

**BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING
THURSDAY, JULY 1, 2021**

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, July 1, 2021 at the Fremont Hills Country Club, 1953 Fremont Hills Drive, Fremont Hills, 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		
Damon Mills, Alderman Ward 1	Present	Sunthosh Parvathaneni, Alderman Ward 1	Absent
Talyia Leeper, Alderwoman Ward 2	Absent	Kerry Nelson, Alderman Ward 2	Present
Alisa Lowry, Alderwoman Ward 3	Present	Randy West, Alderman Ward 3	Present

(West attended by conference call)

Guests: Resident, Ruth Benedett.

City Officials: Dale Batson/Project Manager and Jeanette Curtiss/City Clerk/Finance Officer.

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No comments to come before the board.

AGENDA

OLD BUSINESS

Citywide Fiber (Mills)

The agreement is waiting to be passed through our legal—resident communication to follow. Net Vision will be at the next meeting. Great River is looking at the agreement as well. Suddenlink is pushing one gigabit right now. Town hall was to be July 19 at 6:30 PM so the meeting will need to be pushed back to August 2. Phone option with this fiber to the home can be a VOIP system--cable options are possibly U-Verse and Direct TV.

American Rescue Plan Act—Guidelines (Curtiss)

The state has still not requested funding. Important due dates to remember are: September 30, 2021 the initial project and expenditure report and October 31, 2021 the annual project and expenditure report (annually, only, thereafter). Nothing new at this point for non-entitlement units (our category for funding). The Treasury Department has a site that tracks when the states are taking funding. We can use these funds to finish our current I & I project for stormwater, if so desired. Records retention for ARPA funds is 5 years beyond 2026. Written process/procedures may need to be adopted, but think it is geared more to funds going for individual housing, businesses that need assistance, etc. The National League of Cities just reported the compliance and reporting guidelines have just been released.

NEW BUSINESS

Audio/Video Conference System (West)

The Owl conference system is set up and working tonight. West reported it was working well remotely from his participation (we might adjust the microphone settings--hollow). It is running off Davis's computer as an audio/video device and then casting to the screen. We may want a dedicated computer for future use.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

Planning and Zoning

Nothing new to report.

Sewer

SCADA System Install Update (Batson)

There has been no movement on the project. We have a pump that didn't cycle like it was supposed to—repairs are being made at the lift station and should be completed by tonight—panel wasn't allowing recycling (\$8,700 pump repair).

CWERG (SCEAP) Engineering Update (Batson)

We have been billed for additional work—getting close to our grant limit (\$35,697.41 of \$37,337.85 contract). The GIS portion is probably 90% done. Batson is still trying to find manholes and located 5 or 6 more that are buried. The facility plan will be reported when done. Davis and West will probably want to be in on the GIS training.

Briarbrook East Infiltration (Batson)

Everything is sealed up so not taking on additional water. We need to pull a mandrel to be sure lines are clear—plan to jet the lines next week. They need to close up so we have access to our plant—the road is destroyed—they will put the asphalt back before we accept them into the sewer system. The road stops about halfway down the fence—35-40 feet to take to the end of the fence. We may want to consider extending the road.

Streets

Cassidy Addition Well Status (Batson)

Waiting for Complete Electrical to get clean up done (holding their payment)—should be done next week. Hewitt-Messenger lacks getting the actual float system in (possible they thought we didn't want it now because of the weir structure repair). Going to back charge Complete for work Hewitt-Messenger had to redo. Water features could be considered when pumps are done. 4 By 4 plans to break ground August 1, but we need a final set of plans for approval—they plan to open in a year.

New Traffic Sign Installation (Batson)

New sign installation is almost done (one frame sent was too small and have had to reorder a couple additional components). Budgeted \$10,000--\$9,841 is our current expenditure. 20 out of 24 are in place (2 yet to receive and 2 yet to install). Batson is taking out the original damaged Neighborhood

Watch signs. Utility signs have not been moved—will ask AT&T for new signs to install to replace the old ones. All signs will now be on our poles and off the street light poles.

Beautification

Cassidy Addition Guardhouse (Batson)

We have a signed contract for scope of work with Jenkins Homes and they plan to start today but delayed due to rain. Demo will be done first, then Batson will meet with Jenkins to lay out the guardhouse and talk about function during construction process. Will need to change some of the plantings from the CC Hwy. project as they are in partial shade and Cassidy will be full sun. Irrigation will be planned for next year and landscaping in the spring. We will also address the other wall next spring. The Beautification Committee should be a standing committee—would like Scioto triangle addressed. Nelson would be willing to be on the Beautification Committee—Curtiss was asked to serve and Parvathaneni might serve.

Landscaping By Phone Cabinets (Batson)

Some trees were planted today (4 out of the 5). Perimeter was outlined, river rock will be installed instead of mulch, and edging will be a chip stone and not metal (an upgrade to both the river rock and edging and at no additional cost). When they get rained out from mowing, they will skim off the site and next week may start other plantings in the area. This time of year plantings will have to be watered--\$75 per hour charge. We will send out a communication to residents on plantings as they are seeing the utility marking flags and are thinking it is fiber to the home. Irrigation is something to consider for this area. Nelson inquired about the possibility of having a preferred provider for the City for personal irrigation systems (similar to our trash provider). He will research further.

CLOSED SESSION

Closed session pursuant to RSMO 610.021(1) legal and RSMO 610.021(3) hiring.

A motion to go into closed session pursuant to RSMO 610.021(1) legal and RSMO 610.021(3) hiring was made by Alisa Lowry, with Damon Mills seconding the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote with the ayes being: 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 8:12 PM.

CITY OF FREMONT HILLS

By: _____
Luke Davis, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jeanette Curtiss, City Clerk/Finance Officer