

**BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2020**

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, October 1, 2020. This was a virtual meeting via the Zoom format—information on attending the meeting via Zoom was shown 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

Guests: None.

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

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O’Connell, speaking as a citizen of the City, reported he feels speeding is gradually getting worse and shared a recent incident with the Board.

AGENDA

OLD BUSINESS

COVID-19 Update (Davis)

The Christian County Health Department update was made a part of the board packet—increase in cases—741 being monitored—5 deaths. The recent order by the Christian County Commissioners on the wearing of masks required of all county employees and in all county-owned or leased facilities effective October 2, 2020 was also made a part of the board packet.

Cassidy Property—Troxel (Nelson)

Legal advised to go ahead with the survey so a legal description could be done. The surveyor (Brad Mackey) has done the field work and the legal description should be ready in 3-4 weeks--cost estimated to be \$400-\$500 since he’s already working in the City. Troxel asked about an appraisal on this section of property—West indicated this was not a part of the work being done—he is updating her weekly on the status.

NEW BUSINESS

Added Electric Service—Fremont Hills Drive (Batson)

In looking at extending the electrical down Fremont Hills Drive for added holiday lighting, landscape lighting, possible water/fountain feature, and other electrical needs, Batson obtained a couple estimates, which vary depending on whether the sleeve is bored or trenched—bored would be close to \$10,000 and trenched would be \$4,000-\$5,000 but then there would be sod and irrigation repairs. Outlets would be placed at each of the large rocks. Kerry Nelson joined the meeting at this time. A motion to get boring bids for the project was made by Sean O’Connell, with Randy West seconding the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote with the ayes being: Leeper, Lowry, Mills, O’Connell and West—there were no nays—Nelson abstained as he was not present for the discussion.

City Hall (Davis)

The City’s 3-year lease is nearing the end of its original term. The lease expired September 1, 2020 and an addendum carried it through to October 13—a 3-year term. The Club would like to discuss changes to the lease. We have a 1-year option to renew under the same terms. The Board decided to renew the 1-year option and re-evaluate all options for city office space. Committee members volunteering to vet out options that were maybe not available to us years ago are: Luke Davis, Kerry Nelson and Sean O’Connell.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

Planning and Zoning

Nothing new to report.

SEWER

SCADA System Install Update (Batson)

Vaught is planning to start next week and finish the install. He will contact Batson when onsite to view the radio work. We are starting to have big issues with the PLC’s now. We hope to have it up and running by the end of the week.

SCEAP Grant Status Update (Batson)

We are continuing to move forward with the process.

STREETS

Cassidy Ponds (Batson)

Flynn Drilling did not see an issue with us writing broad specs for the project—GRE would want several thousand dollars to write specs. Batson has prepared a list of those specs and we hope to put out for bid next week. The controller may be feeding off the lift station.

BEAUTIFICATION

Cassidy Entrance Landscaping Project (Batson)

We do not have drawings for an entrance structure yet. Resident is still interested in preparing the drawings. The Board had no issues with waiting longer for the drawings.

Winged Foot Drive Landscaping Project (Batson)

With the acquisition of more property in this area likely, these plans will be on hold until that is completed—may look at encompassing more of the acquired land into this project—pricing would hopefully be better if we do more in the area.

Closed Session

A motion to go into closed session pursuant to RSMo 610.021(2) leasing, purchase or sale of real estate 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, Mills, Nelson, O’Connell and West—there were no nay votes.

ADJOURN

A motion to adjourn was made by Kerry Nelson, with Talyia Leeper 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. The meeting adjourned at 7:22 PM.

CITY OF FREMONT HILLS

By: _____

Luke Davis, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jeanette Curtiss, City Clerk/Finance Officer