

**BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING
THURSDAY, APRIL 4, 2019**

CALL TO ORDER. Mayor Luke Davis called the regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen to order at 6:03 PM on Thursday, April 4, 2019 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	Present
Ben York, Alderman Ward 2	Absent	Kerry Nelson, Alderman Ward 2	Present
Alisa Lowry, Alderman Ward 3	Absent	Randy West, Alderman Ward 3	Present

Guests Present: Residents Ruth Benedett, Sean O’Connell, Matt and Brianne Madura and Eric Claussen.

City Officials Present: Jordan Needham III/Communications, Matt Growcock/City Attorney and Jeanette Curtiss/City Clerk--Finance Officer (Dale Batson/Project Manager was absent).

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

OLD BUSINESS

Engineering Firm Rates (Davis)

The engineering selection committee met with Great River Engineering on Monday and discussed rates/contracts so we could begin negotiations. The city attorney is reviewing the contract--the few changes he’s recommending Great River doesn’t think will be an issue. Spencer and Mel will be at the April 18 meeting. Their rate structure is based on the roles for people working on the project (range of \$70-\$175 per hour). They thought our projects would fall in the level of engineering scale of 3-4, \$105-\$130 per hour (level of engineering is based on the technicality of the project). Landscape architect was \$150 per hour.

NEW BUSINESS

Presentation On “Speed Cushions”—Claussen (Davis)

Eric Claussen, resident and City Traffic Engineer for the City of Springfield, gave a presentation on speed cushions recently installed in a Springfield neighborhood. Speed bumps interfere with snow plowing, response time for emergency vehicles and school buses—the application for speed cushions is easy and quick and spaced such that emergency vehicles and school busses can pass through without going over the bumps. River Bluff Estates had the speed cushions installed in January of 2019--no more will be done in the City of Springfield before testing is done (before/after—speed and volume studies). Initial studies found 8%-10% of vehicles were cut through traffic—if in the neighborhood for 3 minutes, felt the vehicle had a purpose for

being there. Traffic study was done for a week—Claussen will see if a study for us could go through OTO. You have to slow down to 15-20 mph to go over the speed cushions—emergency vehicles/school buses, etc. have to drive down the center of the street to straddle the cushions. Golf carts would have to drive over the cushions and couldn't drive through them. There have been no issues in the few months they have been installed. We would be able to piggyback onto the City of Springfield's bid and purchase off of it (\$3,000 per set— "speed cushion" signage not included). The City of Springfield anticipates getting 8-10 years from the cushions—the manufacturer will tell you longer. We could possibly pull them up for winter months as a snow plow could damage them (bolted to the pavement so the bolts would shear off if caught).

Left Turn Lanes On Fremont Road (Nelson)

We are on the Ozark Special Road District agenda for May 14 to discuss a possible cost share project with them on the Fremont Hills Drive/Fremont Road intersection.

Cassidy Fencing (West)

Randy West asked that the Board consider something along the perimeter of the Cassidy Addition that would make it look like a part of Fremont Hills (possibly adding/extending along CC Hwy. and on the north side of the commercial lots the black fence that's on the perimeter of City, or maybe even a guardhouse on the corner). West will work with York/beautification committee on this project. A title report would need to be done to see if we can even do anything along the easements in the commercial area/along CC Hwy. We still have \$25,000 in the budget for existing fence repair/painting and decided to remove it from next year's budget if not completed in 2019. We will ask Batson to get this project underway again.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

Planning and Zoning

Recommendation for Replacement To P & Z Committee (Davis)

The Planning and Zoning Commission met tonight and discussed a replacement for Kathy Myers. The board of aldermen can recommend candidates for this position. Claussen will reach out to a new family moving to Fremont Hills and who have experience in planning and zoning.

Variance Request For Siding (Davis)

The DePriest variance request for the use of polymer siding was denied by the P & Z Commission.

Sewer

There was nothing new to report.

Beautification

CC Hwy. Entrance Landscaping (Curtiss)

York provided photos of a rendering from Natures Image that was made a part of the board packet. Great River has a landscaping architect on their staff.

Streets

Update On Street Name Sign Bids (Curtiss)

Specs have been written, an ad soliciting bids was published in the Headliner, and bids are due on Wednesday, April 17. We've sent out 6 sets of bid specs to sign vendors, 1 set to a bid warehouse and to date we've received 2 vendor bids back. One vendor is local and also does sign installation. A decision will be made on a vendor at the April 18 meeting.

Scioto Triangle Stormwater Improvement Project (Curtiss)

Batson took photos of the project each day and they were uploaded to the board packet. They anticipate the project being done on Friday, April 5. We need to have the triangle included in the overall plan for landscaping. A suggestion was made to pull the bench from this area and reinstall it possibly by the retention ponds in Cassidy—lots of vehicle traffic in this area.

CLOSED SESSION

Closed Session Pursuant To Section 610.021(2) RSMo Leasing, Purchase Or Sale Of Real Estate

A motion to go into closed session pursuant to RSMo 610.021(2) leasing, purchase or sale of real estate was made by Kerry Nelson, with Ann Littell Mills seconding the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote with the ayes being: Kevin Jansen, Ann Littell Mills, Kerry Nelson and Randy West—there were no nay votes.

Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made by Kerry Nelson, with Ann Littell Mills seconding the motion. The motion was approved and the meeting adjourned at 7:48 PM.

CITY OF FREMONT HILLS

By: _____

Luke Davis, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jeanette Curtiss, City Clerk/Finance Officer