

City of New Madrid  
City Council Meeting Minutes  
January 27, 2020  
6:00 p.m.

The Board of Aldermen met on Monday, January 27, 2020 at 6:00 pm 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.
2. The Minutes from the Monday, December 30, 2019 meeting were presented. Ald. Wade made a motion to approve and Ald. Chism seconded. All Aldermen voted “yes” and the minutes were accepted.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Visitors:**  
Kyle Carr the manager of the new Alliance Bank branch appeared before the council. Mr. Carr introduced himself and Jessica, the new accounts manager, to the Council. He said that he wanted to let the Council know how glad they all are to have a new presence in the City of New Madrid. Mr. Carr went over several programs and investments that the City might find of interest. He stated that Alliance was a locally owned bank with 10 board members who are local businessmen. That is what allows the bank to make quick decisions on loans, with 1 week being the maximum amount of time needed to get a loan with Alliance. He also stated that they intended to be involved with all aspects of the community, being part of all the events and sports activities here in town. The Mayor thanked them for coming to the meeting and said that they appreciated all that Kyle had to show them.
2. **Resolution:** A resolution to approve the sale of 2.5 acres of land to Hodges Seed Service, LLC for the amount of \$43,700.00. Ald. Chism made a motion to approve and Ald. Wade seconded the motion. A 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 was approved.

3. Resolution Authorizing Payment for removing mounting plates from the Front Loader Bucket, fit and installation of new JRB Quick Coupler from Luby Equipment for the amount of \$24,737.50 was presented. Ald. White made a motion to approve and Ald. Chism seconded his motion. A 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 was approved.
4. A Resolution authorizing the signing of the letter of engagement with Beussink, Hey, Roe & Stroder, L.L.C., Certified Public Accountants to conduct the City's financial audit for the year 2019 for the amount of \$17,500.00. Ald. Wade made a motion to approve the resolution and Ald. Cravens seconded. A 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 was approved.
5. City Administrator's Report: Adm. McGill said that he was sure that the Aldermen had noticed the building at the corner of Mill and Main. The back portion of the building had completely collapsed into the alley and the rest of the building appears to be ready to come down at any time. Due to its dangerous appearance, the Mayor has declared the building to be condemned and the City has taped off the building and closed Mill Street at that location. The Mayor and Adm. McGill had spoken with Steven Ward, the owner about solutions for tearing down the building as soon as possible. Negotiations are underway to resolve this as soon as possible.

Adm. McGill then mentioned that he, with input from Lambert Engineering, is determining what streets would be replaced this year. Since the issue with the sink holes and flooding, they have had to reevaluate the original plan.

He then told the Council that Fema is now in the reimbursement process which should be completed by the end of this week for the work that was done prior to the flooding. He said that the finalized spreadsheets would be going out to Fema that day.

He also informed the Council that the Architectural firm of Dilley and Traxel of Poplar Bluff were working on a drawing as to how the City might best use the property on Hwy. 61. Ald. White asked if we had received the appraisal of the property yet. Adm. said that he had not.

Ald. Wade said that he had just attended the Chamber of Commerce meeting and was glad to report that they had several new members. Those members included Kyle Carr, of Alliance Bank, who is now on the board, as well as Julie Aycock, Rebecca Fields, Katie Cooper and Sarah Ezell. They seem to be enthusiastic and have lots of good ideas for the Chamber. He mentioned that the Chamber banquet would take place on March 10<sup>th</sup> and Alliance Bank's Grand Opening would be March 6<sup>th</sup>. They Chamber's next two meetings will

be held on February 18<sup>th</sup> at Tasters and March 16<sup>th</sup> at El Bracero's. He said that they will be keying on raising money for the Chamber.

There being no further business, Ald. White made a motion to adjourn and Ald. Chism seconded. A 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.