

City of New Madrid
City Council Meeting Minutes
March 9, 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, Chism, Cravens and White.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. The Mayor called the meeting to order. At that time, the Mayor wanted to officially express his appreciation to Mark Wade for all the years he has served on the board and the contributions he has made to our town in many areas. At that time Mark asked if he could address the Council. He expressed how much he loved our town and how reluctant he was to leave here. He said that he and his wife Sherry had been here 40 years and had raised their family here. He wanted to express how many wonderful benefits the town has and how much he will miss being here. He emotionally said that he would always consider it home. He finished by shaking the hands of the Council Members, the Mayor, City Administrator and a hug for the City Clerk.
2. The Mayor then announced to the group that he would like to appoint G.L. Keene to finish out the vacant seat of Alderman Ward III. Ald. White made a motion to approve the appointment and Ald. Chism seconded. A vote was taken as follows: Ald. Riley – yes, Ald. Chism – yes, Ald. Cravens – yes and Ald. White – yes. The City Clerk that administered the “oath of office” to Mr. Keene and he then took his seat on the board.
3. Bill 20-1310 was presented to the Board that authorized the Mayor to apply for federal financial assistance to run the transit program in the City. Ald. Chism made a motion to adopt the ordinance and Ald. Cravens seconded. A vote was taken as follows: Ald. Riley – yes, Ald. Keene-yes, Ald. Chism – yes, Ald. Cravens – yes and Ald. White – yes. Ordinance 1310 was adopted.
4. City Administrator’s Report: Adm. Richard McGill started off his report with a “hats off” the New Madrid Police Department. He stated that they had a very active week recently that included a murder in Marston, armed robbery and an arrest. He stated that the City’s PD, New Madrid Sheriff’s Dept. and the Mo. State Highway Patrol displayed an outstanding example of good teamwork with a great outcome.
He then mentioned that the City’s annual Mirma Evaluation had recently been completed with the City receiving an outstanding score of 99 out of a possible 100. He credited the

Dept. Heads, the Mayor and the City Clerk for their efforts that produced this score. The Mayor said that he was very proud of this score.

The recent Federal Transit Audit was completed where the City received a 99 out of 100 as well. Adm. McGill then mentioned that the transit bus would be provided free rides to the polling places for anyone who needed it for Tuesday's primary election as we had done on election days in the past. He then informed the group that they were close to finalizing a payment amount with FEMA for the flood damage of last year.

Adm. McGill stated that Engr. Chris Lambert had been working on the street projects. He expects to have the quotes in by Friday on the concrete work for the Mott/Capital intersection. He is also working on pricing for some of the other streets. The Sewer Line Project is being worked on by Smith & Company. They have been working on that for some time and hope to have the bid out soon. This project will run from Water Street to Mill on down past the IC School on Powell St. The entire project will be bid out as one project. This will be quite tricky in the alleys and could be an issue for all homes in the area. Ald. Riley asked if the Masonic Lodge would be affected. Adm. McGill said that it would, in fact they would need to do a by-pass there. He said that the sewer line must be fixed first.

He then told the Council that the transmission lines to the sub-station were almost complete.

He then reminded the Council that the Chamber Banquet would be conducted on March 24th at Rebecca Sharp's.

The annual "Clean Up Week" will take place April 6th thru April 9th.

The "Vet Clinic" will be held on Friday, April 17th from 3:00-6:00 pm at the New Madrid Community Building on Mill Street.

He then informed the Council that CPU would be here next week to install new computers and new software.

He then told them that there would be a meeting at New Madrid Elementary regarding the bond issue on the April Ballot.

At that time, Ald. White made a motion to adjourn to closed session relevant to: "A" Legal actions, causes of action, or litigation (RSMo 610.021.1) and "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. Chism seconded and a vote was taken as follows: Ald. Riley – yes, Ald. Keene – yes, Ald. Chism – yes, Ald. Cravens – yes and Ald. White – yes. The meeting adjourned to a closed session

Ald. Chism made a motion to return to "open" session and Ald. White seconded. A vote was taken as follows: Ald. Riley – yes, Ald. Keene -0 yes, Ald. Chism – yes, Ald. Cravens – yes and Ald. White – yes.

Ald. Riley asked if the City was going to pay for the purchase of new nets at the batting cages at Eagle Park. Adm. McGill said that Steven Medlin was discussing that with the school, but that we would probably be funding it, as it is considered a hazard.

There being no further business, Ald. White made a motion to adjourn and Ald. Riley seconded. A vote was taken as follows: Ald. Riley – yes, Ald. Keene – yes, Ald. Chism – yes, Ald. Cravens – yes and Ald. White – yes.

The meeting adjourned.

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.