

City of New Madrid
City Council Meeting Minutes
Amended
June 24, 2019, 6:00 p.m.

The Board of Aldermen met on Monday, June 24, 2019 at 6:00 pm in the Council Chamber at City Hall. Mayor Richard Bodi presided with the following present: Ald. Wade, Chism, Riley, Young, Cravens and White.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. The Mayor called the meeting to order.

The Minutes from the May 30, 2019 meeting were presented. Ald. Wade made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Ald. Chism seconded, all voted “yes” and the minutes were accepted.

2. The Mayor asked for a motion to amend the agenda to add a Resolution. Ald. Chism made the motion and Ald. Wade seconded. The Council voted as follows: Ald. Riley – yes, Ald. Wade – yes, Ald. Chism – yes, Ald. Young – yes, Ald. Cravens – yes, Ald. White – yes. The agenda was so amended.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Visitors:

Mr. Ken Burch of Sikeston. Mr. Burch appeared to speak to the council regarding the placement of a 2000 lb. iron cannon with 57” wheels where the wooden cannon is now. This authentic cannon should produce much interest for visitors to the town. He is requesting that the City pour a concrete pad to put the cannon on and a cover of some sort for protection from the sun. The Mayor informed Mr. Burch that the Council would consider his request and see what they could do. Ald. Wade said that he thought it would be a good idea to have the cannon here as did Ald. Young.

Mr. David Hunt, Sr. of New Madrid. Mr. Hunt thanked the Council for the new benches at the Obannon Park. He is now appearing to request a walking trail around the sand box area at the park. That would allow the residents, especially valuable to the older residents with grandchildren, the opportunity to walk and watch the children at the same time. This would give the older residents something at the park that would benefit them as well as the

children. He said that he did not think the trail would be a costly thing for the City to do. Mayor Bodi said that he thought the trail would be 6' wide and probably about 1/8 mile from end to end. The Mayor thanked Mr. Hunt for his suggestion and told him that the Council would talk it over and get back to him.

2. Resolution: A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign a Change Order in the amount up to \$8000.00 to the 2019 Tree Trimming Project for additional Tree Trimming sites was taken up. Ald. Chism made a motion to approve the resolution. Ald. Young seconded the motion. A vote was taken with all the Aldermen voting "yes". The resolution was approved.
3. City Administrator's Report: Adm. Richard McGill brought up the incidents that happened during "The Loop" event that was held Saturday night. He asked Chief Higgerson to detail the events that happened that night. Chief Higgerson said that at 10:00 p.m. a vehicle overturned on the overpass and one of our patrolmen was sent to offer assistance. A fight then broke out at the end of Main Street and 3 people were arrested. Then shots were heard on St. Lawrence and another fight broke out on Mill Street, someone pulled a gun on Main and 2 people were charged in that incident. Almost every incident began on Main Street and were fueled by alcohol and many of the revelers were from out of town. Ald. Wade asked Chief Higgerson what he suggested that we do to stop this from happening. Chief Higgerson stated that he thought it best not to take an official position. If we were to ban it on that night, they would just move it to another. He feels that first thing we should be taking some precautions. He suggests that the police increase their presence known by using more officers, stopping cars and actually looking in the cars, control the flow of traffic, close the parking lots and spread the word that the police will be more aggressive. This was by far the biggest event of this type in the area.

Mayor Bodi mentioned a citizen that has voluntarily cleaned up after the "Loop" the last two years and how best to recognize him. He also mentioned that there would be a meeting tomorrow regarding the Independence Day Celebration. He said that we may have to move the fireworks if the weather does not cooperate. He said that they staff have all of their assignments. There are 8 teams enrolled in the BBQ contest.

Adm. Richard McGill said that Nip Kelly is ready to get to work. Delta Milling will be here next week.

Ald. White made a motion to adjourn to a closed session pursuant to: B. "Leasing, purchase or sale of real estate where public knowledge of the transaction might adversely affect the legal consideration there for (RSMo 610.021.2). Ald. Young seconded the motion and a roll call vote

was taken as follows: Ald. Riley – yes, Ald. Wade – yes, Ald. Chism – yes, Ald. Young – yes, Ald. Cravens – yes, Ald. White – yes. The meeting adjourned to closed session.

Ald. Chism made a motion to adjourn back to open session. Ald. Wade seconded and a roll call vote was taken as follows: Ald. Riley – yes, Ald. Wade – yes, Ald. Chism – yes, Ald. Young – yes, Ald. Cravens – yes, Ald. White – yes.

Back to open session:

There being no further business, Ald. White made a motion to adjourn. Ald. Chism seconded. All voted “yes” and the meeting adjourned.