

**BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING  
THURSDAY, AUGUST 20, 2020**

**CALL TO ORDER.** Mayor Luke Davis called the regular monthly meeting of the Board of Aldermen to order at 6:00 PM on Thursday, August 20, 2020 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	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: Resident Ruth Benedett and Jacob Dean/Great River Engineering.

City Officials: Matt Growcock/City Attorney, 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.

**Procurement of SCEAP Grant Engineer (Batson)**

There were no objections to moving this agenda topic up on the agenda. GRE was the engineer selected for the SCEAP grant after the evaluation process by O’Connell, Batson and Curtiss. A draft agreement from GRE was presented for review and will be sent to DNR.

**AGENDA**

**Approval of July 16, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes (Davis)**

To complete the adjournment portion of these minutes, the motion to adjourn regular session was made by Sean O’Connell, with Alisa Lowry seconding the motion. The meeting adjourned at 9:08 PM. A motion to approve the July 16, 2020 regular meeting minutes as completed was made by Talyia Leeper, with Kerry Nelson seconding the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

**Approval of July 16, 2020 Closed Session Meeting Minutes (Davis)**

A motion to approve the July 16, 2020 closed session meeting minutes was made by Kerry Nelson, with Randy West seconding the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

**Approval of August 6, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes (Davis)**

A motion to approve the August 6, 2020 regular meeting minutes was made by Kerry Nelson, with Alisa Lowry seconding the motion. Talyia Leeper abstained as she was not in attendance. The motion was unanimously approved.

**Approval of August 6, 2020 Closed Session Meeting Minutes (Davis)**

A motion to approve the portion of the August 6, 2020 meeting minutes addressing RSMO 610.021(1) legal was made by O’Connell, with Nelson seconding the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. The portion of the August 6, 2020 meeting minutes addressing RSMO 610.021(3) personnel will be approved at the September meeting.

**Resolution #232-2020 Amending 2020 Budget (Curtiss)**

The proposed budget amendment was made a part of the board packet. A motion to approve Resolution #232-2020 amending the 2020 budget was made by Randy West, with Kerry Nelson seconding the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

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

These reports were made a part of the board packet. Expenses for approval are \$24,586.26 general fund and \$25,151.98 sewer fund. A motion to approve the treasurer’s report and expenses to be paid was made by Sean O’Connell, with Alisa Lowry seconding the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

**Bill #326-2020/Ordinance #326-2020 Setting 2020 Tax Levy (Curtiss)**

This bill was made a part of the board packet 24 hours in advance of the meeting. Bill #326-2020 was read in its entirety on the first reading. A motion to approve Bill #326-202 on the first reading was made by Nelson, with West seconding. The motion was approved by roll call vote with the ayes being Leeper, Lowry, Nelson, O’Connell and West—there were no nay votes. A motion to dispense with the second reading was made by O’Connell, with Leeper seconding the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote with the ayes being Leeper, Lowry, Nelson, O’Connell and West—there were no nay votes. A motion to adopt Bill #326-2020 as Ordinance #326-2020 was made by West, with Nelson seconding the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote with the ayes being Leeper, Lowry, Nelson, O’Connell and West—there were no nay votes.

**Bill #327-2020/Ordinance #327-2020 Conflict Of Interest Ordinance (Curtiss)**

This bill was made a part of the board packet 24 hours in advance of the meeting. A motion to approve Bill #327-2020 by title only on the first reading 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, Nelson, O’Connell and West—there were no nay votes. A motion to dispense with the second reading was made by West, with Nelson seconding the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote with the ayes being Leeper, Lowry, Nelson, O’Connell and West—there were no nay votes. A motion to adopt Bill #327-2020 as Ordinance #327-2020 was made by Lowry, with O’Connell seconding the motion. The motion was approved by roll

call vote with the ayes being Leeper, Lowry, Nelson, O'Connell and West—there were no nay votes.

**Procurement of SCEAP Grant Engineer (Batson)**

Topic was moved up on the agenda.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**COVID-19 Update (Davis)**

An update from the Christian County Health Department was made a part of the board packet. Springfield's mayor sent a letter to Governor Parson, requesting a state-wide mask mandate. Ozark's mask mandate didn't pass and Joplin rescinded their mask mandate.

**Security Camera Update (Davis)**

NetWatch procured a new covering and will have it coated and set for installation tomorrow. Damon Mills entered the meeting at this time. There were a couple incidents where vehicles bypassed the barriers at the double barrel--the barriers were moved and not put back. Netwatch pulled the footage—each incident was viewable in the footage provided and we were able to capture the license plate of each vehicle bypassing the barriers. No damage caused by the traffic so we will not pursue action against the violators at this time.

**City Engagement (Nelson)**

Nelson reported the communication is ready to be mailed as soon as he gets the address list. He got two bids for the postcard, with the cheapest being \$200. O'Connell, West and Nelson worked on the introductory email and survey questions. Survey monkey is \$400 for a one-year subscription but will use another avenue for trial. We will add ward designation for responses with a link to a ward map in case people don't know their ward, put results on the website, and will put a deadline for responding to the survey (September 18). Street signs were not added because they are categorized as infrastructure—beautification was in the survey. The mailer can ask residents to send their email address to us if we don't have it. The committee will meet again before sending out.

**Underage Golf Cart Drivers (Nelson)**

There is nothing to report—Nelson asked that this topic be removed from the agenda until further notice.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Cassidy Property—Troxel (Nelson)**

Growcock will review the C & R's and draw up a written agreement for Troxel to gift to us at no cost (we would incur costs for the survey and replatting, City would maintain property , taxes will maybe be prorated, etc.). We will need to get a legal description before platting and deed

being drafted. West, Lowry and Batson will meet with Troxel to convey City's interest in this parcel.

**Closed Session**

A motion to go into closed session pursuant to RSMo 610.021(1) legal 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. The Board took a few minutes for a break before continuing with the closed session.

**ADJOURN**

A motion to adjourn was made by Randy West, with Sean O'Connell seconding the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 9:18 PM.

CITY OF FREMONT HILLS

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Luke Davis, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Jeanette Curtiss, City Clerk/Finance Officer