

**BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING
THURSDAY, AUGUST 19, 2021**

CALL TO ORDER. Mayor Luke Davis called the regular semi-monthly meeting of the Board of Aldermen to order at 6:45 PM on Thursday, August 19, 2021 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		
Damon Mills, Alderman Ward 1	Present	Sunthosh Parvathaneni, 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	Absent

Guests: None

City Officials: Dale Batson/Project Manager, Kay O’Neill and Jeanette Curtiss/City Clerk/Finance Officer.

OPEN FLOOR TO VISITORS*

No comments to come before the board.

AGENDA

ITEMS FOR APPROVAL

Approval of July 15, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes (Davis)

A motion to approve the July 15, 2021 regular meeting minutes was made by Leeper, with Nelson seconding the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. Mills abstained as he was absent.

Approval of July 15, 2021 Closed Session Meeting Minutes (Davis)

A motion to approve the July 15, 2021 closed session meeting minutes was made by Nelson, with Leeper seconding the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. Mills abstained as he was absent.

Approval of August 5, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes (Davis)

A motion to approve the August 5, 2021 regular meeting minutes was made by Nelson, with Leeper seconding the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Approval of August 5, 2021 Closed Session Meeting Minutes (Davis)

A motion to approve the August 5, 2021 closed session meeting minutes was made by Nelson, with Parvathaneni seconding the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. Lowry abstained as she was not in attendance for the last part of the closed session.

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

The Treasurer’s Report and expenses to be paid was made a part of the board packet. A motion to approve the treasurer’s report and expenses to be paid of \$47,439.00/general fund and \$25,673.37/sewer fund was made by Lowry, with Leeper seconding the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Resolution #238-2021 Agent of Record For Public Funding Corporation (Curtiss)

This resolution was made a part of the board packet. Nelson motioned to approve Resolution #238-2021 naming Jacob Haskins as the agent of record for the Public Funding Corporation, with Lowry seconding the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. Haskins will be replacing Matt Growcock as the PFC agent of record.

Resolution #239-2021 Appoint Public Funding Corporation Committee Member (Curtiss)

A motion to approve Resolution #239-2021 appointing David Cook to replace Steve Whisler on the Public Funding Corporation was made by Nelson, with Leeper seconding the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. Kay Addington also resigned as a committee member during the meeting so a replacement for her will need to be found.

Bill #332-2021/Ordinance #332-2021 Setting the 2021 Property Tax Levy (Curtiss)

Two residents attended the public hearing earlier and asked good questions about the proposed levy. The proposed levy would be changed from .6318 to .5887 per \$100 of assessed valuations, based on the pro forma data received from the State Auditor’s office. Bill #332-2021 was read in its entirety on the first reading. Nelson motioned to approve Bill #332-2021 on the first reading, with Lowry seconding the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote with the ayes being: Leeper, Lowry, Mills, Nelson and Parvathaneni—there were no nay votes. A motion to dispense with the second reading of Bill #332-2021 was made by Lowry, with Leeper seconding the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote with the ayes being: Leeper, Lowry, Mills, Nelson and Parvathaneni—there were no nay votes. A motion to adopt Bill #332-2021 as Ordinance #332-2021 was made by Nelson, with Mills seconding the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote with the ayes being: Leeper, Lowry, Mills, Nelson and Parvathaneni—there were no nay votes.

OLD BUSINESS

Citywide Fiber (Mills)

Monday legal will meet with Net Vision to work out the final details on the agreement. We want to change the cabinet location to the easement on the west side of the church parking lot since the transformer sits there (afraid they can’t get it deep enough at the initial location). After Monday we need to plan a town hall meeting to communicate the project to residents (hold on a Monday night when the club is closed).

CWERG (SCEAP) Grant Update (Batson)

Tim Schoenhoff has left GRE to work for the City of Springfield. Batson had nothing more to provide as an update on the project.

American Rescue Plan Act—Guidelines (Curtiss)

We received an email to confirm that our submitted paperwork was in order. Davis reported that some cities in the county have not even begun the process.

Cassidy Guardhouse Construction Project (Batson)

We need to determine if Spire is in their easement—will know by Monday. Ozark Electric is ready to start their line relocation, but will hold off until the first of next week. There is fiber in the easement, but we will build on top of it. Jenkins is ready to get started and working on a timeline that may have to be extended.

NEW BUSINESS

SMCOG Christian County Recovery Plan (Davis)

Southwest Missouri Council of Governments has created a Christian County Recovery and Resilience Committee funded through the CARES Act. The goal is to get feedback from county leaders on recovery and resiliency from COVID. They plan to have 4 meetings and the first was on Monday. Show Me Christian County brought this together with SMCOG.

4 By 4 Groundbreaking Ceremony (Davis)

The invitation was made a part of the board packet. We will send the groundbreaking ceremony invite out to residents. The pond well is putting out 65 gallons of water per minute—we suspect the weir is leaching under the highway. The pump is running non-stop, which is actually better for the pump as it’s hard on them when they start up and shut down.

CLOSED SESSION

Closed session pursuant to RSMO 610.021(1) legal. A motion to go into closed session was made by Leeper, with Mills seconding the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote with the ayes being: Leeper, Lowry, Mills, Nelson and Parvathaneni—there were no nay votes.

ADJOURN

A motion to adjourn was made by Nelson, with Leeper seconding the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 7:48 PM.

CITY OF FREMONT HILLS

By: _____

Luke Davis, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jeanette Curtiss, City Clerk/Finance Officer