

**BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING
THURSDAY, AUGUST 5, 2021**

CALL TO ORDER. Mayor Luke Davis called the regular semi-monthly meeting of the Board of Aldermen to order at 6:01 PM on Thursday, August 5, 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	Absent	Sunthosh Parvathaneni, Alderman Ward 1	Present
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: Residents, Ruth Benedett and Ted Papit.

City Officials: Jordan Needham, Communications, Dale Batson/Project Manager, Kay O’Neill and Jeanette Curtiss/City Clerk/Finance Officer.

OPEN FLOOR TO VISITORS*

Resident Papit inquired about the fiber to the home resident interest and the installation process. He also voiced his concerns with Eck Construction on the new home across the street from him—they start work at 6:30 AM and the trench to access the main gas line still has not been tapped (3 weeks the trench has been dug and is open and a safety issue even though there is orange fencing around it). The City will look into what is holding up the process.

AGENDA

Items For Approval

Six-Month Financial Report (Curtiss)

Curtiss summarized the six-month financial report for the Bboard. This report was made a part of the board packet. A motion to approve and publish the report was made by West, with Nelson seconding the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Bid Selection for Winged Foot Storm Water Project (Batson)

Two bids were received on this project \$39,500/K&B and Altom Construction/\$73,300. Based on previous experience and the bid, Nelson motioned to accept the K & B bid, with West seconding the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. This project won’t start until after the first of the year.

CWERG Contract Extension with GRE (Batson)

GRE’s contract on this project has expired and needs to be amended (the addendum has not been received yet from GRE). DNR can’t make payment until we have a valid contract.

Old Business

Citywide Fiber (Mills)

We are still waiting on contract approval between legal. Another cabinet install option would be to move across the road (location them behind the security camera). They could possibly bore to make possible.

American Rescue Plan Act—Guidelines (Curtiss)

Documentation has been prepared--funds will be distributed from the State starting in mid-August.

2021 Property Tax Levy (Curtiss)

We don't have our data back from the State Auditor's office yet. After general discussion, it was decided the notice of levy hearing will be published at last year's ceiling of .6318, which could be subject to change once that State's information is received.

Delinquent Real Estate/Personal Property

This report was made a part of the board packet.

Sewer Averaging Program

The Board discussed the possibility of extending the sewer averaging program an additional month (add October when many people refurbish their lawns—Ozark has added October into their averaging program). We estimate the loss in revenue for the sewer fund at \$5,000+ per year. A motion to keep the sewer averaging program as is was made by Lowry, with Nelson seconding the motion. The motion was approved with West voting nay.

Possible Meeting Date Change

With the setting of the tax levy and meeting our 7-day publication deadline, it could be that we would need to change the next meeting date to August 26. The Board decided to keep the August 19 meeting date and hold a special meeting later if needed for the tax levy hearing--start the meeting at 6:45 PM with public hearing at 5:45 PM (break in between the two meetings to attend the club board meeting).

NEW BUSINESS

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

Planning and Zoning

Sewer

CWERG (SCEAP) Engineering Update (Batson)

There has been no change—gathering GIS info tomorrow. We are out of contract with GRE based off the facility plan and will need an addendum to that contract. The GIS mapping portion will take longer to compile the plan.

Streets

Cassidy Addition Well Status (Batson)

The well is up and running. It ran for 3 days when we experienced problems with the control board. In the next week or so the floats will be installed. Scapes will come out to do the turf cleanup. Discharge is in the east pond and float is in the west pond (water will never go over the weir with the floats in place). The pond will be about 4 feet on west side when totally full.

Beautification

Cassidy Addition Guardhouse (Batson)

The cost from Ozark Electric to move the line running under the guardhouse would be \$4,031.78--we have to pay this up front before they will start the work. Spire has a line running north/south through this area also—they are going to have the area staked to see if they are in the easement—we can't build on top of their line and cost to move will be high. We may have to shift the guardhouse back from curb.

Cassidy Ponds/Possible Fountains (Batson)

Kent Brobst/Central Irrigation met with Batson on a possible fountain in the ponds. He indicated we can't do it at this time as the ponds are "unhealthy"—we have to kill the primrose and algae (pictures were uploaded to the board packet). Chemicals the club uses in their ponds are unrestricted, which means anyone can spray them. Estate Management of MO is a company used to get ponds turned around—cost is about \$1,500 a year and treatment is monthly. Batson will get cost estimates on the project to turn ponds to make them healthy. Conservation uses these products in their systems. An estimate on the fountain cost is \$10,000 per fountain. Dredging would require FEMA floodplain management to be involved. A motion to proceed with a company with up to our legal purchase limit was made by Nelson—Nelson then withdrew his motion.

CLOSED SESSION

A motion to go into closed session pursuant to RSMO 610.021(1) legal and RSMO 610.021(3) hiring was made by Kerry Nelson with Sunny Parvathaneni seconding the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote with the ayes being: Leeper, Lowry, Nelson, Parvathaneni and West—there were no nay votes.

ADJOURN

A motion to adjourn was made by Leeper, with Parvathaneni seconding the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 8:22 PM.

CITY OF FREMONT HILLS

By: _____

Luke Davis, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jeanette Curtiss, City Clerk/Finance Officer