

**BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2021**

CALL TO ORDER. President of the Board, Randy West, called the regular semi-monthly meeting of the Board of Aldermen to order at 6 PM on Thursday, February 18, 2021—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.

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

City Officials In Attendance: Dale Batson/Project Manager and Jeanette Curtiss, City Clerk/Finance Officer.

Guests in Attendance: None

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No Comments

ITEMS FOR APPROVAL

Approval Of January 21, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes (West)

A motion to approve the January 21, 2021 regular meeting minutes was made by Alisa Lowry, with Talyia Leeper seconding the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote with the ayes being: Leeper, Lowry, Nelson, O’Connell and West—there were no nay votes.

Approval Of February 4, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes (West)

A motion to approve the February 4, 2021 regular meeting minutes was made by Talyia Leeper, with Kerry Nelson seconding the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote with the ayes being: Leeper, Lowry, Nelson and West—O’Connell abstained as he was absent—there were no nay votes.

Approval Of Treasurer’s Report And Expenses To Be Paid (Curtiss)

The treasurer’s report and expenses to be paid of \$13,249.18 for the general fund and \$34,407.09 for the sewer fund were presented. A motion to approve the treasurer’s report and expenses was made by Nelson, with Lowry seconding the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote with the ayes being: Leeper, Lowry, Nelson, O’Connell and West—there were no nay votes. We may have to increase the snow removal budget as we are already over \$4,000 and this doesn’t reflect any of the snow removal (only paid for ice melt on several days)—budget is \$11,000.

Bid Opening/Selection For Cassidy Pond Well (Batson)

Batson reported there were no bids received. We gave a 30-day turnaround for bids to be submitted this second time as we were told our original time frame was too short. Due to the weather, one contractor said he couldn't get his bid submitted on time. Also due to the weather these types of contractors have been extremely busy. The Board approved extending the bid time to those who received bid packets, and/or rebid with advertisement, whichever legal counsel approves.

OLD BUSINESS

Cassidy Property Deed—Troxel (Batson)

We sent Mrs. Troxel a copy of the landscaping plan for this area. Curtiss will meet with her on Monday to notarize her part of the replat.

CWERG (SCEAP) Grant Update (Batson)

By the end of April, GRE should be finished with their information gathering, and they are a quarter of the way through the City with the GIS mapping (weather has kept them from moving the monitors). They want to move the monitors another 2 or 3 times. They are 50% done with the facility plan. By April, early May, everything should be ready to submit to DNR and by early spring should have a plan in place. We have made our second grant payment to GRE-- \$5,567.50.

Security Patrols (O'Connell)

Nothing new to report—will table this agenda item.

Citywide Fiber (Mills)

West reported on topic in Mills' absence. The committee will meet again to draft a document for the mayor to send out to residents. There will be a broadband meeting with the County rescheduled for next month—not held on February 17 due to the weather. This is possibly geared more to rural communities who can't get 25 Mbps service. The article on Total High Speed being installed in the eastern part of Ozark was sent to the committee. We also would probably not benefit from any grants on such a project as our residents can get speeds higher than 25 Mbps.

NEW BUSINESS

No report.

ADJOURN

A motion to adjourn was made by Sean O'Connell, with Talyia Leeper seconding the motion. The motion was unanimously approved and the meeting adjourned at 6:30 PM.

CITY OF FREMONT HILLS

By: _____
Randy West, President of the Board

ATTEST:

Jeanette Curtiss, City Clerk/Finance Officer