

**BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2018**

CALL TO ORDER. Mayor Luke Davis called the regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen to order at 6:01 PM on Thursday, October 18, 2018 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		
Ann Littell Mills, Alderman Ward 1	Present	Kevin Jansen, Alderman Ward 1	Absent
Ben York, Alderman Ward 2	Present	Kerry Nelson, Alderman Ward 2	Present
Alisa Lowry, Alderman Ward 3	Present	Randy West, Alderman Ward 3	Present

Guests Present: James Holland, Floyd Financial Group (via teleconference); and Residents Ruth Benedett, Jack and Dorothy Johnston, Julie Prod and Keith and Jennifer Matthews.

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

OPEN FLOOR TO VISITORS* There were no comments to come before the Board.

457(b) Retirement Plan (Littell Mills)

James Holland, Floyd Financial Group/Millennium Plan attended via conference call. A PowerPoint was made a part of the Board packet and the points were highlighted for Board discussion (notes: there is not an employer minimum contribution, administrative fee is a flat fee regardless of the number of employees participating, employee has access to a financial adviser, employee has a menu of investments to select from). Money can be accessed at age 59.5—there’s a 10% penalty if retire early. Funds can stay in investments upon retirement just like a 401(k). Christensen was not interested in a plan at this time—Curtiss is possibly interested—not sure if plant operator/contract labor would qualify. Board will continue to evaluate benefit framework for future.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Approval of September 20, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes (Davis)

A motion to approve the September 20, 2018 regular meeting minutes was made by Alisa Lowry, with Randy West seconding the motion. The motion was unanimously approved—Kerry abstained as he was absent from the meeting.

Approval of October 3 Special Meeting Minutes (Davis)

A motion to approve the October 3, 2018 special meeting minutes was made by Randy West, with Kerry Nelson seconding the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Approval of Treasurer’s Report and Expenses To Be Paid (Curtiss)

A motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report and expenses to be paid from the general fund of \$15,084.61 and \$25,937.33 from the sewer fund was made by Kerry Nelson, with Alisa Lowry seconding the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

Planning and Zoning

The Design Review Committee approved a new spec home at 5001 Spyglass—a new builder for the City. This same builder’s second spec home will be reviewed next week.

Sewer

Sewer Averaging/Sewer Rates (Curtiss)

Curtiss reported that the contact we were meeting with in October is actually from Missouri Rural Water, not the Department of Natural Resources. The meeting had to be rescheduled—new date is November 1.

Beautification

CC Hwy. Entrance Landscaping (York)

CC Entrance lighting was changed to “up” light the trees (instead of down)—fixing up the guardhouse (replaced windows). In current year looking at raising tree line in CC Hwy. berms (interior scope of work around street lights will need to be put out for bid) and lighting for double barrel (west section needs lighting) and Cassidy (up lighting some of the trees in greenspace between commercial district and ponds).

Streets

Street Resurfacing (Christensen)

The Oak Tree Drive and WWTP road resurfacing is completed. Pictures of the WWTP resurfacing project were made a part of the board packet.

Citywide Tree Trimming (Christensen)

We are not doing anything with citywide tree trimming at this point—remove from agenda.

Scioto and Interlochen Stormwater Project (Christensen)

The drain for the Scioto project is ordered, and December 1 is when the work is scheduled to begin (should be completed in a week or less). Stadnik’s presented another request for expenses incurred for water (\$748.94) due to another break in their irrigation system. Watersmith repaired their break. After discussion, the Board decided to decline taking action on Stadnik’s request at this time until we receive something from Watersmith to substantiate the claim—will consider at that point.

Street Sweeping Only Specific Areas (Nelson)

For the future, we might look at pricing for only the streets that need sweeping (i.e. Interlochen, Oakmont, Oak Tree, etc.)—pricing now is for the entire City and not all of them have the mature trees like the other streets. They will be sweeping streets around the first week of November.

Website

Nothing to report.

OLD BUSINESS

Common Area Furnishings (Lowry)

Lowry updated the Board on the common area furnishings to date. We have a claim with the manufacturer on one of the privacy panels on the board table. A work group of board members/family/staff put board chairs together last night. We have all the furnishings in place and are looking at an artwork piece for behind the board table (estimate cost to be under \$500). Tinting the windows, an acrylic sign (artwork behind board table) and better lighting could be additional expenses incurred. The Board decided to secure the large mirror to the wall and liked it sitting on the floor—Randy West volunteered to secure the mirror. An outline of expenses incurred and projects yet to be completed was made a part of the board packet.

FHCC Request For Controlled Burn (Davis)

After our last meeting, we learned more about the controlled burn request from the FHCC. They have a wood chip pile, on club property, to the extreme west of the City (just off Oak Tree Drive) and that's where they would like to burn (feel residents would notice less smoke there than at the maintenance shed). They would like to have a controlled burn possibly more than one time a year to get rid of tree debris that falls all year long. Davis will discuss this issue further with the club general manager.

November Community Event (Davis)

The Board decided to hold an open house in November and invite residents to stop by and visit the City office and remodeled common area. The date would be Thursday, November 15 from 5 PM to 6:30 PM. We will have light refreshments. Our November meeting will be held after the open house.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion On Water Rates (Davis)

At our October meeting, Rep. Lynn Morris offered assistance in regards to meeting with Jefferson City commissioners, along with a City representative, to discuss our water rates. Davis will reach out to Morris to get a better understanding of the process he is proposing—may see about involving Senator Wasson as well.

Discussion On Holding Board Meetings Twice A Month (Davis)

The Board discussed the pros and cons of having our meetings twice a month--meetings should be shorter. We could have a lighter agenda or split the agenda (consent portion at one meeting—other business at a second meeting). Or, we could experiment with restructuring the agenda with prioritizing strong discussion points first—streamline committee reports--put consent items at the end of the meeting. Randy West motioned to pilot having 2 meetings a month starting in February; try for 3 months with an agenda without reports from committees. Kerry Nelson seconded the motion. The motion was approved with the aye votes being: Kerry

Nelson, Randy West and Ben York—Alisa Lowry and Ann Littell Mills voted nay. The motion carried 3-2.

Update On Show Me Christian County (Davis)

Andrea Sitzes, the new Director for Show Me Christian County, prepared an update on the organization, to date. Our second payment of \$1,000 is due on our total commitment of \$5,000. Creative Audio is coming to Ozark.

Christian County Cost Share Projects (Christensen)

We will submit projects to the county this month for consideration of their cost share program. We currently have no street projects to be done, so will look at stormwater projects. The stormwater committee will meet on Thursday, October 25 at 6 PM to reprioritize the projects in our plan and to pick two projects to submit for the county’s consideration.

2019 Budget—First Draft (Curtiss)

The 2019 budget draft is formatted, with input after our workshop. The Board was asked to review it for any changes and bring those to our November meeting. We will adopt our 2019 budget in December.

Tour of Lights December Community Event (Davis)

Sunday, December 9 is the date set for our golf cart parade, with a new feature of a house lighting contest—Judge Growcock will be our judge.

Security Patrol (Davis)

Officer Whitaker has been the only officer patrolling the City--he’s having difficulty getting other officers to schedule time. This is on the agenda to make the Board aware of the scheduling problem (hours are greatly reduced). It was decided to look at the contract to see if the county is fulfilling their obligation. We have had no request for camera footage in a long time.

ADJOURN

A motion to adjourn was made by Randy West, with Kerry Nelson seconding the motion. The motion was approved and the meeting adjourned at 8:27 PM.

CITY OF FREMONT HILLS

By: _____

Luke Davis, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jeanette Curtiss, City Clerk/Finance Officer