

**BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21, 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, October 21, 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. 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	Present
Alisa Lowry, Alderwoman Ward 3	Present	Randy West, Alderman Ward 3	Present

Nelson and Leeper attended the meeting virtually.

Guests: Resident, Ruth Benedett.

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

OPEN FLOOR TO VISITORS

Resident Ruth Benedett inquired if the City has a beautification committee and if she can share her list of improvement ideas. She will get her list to Batson who is on the Beautification Committee.

AGENDA

Items for Approval

Approval of September 16, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes (Davis)

A motion to approve the September 16, 2021 regular meeting minutes was made by Lowry, with Nelson seconding the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Approval of September 16, 2021 Closed Session Meeting Minutes (Davis)

A motion to approve the September 16, 2021 closed session meeting minutes was made by West, with Mills seconding the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Approval of October 7, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes (Davis)

A motion to approve the October 7, 2021 regular meeting minutes was made by Nelson, with Leeper seconding the motion. The motion was unanimously approved--Lowry abstained as she was absent.

Approval of October 7, 2021 Closed Meeting Minutes (Davis)

A motion to approve the October 7, 2021 regular meeting minutes was made by Mills, with West seconding the motion. The motion was unanimously approved--Lowry abstained as she was absent.

Parvathaneni entered the meeting at this time.

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

This report was made a part of the board packet. The amended budget is not included in the report as it was updated after the report was completed. Three deposits to the general fund were missed and posted today so they are not included in the report (October 6 personal property tax deposit on October 6 and use and sales tax deposits on October 7). The general fund is paying \$408.09 to the sewer fund due to two high sewer electric bills which is a result of the well running off the same meter as the lift station. A motion to approve the treasurer’s

report and expenses to be paid of \$31,188.18/general fund and \$27,058.39/sewer fund was made by West, with Nelson seconding the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Resolution #240-2021 Amending the 2021 Budget (Curtiss)

The resolution was made a part of the board packet. A motion to approve Resolution #240-2021 amending the 2021 budget was made by Nelson, with West seconding the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Bill #333-2021/Ordinance #333-2021 Authorizing the Mayor to Sign Lease Agreement

The bill was made a part of the board packet. Batson and Davis met with Pastor Mitchell. Their legal made a couple changes which were reviewed by Growcock who was in agreement. The church had wanted us to carry COVID liability insurance. Most insurance carriers do not cover this. Parvathaneni stated that Missouri prohibits COVID-19 liability lawsuits against businesses and questioned if it can be removed from the contract.

Batson reported that there are two contractors who could perform the construction at the church and complete it with within a few weeks.

Lowry noted that she appreciates all the work that has gone into this. She feels it is not necessary to move forward so quickly. Her recommendation is to table this until it can be further discussed.

CLOSED SESSION

A motion to go into closed session pursuant to RSMO 620.021(2) lease was made by Nelson, with Parvathaneni seconding the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote with the ayes being: Leeper, Lowry, Mills, Nelson, Parvathaneni, and West—there were no nay votes.

The board went back into regular session at 7:16

Bill #333-2021 authorizing the mayor to sign the lease agreement was read in its entirety on the first reading. A motion to approve Bill #333-2021 was made by Nelson, with Leeper seconding the motion. The motion was split by roll call vote with the ayes being Leeper, Mills, and Nelson and the nay votes being Lowry, Parvathaneni, and West. The mayor voted aye to break the split vote--motion carried 4 to 3. A motion to dispense with the second reading of Bill #333-2021 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, Parvathaneni and West. There were no nay votes. A motion to adopt Bill #333-2021 as Ordinance #333-2021 was made by Nelson, with Mills seconding the motion. The motion was split by roll call vote with the ayes being Leeper, Mills, and Nelson and the nay votes being Lowry, Parvathaneni, and West. The mayor voted aye to break the split vote—motion passes.

OLD BUSINESS

Citywide Fiber (Mills)

The town hall meeting previously scheduled for October 13 was cancelled due to bad weather. It was agreed that the town hall should take place in the city to ensure a better turnout rather than going outside of the city. Mills will contact Brian Bennett to see if the clubhouse dining room is available on a Monday evening—if the pavilion is available, it could take place any evening of the week. Mills reported that fiber to the cabinet will start in November.

American Rescue Plan Act (Curtiss)

We revised the budget to take expenses out and posted the income in QuickBooks. We need to determine where we are going to spend the ARPA money. The date to submit this report has been delayed until 12/31/2021.

Briarbrook East Sewer Fence and Service Road (Batson)

The bid from Lazer Perfect was a total of \$6,251 for the repair and extension. The bid from Faith Paving was \$6,500 and Ball Paving was \$9,490. The road will be taken all the way to the end of the fence due to deliveries. A motion to have the road paved for \$6251 was made by Parvathaneni, with Lowry seconding the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Cassidy Guardhouse Construction Project (Batson)

The footers are in, and the floor section has been poured on the internal area. The walls will be put up soon—the construction is anticipated to be complete by January or February. The beautification committee will need to determine the landscaping layout.

City Limit Signage (Davis)

Batson contacted MODOT to find out options for changing our city limit sign. If want a new sign, it will need to be green and has to meet their codes. If we put up a new welcome sign, it can match our street signs. West recommended we have a new welcome sign put up after the ponds are cleaned up and 4 By 4 Brewing Company is open. Signature provided a document with sample signs which were made a part of the board packet. Dale stated that our light pole banners are in need of replacement—he will look into options to replace these.

October Budget Workshop (Davis)

The budget workshop is scheduled for November 1.

Weir Structure Rehabilitation (Batson)

B5 Excavation & Development is scheduled to start the pumping of the ponds tomorrow. The upcoming rain will slow that down.

NEW BUSINESS

County Sales Tax Cost Sharing Program (Davis)

Curtiss reported that she sent an email to the county’s road engineer to ask about our county money for 2021 (this was put on hold for 2020). The commission changed the program cap to \$100,000 per district. They set aside money for the cost sharing program. Davis spoke with Ralph Phillips about this who said they have money set aside for municipality projects which are funded on an as-needed basis. If we want to do a large project, we would contact them to see about getting assistance.

CLOSED SESSION

Closed Session Pursuant to RSMO 610.021(1) Legal

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

ADJOURN

A motion to adjourn was made by Parvathaneni, with Mills seconding the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 8:16 PM.

CITY OF FREMONT HILLS

By: _____
Luke Davis, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kay O'Neill, City Clerk/Finance Officer