

**BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING
THURSDAY, APRIL 1, 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, April 1, 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	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

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

Guests in Attendance: No guests in attendance.

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No comments to come before the Board.

ITEMS FOR APPROVAL

Bill #330-2021/Ordinance #330-2021 Work Authorization Drill It Well, Inc.—Hewitt Messenger Well Drilling (Davis)

Bill #330-2021 was read in its entirety on the first reading. A motion to approve Bill #330-2021 on the first reading was made by Kerry Nelson, with Damon Mills 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. A motion to dispense with the second reading was made by Alisa Lowry, with Kerry Nelson 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. A motion to adopt Bill #330-2021 as Ordinance #330-2021 was made by Kerry Nelson, with Randy West 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. Batson informed the board that A-1 Electric looked at the electrical needs—we have to wait on the well to be installed before electric can be installed—getting 3 written bids on the electric. We will be going over the \$50,000 budget for this project, but will recognize some cost savings as GRE indicated we won’t have to encase the sewer lines since we are only going 300’ deep (\$8,000-\$10,000 savings)—electric will possibly come in a little higher as we want this line bored. Hewitt-Messenger is ready to start anytime since they can work from the street (it’s too wet for them to start their other jobs).

OLD BUSINESS

Citywide Fiber (Mills)

As of March 30 NetVision had 155 people signed up and interested in fiber to the home (FTTH). On March 31 they will start their door-to-door campaign and hopefully a town hall in April.

NEW BUSINESS

American Rescue Plan Act (Davis)

On March 11, President Biden signed a rescue plan of \$65.1 billion to assist states/counties/cities. The City of Fremont Hills is estimated to receive \$169,821.02. Funding is to be distributed within 60 days of the bill signing—half then and the other half within 12 months of your first distribution. Money is earmarked for emergency help dealing with COVID—top 4 items sewer/water/broadband/infrastructure (Commissioner Phillips thought streets were included in this plan as well). We should see documentation coming soon--these funds are possibly less restrictive than other grant funds. Government is still passing legislation as it refers to the Cares Act. ARP money has to be used by 2024. Christian County is to receive \$17,000,000.

Ozark Special Road District (Curtiss)

We are attempting to get an answer on what is happening with our funding from Ozark Special Road District. OSRD lost their county funding this year as we did. Batson has asked 3 times for the OSRD budget, but has yet to receive a copy. Barbara Hover is their new board member (replacing Scott Bilyeu)—she came on board in March.

Fremont Parke Street Lights (Batson)

The street light at the corner of Merion and Cottage Lane has been out for some time. Liberty can't seem to fix the issue. Liberty no longer deals in this light style—they are actually a sidewalk light and not a street light. Options would be to try piece it back together and see how long it works, or we can replace it with a light similar with what we have throughout the City only possibly black. Replacing the light is \$2,500 with stock lighting (we can't paint our existing street lights--could damage them or cause some risk for employees). Liberty, only, can service our lights—a disconnect has to have a meter. Regarding solar lights, the downside is during big winter events like we just had, when the panels ice over they will not take in enough sun to work properly. It was decided to repair the existing light in Fremont Parke.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

Planning and Zoning

Update On Homes For Sale And New Construction (Curtiss)

There are currently 12 homes for sale in Fremont Hills—all have pending offers with exception of 4 homes. We have three homes not currently listed for sale that will be coming on the market spring/summer and 1 spec home will be on the market soon.

Sewer

SCADA System Install Update (Batson)

Vaught has completed the SCADA system and finished the punch list—next Monday we will trip the alarms at both lift stations to make sure it is showing. A drive is not working at the pumps in Cassidy--getting bids on its replacement. Evans Electric estimated a panel is \$5,600 (old equipment that is expensive to repair)—Vaught bid is \$8,900 with equipment that would mesh with new equipment (would include programming involved per Vaught). When we are signed off on everything, we will pay the remainder of the contracted amount to Vaught. O'Connell left the meeting at this time.

CWERG Engineering Update (Batson)

We are waiting for a couple more rain events—flow meters are set up in their final location. When Fair Haven data is crunched, we will ask them to set flow meters to see what is coming from there. The Briarbrooke area hasn't been included—smoke testing detected most of the problems there. Maybe in 2 meetings we will have the data crunched and determine where problems are. We will then need to put a plan together to improve wastewater infrastructure.

Streets

Myopia Drive (Batson)

The asphalt has settled and causing a concrete issue for Mr. Zittle's driveway that connects to Myopia Drive. Short term, Batson is going to put cold mix in the area to patch. This lane is 150' long and 50' wide. Do we want to put this project into an asphalt maintenance repair budget (22 yards if we want to do concrete)? We can possibly put out to bid to get some estimates to mill a header at both ends and a 2" overlay or just a complete tear out and replace in concrete. Bellerive may need to be looked at as well but the street was graded to shed water to the north—would have to be a joint effort between the property owner and the City as this could create other issues along this street (driveways). Regarding ancillary signage—locates have been called in to use up our inventory and the 2 signs mentioned should be placed next week. We will place an order for the list of signs approved last year, based off new map—we may have an issue if materials have skyrocketed. We won't put it out for bid—an extension of what we already have ordered so no bid needed—could be a sole source on the product.

Beautification

Nothing new to report.

Citizen Comments

Nelson, speaking as a resident, asked others to reach out to people in Ward 3 on the April 6 election to keep West in office as he has been a great alderman. Lowry signed up to attend the American Rescue plan webinar on April 14.

ADJOURN

A motion to adjourn was made by Kerry Nelson, with Alisa Lowry seconding the motion. The motion was unanimously approved and the meeting adjourned at 7:24 PM.

CITY OF FREMONT HILLS

By: _____
Luke Davis, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jeanette Curtiss, City Clerk/Finance Officer