

City Council Meeting Minutes
August 13, 2018
7:30 p.m.

The Board of Aldermen met on Monday, August 13, 2018 in the Council Chamber at City Hall. Mayor Richard Bodi presided with the following present: Ald. Riley, Wade, Chism, Young, Cravens and White.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. The Mayor called the meeting to order.

The Minutes from the July 23rd meeting were presented. Ald. Chism made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Ald. Cravens seconded, all voted “yes” and the minutes were accepted.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Visitors: Mr. Phil of Pfuehler of New Madrid appeared before the Council to thank them for their support in regard to his concern about the condition on the levee. Mr. Pfuehler had appeared before the Council at the last meeting informing them that he had a sand boil under his home and had had geysers periodically in his back yard, leading him to believe that the levee is unstable. He had contacted Rep. Don Rone, and Jason Smith as well as the Corps of Engineers. A meeting took place at this home last week and Ald. White, Mayor Bodi as well as a representative from Smith & Company had attended. He said that he had received a follow up call this morning from Leslie Huett and a text from Rep. Jason Smith letting him know that progress was being made and that they would keep him informed. Mayor Bodi stated that he would be attending the low water meeting with the Corps in Caruthersville later in the month and was sure that this issue, among others within the City would be discussed.
2. A Resolution was presented awarding a bid in the amount of \$TJ’s Landscape Service of New Madrid for renovations to the ballfield in Davis Park. Ald. Chism had a motion to approve and Ald. White seconded. A Roll Call vote was taken as follows: Ald. Riley – yes, Ald. Wade – yes, Ald. Chism – yes, Ald. Young – yes, Ald. Cravens – yes and Ald. White – yes. The resolution passed.
3. A Resolution was presented authorizing the expenditure of up to \$12,380.25 of General Revenue funds for the purchase of additional improvements to the City Ball fields in conjunction with matching amounts from the New Madrid County R-1 School District. Ald.

Chism made a motion to approve and Ald. Wade seconded. A Roll Call vote was taken as follows: Ald. Riley – yes, Ald. Wade – yes, Ald. Chism – yes, Ald. Young – yes, Ald. Cravens – yes and Ald. White – yes. The resolution passed.

4. Bill #18-1296: an Ordinance establishing the tax rate for the City of New Madrid, Missouri for the Tax year 2018 on all taxable property both real and personal located therein. The Mayor read the ordinance aloud twice over.

SECTION I: That there shall be levied on all taxable property in the City of New Madrid, Missouri for the year 2018, both real and personal, the sum of sixty one point sixty eight cents (\$.6168) on the One Hundred Dollar Valuation for General Revenue Purposes.

SECTION II: That this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval and that all Ordinances in conflict herewith, insofar as they conflict herewith, insofar as they conflict, are hereby repealed.

A Roll Call vote was taken as follows: Ald. Riley – yes, Ald. Wade – yes, Ald. Chism – yes, Ald. Young – yes, Ald. Cravens – yes and Ald. White – yes. The ordinance was adopted.

5. City Administrator’s Report: Adm. McGill referred to the letter from Realtor Shirley Perry that had been included in the Aldermen’s packets. Ms. Perry had included a plat map showing several lots adjacent to the City’s property on the east side of the City that was currently for sale. Ms. Perry felt that the City might be interested in acquiring the property and wanted them to know that it was available. Mayor Bodi stated that he felt there was a good reason for the City to look into this as it could be of good use. It could provide an option for moving the large dumpster on Riley street farther away from some of the residences in the vicinity. It could also give us an opportunity to keep the area cleaner and to reduce the littering that is currently ongoing around the dumpster. Mr. Pfuehler asked if it would be possible to move the dumpster to the other side of the levee to where the burn pile is located, thereby relieving the unpleasant odor in that neighborhood. It could be moved back if and when we would have high water issues. Mayor Bodi said that he liked the idea of that and would like to investigate it further. Atty. Bock said that that property was going up for tax sale and that it would be a good time for the City to look into acquiring it.
6. Ald. White made a motion to adjourn to a closed session pertinent to “B. Leasing, purchase or sale of real estate wherever public knowledge of the transaction might adversely affect the legal consideration there for (RSMo 610.021.1)”. Ald. Chism seconded the motion. A Roll Call vote was taken as follows: Ald. Riley – yes, Ald. Wade – yes, Ald. Chism – yes, Ald.

Young – yes, Ald. Cravens – yes and Ald. White – yes. The meeting moved to a closed session.

Ald. Chism made a motion to leave the closed session. Ald. White seconded. All voted “yes” and the closed session adjourned.

7. There being no further business, Ald. White made a motion to adjourn. Ald. Chism seconded. A Roll Call vote was taken as follows: Ald. Riley – yes, Ald. Wade – yes, Ald. Chism – yes, Ald. Young – yes, Ald. Cravens – yes and Ald. White – yes. The meeting adjourned.