

**BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING
THURSDAY, APRIL 21, 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, April 21, 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	Absent
Talyia Leeper, Alderwoman Ward 2	Present	Kerry Nelson, Alderman Ward 2	Present
Alisa Lowry, Alderwoman Ward 3	Present	Randy West, Alderman Ward 3	Present

Guests: Ruth Benedett, Resident

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 March 17, 2022, Regular Meeting Minutes (Davis)

A motion to approve the March 17, 2022, regular meeting minutes was made by Nelson, with Mills seconding the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Approval of March 17, 2022, Closed Session Meeting Minutes (Davis)

A motion to approve the March 17, 2022, closed session meeting minutes was made by Leeper, with Lowry seconding the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Approval of April 7, 2022, Regular Meeting Minutes (Davis)

A motion to approve the April 7, 2022, regular meeting minutes was made by Nelson, with Leeper seconding the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Approval of April 7, 2022, Closed Session Meeting Minutes (Davis)

A motion to approve the April 7, 2022, closed session meeting minutes was made by Lowry, 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 \$47,605.27/general fund and \$22,783.65/sewer fund was made by Nelson, with Leeper seconding the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Bill #340-2022/Ordinance #340-2022 Authorizing Mayor to Sign Contract with Scapes Lawncare & Landscaping for Completion of Cassidy Landscape Project (O'Neill)

This bill was made a part of the board packet. Bill #340-2022 was read in its entirety on the first reading. A motion to approve Bill #340-2022 on the first reading was made by Mills, with West

seconding the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote with the ayes being: Leeper, Lowry, Mills, Nelson, and West—there were no nay votes. A motion to dispense with the second reading of Bill #340-2022 was made by Nelson, with Leeper seconding the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote with the ayes being: Leeper, Lowry, Mills, Nelson, and West—there were no nay votes. A motion to adopt Bill #340-2022 as Ordinance #340-2022 was made by Leeper, with Lowry seconding the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote with the ayes being: Leeper, Lowry, Mills, Nelson, and West—there were no nay votes.

Bill #341-2022/Ordinance #341-2022 Election Results Certification (O’Neill)

Bill #341-2022 was made a part of the board packet. Bill #341-2022, declaring the April 5, 2022, election results was read in its entirety on the first reading. A motion to approve Bill #341-2022 was made by West, with Nelson seconding the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote with the ayes being: Leeper, Lowry, Mills, Nelson, and West—there were no nay votes. A motion to dispense with the second reading of Bill #341-2022 was made by Nelson, with Mills seconding the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote with the ayes being: Leeper, Lowry, Mills, Nelson, and West—there were no nay votes. A motion to adopt Bill #341-2022 as Ordinance #341-2022, declaring election results, was made by West, with Mills seconding the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote with the ayes being: Leeper, Lowry, Mills, Nelson, and West—there were no nay votes.

Oaths of Office for Newly-Elected Officials (O’Neill)

Luke Davis, Talyia Leeper, Alisa Lowry, and Damon Mills took their oaths of office.

OLD BUSINESS

Citywide Fiber (Mills)

Brandon from Net Vision will be attending the May 5 meeting to present an update to the board. Batson reported that Net Vision is running into performance problems—they purchased 300 routers which will not get them to 1 gig, so this will require a firmware update, and they currently do not have installers. They are continuing with the backbone, with 1300 feet being laid per week. Residents who now have service will be charged the minimum package rate. There are currently 23 subscribers.

Flock Security Camera Update (Batson)

Batson spoke with Lisa from Flock Safety about the pole placement for the camera at the Cassidy entrance. The electrical box will be placed at the bottom of the pole and hidden by vegetation (photo was made a part of the board packet). We are currently in a holding pattern while we wait for Jacob Haskins to review the agreement. Davis will inform Lisa that we are waiting on feedback from our attorney.

American Rescue Plan Act Update (O’Neill)

Davis reached out to Jacob Haskins for clarification on how we can use the ARPA funds; he has not yet received a response. O’Neill will complete the ARPA report and submit it before the April 30, 2022, deadline.

Guardhouse (Batson)

Batson reported that there are a few items needing to be completed on the guardhouse (electrical and bars on windows)—he will contact Jenkins to get an update. Jon Hilton from Scapes will put in two pull boxes, and Batson will do most of the conduit. Jon will soon be starting the landscaping project. Batson will meet with the Beautification Committee to discuss adding/removing plants on the south side of the road to improve the area near the wall.

