a cost of \$14,000. Batson recommended we purchase the smoke equipment (\$2,600) and smoke bombs (\$6 each) and conduct the testing ourselves to conserve funds—we should be smoke testing a minimum of every three years. Manhole testing was proposed at \$8,000—we could investigate manholes ourselves by renting equipment at \$100 per day. We can also purchase sewer pipe caps to replace them as needed and ripcord fans for the manholes.

Batson asked Rob Dyer to provide effluent flow totals which were obtained using a Doppler system and taken during the same timeframe of GRE's testing. The results show that the numbers from GRE do not correlate with our numbers (this information was made a part of the board packet).

GRE needs to submit the facility plan to DNR, and we need to submit a good faith proposal to DNR to show that we are going to take on projects to address these issues. Batson recommends we report that we are working on drainage areas 2 and 10. We can submit the smoke testing results to DNR next year as part of our good faith effort. We need to make improvements now to avoid DNR informing us that we are not doing enough to correct the I&I issues.

Batson recommended we go after some DNR money by doing a 20% match—GRE would assist with the application with the understanding that we would use them for the engineering portion. Batson will find out what they charge for assisting with the grant and what the deadline is for submitting the application.

Security (Davis)

The police services activity log was made a part of the board packet. If a more detailed activity report is obtained, that information will be emailed to the board or Nelson will report on this at the next meeting.

Security Camera Upgrade Options (Parvathaneni)

Parvathaneni feels that the Flock Safety system is a good opportunity for our city to get up-to-date technology. Flock will replace the devices if they are damaged, the system is spread across other municipalities so there is greater effectiveness, and it is an extra layer of protection in addition to the police services.

Davis stated that the current camera system is antiquated, NetWatch does not know the system, and some of the cameras do not work. The NetWatch contract is \$900 per year and \$125 per hour to pull footage. The cost for Flock Safety is \$2,500 per camera per year, with a \$250 installation fee per camera. Connectivity at each location would be provided for free by Net Vision. Our security budget is \$15,000, and we are paying Christian County \$7,500. We have enough left to purchase the equipment with our current budget. If the board wants to move forward, we will take Flock around the city to discuss final cost and product placement. Parvathaneni will email Lisa from Flock. They will need to provide a quote, and we will need to put the project out for bid.

City Signs (Batson)

The Beatification Committee met this morning to discuss sign locations—these locations were presented to the board. If we decide to go with a two-sided sign at each location, we will be over budget. It was suggested that we look at the possibility of having a centered, two-sided sign for the Fremont Hills Drive entrance. Batson will go back to Signature Streetscapes to get more seasonal designs as well as a season neutral design. He will bring those options to the Beautification Committee and present them to the board.

ADJOURN:

A motion to adjourn was made by Leeper, with Mills seconding the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 7:46 PM.

CITY OF FREMONT HILLS

By: _____

Luke Davis, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kay O’Neill, City Clerk/Finance Officer