

**BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2020**

CALL TO ORDER. Mayor Luke Davis called the regular semi-monthly meeting of the Board of Aldermen to order at 6:03 PM on Thursday, November 19, 2020—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

Guests: Casey Anderson/Natures Image, Jon Hilton/Scapes and residents Ashley and Brian Bruce.

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

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There were no comments to come before the board.

AGENDA

Approval of October 15, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes (Davis)

A motion to approve the October 15, 2020 regular meeting minutes was made by Talyia Leeper, with Alisa Lowry seconding the motion. The motion was approved with the aye votes being Leeper, Lowry, Mills, Nelson, O’Connell and West—there were no nay votes.

Approval of October 15, 2020 Closed Session Meeting Minutes (Davis)

Lowry noted a correction to be made to the spelling of her name in one set of these minutes. A motion to approve the October 15, closed session meeting minutes as corrected was made by Kerry Nelson, with Talyia Leeper seconding the motion. The motion was approved with the aye votes being Leeper, Lowry, Mills, Nelson, O’Connell and West—there were no nay votes.

Approval of November 5, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes (Davis)

A motion to approve the November 5, 2020 regular meeting minutes was made by Alisa Lowry, with Randy West seconding the motion. The motion was approved with the aye votes being Leeper, Lowry, Mills, Nelson, O’Connell and West—there were no nay votes.

Approval of November 5, 2020 Closed Session Meeting Minutes (Davis)

A motion to approve the November 5, 2020 closed session meeting minutes was made by Damon Mills, with Randy West seconding the motion. The motion was approved with the aye votes being Leeper, Lowry, Mills, Nelson, O'Connell and West—there were no nay votes.

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

A motion to approve the treasurer's report and general expenses of \$8,735.76 and sewer fund expenses of \$17,017.18 was made by Randy West, with Talyia Leeper seconding the motion. The motion was approved with the aye votes being Leeper, Lowry, Mills, Nelson, O'Connell and West—there were no nay votes.

Bid Selection For Mowing and Lawn Care Maintenance (Batson)

Bid packets were sent to 5 businesses--we received 3 bids back—Advanced and Zanescales did not submit a bid. Bids submitted were from A & T, Natures Image and Scapes. Batson verbally shared the bids submitted, by bid category. Bids between Natures Image and Scapes were close—Batson's recommendation was Scapes. After general discussion, the board preferred to see a bid tabulation sheet before making a decision—this sheet was not made a part of the board packet. A motion to table the selection of a contractor until our December 3 meeting was made by Sean O'Connell, with Alisa Lowry seconding the motion. The aye votes to table were: Mills, Lowry and O'Connell—the nay votes were Nelson, West and Leeper. West entered a change in his vote to aye. The motion was approved with the aye votes being Lowry, Mills, O'Connell and West—the nay votes were Nelson and Leeper.

OLD BUSINESS

COVID-19 Update (Davis)

The Christian County Health Department update was made a part of the board packet—the numbers are increasing (1,866 active cases, 4 on ventilators and 23 in the hospital). Lowry reported the governor's task force will be on call at 10 AM tomorrow if anyone is interested in joining the call.

Cassidy Property—Troxel (Batson)

We were promised last Friday that the legal would be done on Monday—we still have not received it. Mrs. Troxel will be updated.

SCEAP Grant Update (Curtiss)

We are still waiting for the final approval.

Security Patrols (O'Connell)

O'Connell has contacted Sheriff Cole and plans to meet again for a recommendation from law enforcement on vertical and horizontal approaches to speed calming measures.

2021 Budget Draft (Curtiss)

O'Connell would like the security budget to be increased to \$19,200 in consideration of some possible new speed calming measures. We will know more soon about our receipt of funding from Ozark Special Road District. We will be adding the FirstNet/AT&T hot spot to the plant expenditures when that gets set up (part of the SCADA system)—will need to communicate this feature with Derek Day/Fair Haven HOA President. As far as stormwater projects, we are going to look at only 2 for 2021--\$100,269 (the Cassidy weir and the Winged Foot Drive inlet box by Sarrazin home). The detention pond weir at the #3 t-box will have to be placed on hold for now.

NEW BUSINESS

Citywide Fiber (Davis)

Davis and Batson met with NetVision regarding wireless service that could be installed throughout the City and direct to homes that want fiber service. Some of their clients are TLC Properties, Wooten, and they just installed service to Wild Horse. Their engineer drove the City and provided a map of where fiber lines would be installed. There are several options for pricing. The City could buy wholesale and become our own company for this service (our legal counsel felt this to be a good option for us). The main box would be near the Methodist Church, lines would be placed in the right-of-way in backyards, with 1 pedestal serving 8 homes (residents would have a fiber modem in their homes). We would be the only city in the state with fiber to homes. It would take approximately 10 months to install throughout the whole city. The price is competitive, with 3 plans to choose from: 250/500/1gig—price as low as \$80. Springfield did something similar with SpringNet. Davis will continue researching—their business model seems to require a 75% commitment from households. This would be good for the commercial district as well.

Declaration of Candidacy (Curtiss)

The first day for declaring candidacy for aldermen is Tuesday, December 15—closing date is Tuesday, January 19, 2021. Aldermen up for re-election are: O'Connell/ Ward 1, Nelson/Ward 2 and West/Ward 3. A notice will be published in the Headliner, posted on our website and sent to residents.

Closed Session

A motion to go into closed session pursuant to RSMo 610.021(1) legal action was made by Kerry Nelson, with Talyia Leeper 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 Randy West seconding the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 8:36 PM.

CITY OF FREMONT HILLS

By: _____

Luke Davis, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jeanette Curtiss, City Clerk/Finance Officer