Winged Foot/Rolling Hills Drive Stormwater Project (Batson)

This project is completed and is functioning as expected. The project came in at \$3,900 under budget, for a total of \$36,000 (the final invoice was made a part of the board packet). Batson and Jon from Scapes looked at the erosion problem near the Cassidy ponds. Jon recommends using gravel and stacking large, rectangular stones along the channel ledge to correct the issue. The estimate from Jon is \$2,000, which would still put us under budget. Alisa recommended we put a safety sign up by the weir structure due to kids playing in that area—we will keep an eye on this.

City Signs (Batson)

Batson went to the Beautification Committee for an opinion on how to move forward with the city signs. The committee recommended purchasing the three seasonal signs for each entrance at the same time due to rising costs. The total will be \$7,500—we were able to move the money in the budget to cover the cost. A motion to move forward contingent on the movement of money was made by Mills, with Nelson seconding the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Snow Removal Contract (Batson)

Batson clarified that the snow removal specs (part of board packet) state that streets are to be cleared at a minimum width of 20 feet. Clearing snow from in front of mailboxes is unavoidable when we have a large snowfall; clearing out the end of driveways is the resident's responsibility. Scapes can provide whatever service we want and as often as we want—we will revisit the specs closer to fall. Batson uploaded to the board packet information on what we spent on the large snowfall we had February 2-4—it used up over one-third of our budget. Salting the roads costs \$750 each time they come out. Scapes has a map which shows the intersections and hills which need more salt—Batson can update that map, if necessary, before winter. Lowry recommended we send out an email to residents in the beginning of winter regarding expectations during snowfalls.

NEW BUSINESS

Builder's Agreement (Nelson)

It has been a year since the new home application was submitted for the construction on Walnut Grove Circle (ground was broken at the end of September). Leeway was given due to pricing, chain supply issues, and difficulty finding contractors, but this is violating our property nuisance ordinance. The piles of dirt, weeds, and pallets need to be addressed. O'Neill will send the property owner a letter giving them 30 days to mow, take care of the weeds, and remove/backfill the mounds. Nelson will revise the builder's agreement to clarify expectations.

Website Updates (Davis)

Davis did research on how to obtain a .gov web address and submitted a request for fremonthillscity.gov. West will be listed as the security contact, O'Neill as the admin, and Jordan Needham as the technical contact. Jordan suggested we also use fremonthills.gov. When we move to this, fremonthillscity.gov and fremonthillscity.com will get rerouted to fremonthills.gov. We will need to get new business cards—emails will not change.

CC Highway Fence (Batson)

A vehicle damaged a portion of the CC Highway fence. Our total reimbursement from the insurance company will be \$6926.40, but the cost of fixing it is \$7,500 (a difference of \$573.60). The insurance company is going to depreciate the fence over 16.5% even though it was not our fault and the fence was in great shape (photos of the fence and quote from Carnahan-White were made a part of the board packet). Batson stated that we can either go to court or pay the difference—he suggests we take the insurance payment and fund the rest.

The City boundary fence along CC highway is in bad shape. There was speculation as to who owns the fence. Batson/O'Neill will ask Curtiss how we can verify who owns the fence.

Budget Discussion (Nelson)

Batson, O'Neill, and Nelson met to find \$9,000 in the budget to cover \$4,500 for signs and \$4,500 for cameras. We were able to find the \$9,000 from four accounts—\$3,000 from 5023-Engineering, \$4,000 from 5027-Fencing, \$1,000 from 5052-Office Furniture, and \$1,000 from 5105-Street Improvement. O'Neill will amend the budget and prepare a resolution.

Closed session pursuant to RSMo 610.021(1) legal and RSMo 610.021(2) leasing, purchase, or sale of real estate. A motion to go into closed session was made by Nelson, with Mills seconding the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote with the ayes being: Leeper, Lowry, Mills, Nelson, and West—there were no nay votes.

ADJOURN:

A motion to adjourn was made by Nelson with Mills seconding the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 9:18 PM.

CITY OF FREMONT HILLS

By: _____

Luke Davis, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kay O'Neill, City Clerk/Finance Officer