

**BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING  
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2020**

**CALL TO ORDER.** Mayor Luke Davis called the regular semi-monthly meeting of the Board of Aldermen to order at 6:06 PM on Thursday, September 17, 2020--this was a virtual meeting, with all votes taken by roll call vote. Instructions for attending the Zoom meeting were a part of the 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: 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 August 6, 2020 Closed Session Meeting Minutes (Davis)**

A motion to approve the August 6, 2020 closed session meeting minutes was made by Sean O’Connell, with Alisa Lowry 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.

**Approval of August 20, 2020 Public Hearing Minutes (Davis)**

A motion to approve the August 20, 2020 public hearing minutes 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.

**Approval of August 20, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes (Davis)**

A motion to approve the August 20, 2020 regular meeting minutes was made by Alisa Lowry, 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.

**Approval of August 20, 2020 Closed Session Meeting Minutes (Davis)**

A motion to approve the August 20, 2020 closed session meeting minutes was made by Randy West, 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.

### **Approval of September 3, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes (Davis)**

A motion to approve the September 3, 2020 regular meeting minutes was made by Damon Mills, with Alisa Lowry seconding the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote with the ayes being: Leeper, Lowry, Mills, Nelson and West—there were no nay votes and O’Connell abstained as he was absent from the meeting.

### **Approval of September 3, 2020 Closed Session Meeting Minutes (Davis)**

A motion to approve the September 3, 2020 closed session meeting minutes 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 and West—there were no nay votes and O’Connell abstained as he was absent from the meeting.

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

General fund expenses presented for approval are \$110,501.32 and sewer fund expenses are \$18,735.27. A motion to approve the treasurer’s report and expenses to be paid was made by Kerry Nelson, with Sean O’Connell 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.

### **Bill #328-2020/Ordinance #328-2020 Authorizing Professional Services Agreement With GRE For SCEAP Grant (Davis)**

This agreement was revised from the first version the Board received—DNR recommended a few changes (revised bill was made a part of the board packet). Bill #328-2020 was read in its entirety on the first reading. A motion to approve Bill #328-2020 on the first reading was made by Randy West, with Sean O’Connell 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. A motion to dispense with the second reading of Bill #328-2020 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. A motion to adopt Bill #323-2020 as Ordinance #328-2020 was made by Sean O’Connell, with Alisa Lowry 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. DNR also clarified in their communication to us with the agreement changes, that this grant would not fund any operating analysis—they are not going to tell us how the operator is doing with maintaining the plant.

### **Resolution #233-2020 Adopting Hazard Mitigation Plan Update (Curtiss)**

This resolution was made a part of the board packet. This is the last step in the update of the multi-jurisdictional hazard mitigation plan. Those who do not participate in the plan are not eligible for FEMA funds in the event of a community hazard. For most items, we would follow the county’s lead. Curtiss attended 4 of the 5 meetings (3 were required for participation). This resolution was one provided to us by the Southwest Missouri Council of Governments, who is spearheading the update, which is done every 5 years. Resolution #233-2020 was read by title only. A motion to approve Resolution #233-2020 was made by Randy West, with Kerry Nelson seconding the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote with the ayes being: Leeper, Lowry, Mills, Nelson and West—there were no nay votes-- O’Connell abstained.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

### **COVID-19 Update (Davis)**

The September 15 Christian County Health Department update was made a part of the board packet. There are 565 active cases and a few more deaths in the county, deaths totaling 4. They are also tracking hospitalizations and how many on ventilators (9 hospitalized and none on ventilators). The county's testing site tested 94 the first week open—8 positive cases (8.5% positive rate). We have heard of no mask mandate from the county at this point.

### **City Engagement (Nelson)**

Nelson reported that as of this afternoon there are 217 responses out of 474 emails sent out. Nelson highlighted some of the responses for the Board—the committee will review and present a detailed report at a later meeting.

### **Cassidy Property—Troxel (West)**

West and Batson met with Mrs. Troxel and placed flags along her west property line to identify the boundary and new property line. The next step is an agreement to verify terms and that we would not be purchasing this land, before doing a survey. West will get with Growcock on specifics.

### **Cassidy Ponds (Batson)**

Flynn Drilling gave an estimate of \$35,000 for a well, floats and a full system. Legal counsel needs to verify that we are not violating anything with Ozark Water by installing a well to fill these ponds. Lefty's, without looking at our project, was estimating \$20,000-\$22,000. We will have to encase the sewer in concrete that is within 100' of the well. Due to the dollar amount, this would have to go out for sealed bid—estimate \$50,000 for project. The Board approved putting the project out for bid after approval from legal counsel.

### **Fire Hydrants (Batson)**

The fire hydrant markers have been installed—a few more need ordered and installed for hydrants on Fremont Road. The National Fire Association says plantings/landscaping must be 6 ft. from hydrants to allow ample space for a pumper truck to connect. During the marker install, there were a couple landscaped areas where the hydrants are hidden by vegetation (two pictures were made a part of the board packet). Hydrants are GPS'd but the markers are a quick view of them. We also need a lid for one at the treatment plant. Nelson, Leeper and Batson will visit with the one property owner where the hydrant was barely visible from the street.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Absentee Voting/Absentee Mail In Voting (Curtiss)**

The Board discussed the application and Secretary of State's office handout that was made a part of the board packet. It was decided since there is plenty of information being distributed by other entities, we would have Needham put something on our social media platforms that say we want people to vote—it's important to vote—and put link to Secretary Of State's office that says how to vote

### **Halloween Security Patrol (Curtiss)**

Halloween is on a Saturday this year—with COVID not sure how this will affect our traffic. It was decided to make this a part of the patrol schedule for 1 officer, for as long as someone can do it.

**Holiday Lighting (Davis)**

After discussion of holiday lighting, Mills will spearhead getting installation scheduled. He will also get a cost for adding more trees/decorations and displays at the entrances. It was suggested we extend the trees further west down the double barrel entrance.

**2021 Budget Meeting (Davis)**

After discussion, the date of Thursday, October 8 was set for our initial budget meeting (6 PM—it will be the only agenda item). The first meeting will be to discuss projects for 2021.

**CLOSED SESSION**

**The tentative agenda for this meeting also includes a vote to close part of this meeting pursuant to RSMo 610.021(1) legal.**

A motion to go into closed session pursuant to RSMo 620.021(1) legal actions was made by Sean O’Connell, 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 Alisa Lowry, 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. The meeting adjourned at 8:53 PM.

CITY OF FREMONT HILLS

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Luke Davis, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Jeanette Curtiss, City Clerk/Finance Officer