

**BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2020**

CALL TO ORDER. Mayor Luke Davis called the regular semi-monthly meeting of the Board of Aldermen to order at 6:20 PM on Thursday, November 5, 2020. This was a virtual meeting via the Zoom format—information on attending the meeting via Zoom was shown on the meeting agenda.

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	Sean O’Connell, 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: Presiding Commissioner Ralph Phillips and Residents Tonya Murfin and Shannon Todd.

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

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There were no comments to come before the Board.

AGENDA

County Update (Commissioner Ralph Phillips)

Commissioner Phillips updated the Board on the different projects facing the County in 2021 and that they will be working to update a 5-year strategic plan. Sales tax revenue has been flat and Missouri has no Wayfair tax for internet. Since we are a Class 1 County, we are required to have a highway engineer—that person is Miranda Beadles, who also has the qualifications to serve as a project manager. Regarding the tax cost share program, this has been put on hold for the time being so the County can focus on repairing/replacing 3 bridges. The County has had two successful audits (100% compliance on financials) and they have installed “Clear Go” software, which is a portal for finances (transparency).

Well Drilling Bid Selection (Batson)

We received 3 bids on this project—Flynn, Hewitt Messenger and Southwest (Southwest was not complete--they did not bid a pump). Flynn estimated the project to be \$34,000, but their bid was \$59,000. Feedback we received from all was that we did not allow enough time for them to put together a bid. Batson recommended waiting 30 days and putting this back out for bid, allowing 30 days to submit. We will need a DNR permit and other items to complete this project.

OLD BUSINESS

COVID-19 Update (Davis)

The Christian County Health Department update was made a part of the board packet—there are currently 1,315 active cases in Christian County.

Cassidy Property—Troxel (Batson)

The surveyor indicated we should have the legal description by the end of the week. We will provide the legal to our attorney for the deed. West is keeping Mrs. Troxel updated.

Security Patrols (O’Connell)

A report prepared by Alderman O’Connell was made a part of the board packet. The committee met on October 27 (O’Connell, West and Nelson) and discussed possible options for this service (i.e. increase pay to \$40 or \$45 per hour for on demand patrol and pay the County—they would add to the officer paychecks, deducting payroll taxes). The committee will meet again to make a recommendation to the Board.

NEW BUSINESS

Added Electric Service—Fremont Hills Drive (Batson)

The boxes for the outlets are in place and A-1 is pulling wire on Monday.

City Hall (Davis)

For future meetings, we might want to consider a livestream on YouTube. We would need to purchase a camera and could have people view the meeting from a different room (Ozark uses a conference room at the Ozark Community facility and puts the meeting on a Zoom call—the mayor and clerk are together in the City Hall). PIO, Jordan Needham, can assist us with the setup we feel needed, but recommended starting with an entry level setup first as SDI and NDI, plus labor, would cost approximately \$15,000. Estimated cost for a City laptop and webcam would be \$1,200. Davis will research livestreaming further.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

Planning and Zoning

Special Use Permit—4 By 4 Brewing Company (Davis)

Davis made the Board aware of a special use permit request made of P & Z from 4 By 4 Brewing Company (P & Z met earlier this evening)—this is required as they will be selling beer. The process is to hold a public hearing on the special use permit request and notify property owners within 1,000 feet of the proposed project. The Board of Aldermen do not make a decision on the special use permit but are encouraged to attend the public hearing, which should be sometime the first part of December.

Variances Requested For Commercial District—4 By 4 Brewing Company (Davis)

They plan to build a 10,000 sf building, which may have some variance requests on exterior materials and roofing, which will be addressed by the Design Review Committee first. We’ve only seen “conceptual” drawings and not final drawings. They also want to replat the lots, taking all of lot #4 and a portion of lot #3. Concept drawings were made a part of the board packet.

SEWER

SCADA System Install Update (Batson)

The install began last week. The radio frequency tested better than hoped and the project should be completed by the end of next week (we will do a walkthrough if anyone would like to join). An antenna will need to be installed on the control building roof and at the two lift stations the antenna will be on 10’ tall metal poles, 1.5” in diameter.

SCEAP Grant Status Update (Batson)

We were required to open a “Salesforce” account for the funding process and that could take 2-3 weeks for processing. Still awaiting the official grant award.

STREETS

Leaf Cleanup--Streets (Batson)

We have a new contact with Natures Image and will work with them on getting the street gutters cleaned out—possibly before Thanksgiving. The street sweeper would not be effective in getting the leaves cleaned up out of the streets. Mowing and lawn care bid packets are being sent out, and we anticipate making a decision for services at our next meeting.

BEAUTIFICATION

There were no updates.

CLOSED SESSION

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

ADJOURN

A motion to adjourn was made by Sean O’Connell, with Kerry Nelson seconding the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote with the ayes being: Leeper, Lowry, Mills, Nelson, O’Connell and West—there were no nay votes. The meeting adjourned at 8:12 PM.

CITY OF FREMONT HILLS

By: _____

Luke Davis, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jeanette Curtiss, City Clerk/Finance Officer