

**BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING
THURSDAY, AUGUST 22, 2019**

CALL TO ORDER. Mayor Luke Davis called the regular, semi-monthly meeting of the Board of Aldermen to order at 6:30 PM on Thursday, August 22, 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	Sean O’Connell, Alderman Ward 1	Present
Ben York, Alderman Ward 2	Absent	Kerry Nelson, Alderman Ward 2	Present
Alisa Lowry, Alderman Ward 3	Present	Randy West, Alderman Ward 3	Present

Guests: resident Ruth Benedett, and Tim Schoenhoff and Mike Beaty from Great River Engineering.

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

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There were no questions or comments to come before the Board.

OLD BUSINESS

Stormwater Project—Interlochen/Canterbury (Batson)

Mike Beaty described their recommendations for the Interlochen/Canterbury stormwater project (a plan drawing was presented to the Board). This would be a month-long project with an estimated cost of \$37,687. The existing 18” corrugated pipe is undersized (recommending at 24” concrete pipe)—there is 27 cubic feet per second of runoff in this area. GRE is proposing 4 inlets (1 drop box and 3 combination inlet grates). The next step is for GRE to prepare bid specs. A motion to move forward with the proposed project and go out for bid was made by Ann Littell Mills, with Randy West seconding the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. Additional stormwater projects will be on our next agenda.

The City is meeting next week on the landscaping concept, and we should have a plan from Jernay for approval. Plantings will be ordered direct from a nursey so they will be new stock and fresh.

CONSENT AGENDA

Public Hearings—Annexation of Wastewater Treatment Plant (Davis)

The Planning and Zoning Commission and the Board of Aldermen both held public hearings for the purpose of receiving comments from the public on the annexation of the wastewater treatment plant. There were 3 residents in attendance with questions of why we are annexing

the plant and will it make a difference in taxes. The Planning and Zoning Commission voted unanimously to recommend the City annex the plant. We have until September 5 to receive comments. An ordinance annexing the plant will be passed at the September meeting if no comments are received by September 5 and to be considered.

Approval of July 18, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes (Davis)

A motion to approve the July 18, 2019 regular meeting minutes was made by Sean O’Connell, with Kerry Nelson seconding the motion. The motion was approved--Lowry abstained as she was absent from the meeting.

Approval of August 1, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes (Davis)

Nelson noted a correction to the August 1 minutes--he did not volunteer for a master security plan but did volunteer for the sheriff’s security plan. O’Connell has begun working on a master security plan, of which the sheriff’s contract is a part. After he prepares a preliminary document, we will form a committee for review. A motion to approve the August 1, 2019 regular meeting minutes as corrected was made by Kerry Nelson, with Sean O’Connell seconding the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. Littell Mills and Lowry abstained as they were not in attendance.

Approval of August 1, 2019 Closed Meeting Minutes (Davis)

A motion to approve the August 1, 2019 closed meeting minutes was made by Kerry Nelson, with Randy West seconding the motion. The motion was approved—Littell Mills and Lowry abstained as they were absent from the meeting.

Resolution #222-2019 Amending 2019 Budget (Curtiss)

The budget amendment was made a part of the board packet. A motion to approve Resolution #222-2019, amending the 2019 budget, was made by Alisa Lowry, with Kerry Nelson seconding the motion. The motion was approved.

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

The amendments to the budget are not reflected in the reports presented. The \$74,000 annual principle payment and the semi-annual interest on the SRF loan were noted/paid. A motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report and expenses of \$47,003.25 for the general fund and \$22,976.54 for the sewer fund were made by Ann Littell Mills, with Kerry Nelson seconding the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Bill #314-2019/Ordinance #314-2019 Setting 2019 Property Tax Levy (Curtiss)

The proposal is to leave the 2019 property tax levy the same as last year \$.6318 per \$100 of assessed valuation. Revenues generated would be approximately \$175,701.22 or a 6% increase. A motion to approve Bill #314-2019 by title only was made by Randy West, with Kerry Nelson seconding the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote with the ayes being: Alisa Lowry, Ann Littell Mills, Kerry Nelson, Sean O’Connell and Randy West—there were no nay votes. A motion to dispense with the second reading of Bill #314-2019 was made by Sean O’Connell, with Randy West seconding the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote with the ayes being: Alisa Lowry, Ann Littell Mills, Kerry Nelson, Sean O’Connell and Randy

West—there were no nay votes. A motion to adopt Bill #314-2019 as Ordinance #314-2019 was made by Alisa Lowry, with Ann Littell Mills seconding the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote with the ayes being: Alisa Lowry, Ann Littell Mills, Kerry Nelson, Sean O’Connell and Randy West—there were no nay votes.

Proclamation Declaring September Is Hunger Action Month and Least of These, Inc. Month in Christian County (Davis)

A sample proclamation for Least of These was made a part of the board packet. After general discussion, suggestions were made for editing the proclamation before signing. The official ribbon cutting for their new facility will be on September 9 at 10AM—Davis and West will attend—the Board is invited to attend as well.

OLD BUSINESS

GRE Landscape Architect (York)

This topic was covered earlier in the meeting. We will give GRE a budget number of \$45,000 for landscaping and work from there as to whether it will cover doing the CC Hwy. and Cassidy entrances as one big project.

Drainage Grate/Rip Rap—Cassidy Addition (Batson)

The church is moving forward with this project—they have to get a legal description of the easement as there currently is not one. They will find contractors to bid the project and make us aware of their progress and plan. The church will be installing a prayer garden on the north side of their building—it will be right up next to their building.

Sign Install Update—Plan For Old Signs (Batson)

The new signs look awesome—we have received lots of compliments on them from residents. Springfield Sign is installing 4-5 signs a day, and it will take a couple weeks to install them all. After general discussion, it was decided to let the Board have first pick of the old signs, if they would like one, and then it will be first some first serve on the rest—we will wait to notify residents they can have an old sign after the new signs are all installed. We will not charge for the old signs.

Spire Energy—Natural Gas Project/Conference in September (Davis)

The trade conference will be held on Wednesday, September 25, and Spire would like someone from the City who was involved with this project to be their guest to receive the project plaque. Davis will not be able to attend. It was suggested Curtiss and Tom Tobin possibly attend. If it works out a city representative cannot be present, Spire Energy will present the plaque at one of our meetings.

Security Patrols (Davis)

Nelson has reviewed the sheriff’s contract and would like to form a committee to discuss expectations. West will chair the committee with Nelson and O’Connell and evaluate the needs and expectations. We may consider asking 3 residents to also serve on the committee (one from each ward).

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business to address.

ADJOURN

A motion to adjourn was made by Kerry Nelson, with Alisa Lowry seconding the motion. The motion was approved and the meeting adjourned at 8:29 PM.

CITY OF FREMONT HILLS

By: _____

Luke Davis, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jeanette Curtiss, City Clerk/Finance Officer