

**BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2020**

CALL TO ORDER. Mayor Luke Davis called the regular semi-monthly meeting of the Board of Aldermen to order at 6:08 PM on Thursday, December 17, 2020—this meeting was held in a virtual format via Zoom—access instructions were noted 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.

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| Luke Davis, Mayor | Present | | |
| Damon Mills, Alderman Ward 1 | Absent | Sean O’Connell, Alderman Ward 1 | Present |
| Talyia Leeper, Alderwoman Ward 2 | Absent | Kerry Nelson, Alderman Ward 2 | Present |
| Alisa Lowry, Alderwoman Ward 3 | Present | Randy West, Alderman Ward 3 | Present |

Guests: No guests in attendance.

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

OPEN FLOOR TO VISITORS*

Lowry, speaking as a resident, is very excited P & Z voted for the special use permit for 4 By 4 and look forward to seeing it come into the City--will be good for the City and be well received. West noticed that on Nextdoor someone talked about the new bike path—wondered if 4 By 4 had insight on the path.

AGENDA

Approval of November 19, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes (Davis)

A motion to approve the November 19, 2020 regular meeting minute was made by Sean O’Connell, with Alisa Lowry seconding the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Approval of November 19, 2020 Closed Session Meeting Minutes (Davis)

A motion to approve the November 19, 2020 closed meeting minutes was made by Alisa Lowry, with Sean O’Connell seconding the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Approval of December 3, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes (Davis)

A motion to approve the December 3, 2020 regular meeting minutes was made by Sean O’Connell, with Randy West seconding the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

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

The treasurer's report and expenses to be paid in the amount of \$31,832.58 for the general fund and \$34,431.24 for the sewer fund were presented. A motion to approve the treasurer's report and expenses to be paid was made by Sean O'Connell, with Kerry Nelson seconding the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Resolution #234-2020 Amending 2020 Budget To Actual Expenses (Curtiss)

A motion to approve Resolution #234-2020 amending the 2020 budget to actual expenses was made by Randy West, with Alisa Lowry seconding the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote with the ayes being: Lowry, Nelson, O'Connell and West—there were no nay votes.

Resolution #235-2020 Adopting 2021 Budget (Curtiss)

A motion to approve Resolution #235-2020 adopting the 2021 budget was made by Randy West, with Sean O'Connell seconding the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote with the ayes being: Lowry, Nelson, O'Connell and West—there were no nay votes.

Ordinance #329-2020 Authorizing Contract With Scapes For Mowing and Lawn Care Maintenance (Curtiss)

O'Connell stated he was happy with the outcome but not happy with the 2-2 vote and the mayor having to break the tie. Bill #329-2020 authorizing the contract with Scapes for mowing and lawncare maintenance was read in its entirety on the first reading. A motion to approve Bill #329-2020 was made by Alisa Lowry, with Sean O'Connell seconding the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote with the ayes being Lowry, Nelson, O'Connell and West—there were no nay votes. A motion to dispense with the second reading of Bill #329-2020 was made by Randy West, with Kerry Nelson seconding the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote with the ayes being Lowry, Nelson, O'Connell and West—there were no nay votes. A motion to adopt Bill #329-2020 as Ordinance #329-2020—was made by Randy West, with Sean O'Connell seconding the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote with the ayes being Lowry, Nelson, O'Connell and West—there were no nay votes.

OLD BUSINESS

COVID-19 Update (Curtiss)

The Christian County Health Department update was made a part of the board packet. There is good information on the COVID vaccination and how it's different from the current flu vaccine—it's not a vaccine with live virus. Lowry reported hearing that the Moderna vaccine will be here next week—vaccinations could happen before the end of the year—hospitals (Cox and Mercy) have started vaccinations.

Cassidy Property—Troxel (Batson)

We've received the survey and legal—Growcock is in the process of preparing the deed.

SCEAP Grant Update (Curtiss)

We have received official approval for the grant.

Security Patrols (O'Connell)

O'Connell stated nothing new to report other than Cole is to discuss this with Cpl. Seiner—hasn't gotten a response from either yet.

Citywide Fiber (Davis)

NetVision will run fiber to the modem for each house. The infrastructure burden would have to be on NetVision. Options: (1) infrastructure at their cost, which could drive cost of service up for residents and (2) they wholesale their services to us and this becomes a city utility (NetVision was on board with this option). Davis suggested we form a committee to meet with them and vet out options—risk vs. what they are able to give us price wise. Davis not able to serve on this committee—West, Mills and Nelson volunteered to serve on this committee—Lowry will serve as a backup. It would be beneficial to have our security cameras online. We need to vet the company, including their financials.

NEW BUSINESS

Security Camera Service Agreement (Davis)

The existing agreement with NetWatch was made a part of the board packet. The process for pulling camera footage was discussed. NetWatch will usually have a tech here in 24 hours of our request to pull footage (numerous files—each motion event is a separate file). Regarding the last two incidents (political signs and patio furniture)—there was no usable footage off double barrel camera for the political signs—there's footage and still requested to see it but have yet to get it. Cassidy had a power outage for a period of time and so nothing recorded. There was a system factory default when it came back on and was at the highest resolution possible so it filled up the DVR. Davis said these are not "bank" level cameras for security—recording on motion 24/7, 365 days and 30 days of footage. The only way we would have known it was off line would have been physically looking at them or had they been connected to the internet. They are a deterrent, but not a 100% way to catch people doing what they should not be doing. Quarterly visits only required by contract to inspect system. After general discussion it was decided to renew our contract with NetWatch and then over the next 12 months look at other systems/service providers and the reason behind cameras (maybe changed since installed). Renew with a cancellation clause of 90 days—Davis will contact NetWatch and ask about agreement with a 90-day cancellation clause.

CLOSED SESSION

A motion to go into closed session pursuant to RSMo 610.021(1) legal action was made by Alisa Lowry, with Sean O'Connell seconding the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote with the ayes being: Lowry, Nelson, O'Connell and West—there were no nay votes.

ADJOURN

A motion to adjourn was made by Sean O'Connell, with Randy West seconding the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 7:44 PM.

CITY OF FREMONT HILLS

By: _____

Luke Davis, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jeanette Curtiss, City Clerk/Finance Officer