

City of New Madrid  
City Council Meeting Minutes  
Monday, June 22, 2020  
6:00 p.m.

The Board of Aldermen met on Monday, June 22, 2020 at 6:00 pm. Mayor Bodi called the meeting to order. A roll call vote was taken with Ald. Riley, Chism, Cravens and White present. Ald. Young was absent.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. The minutes from the May 26th meeting were presented. A vote was taken and all voted "aye". The minutes were adopted.
2. A "Certification of Election" was submitted by the Clement Cravens, the New Madrid County Clerk. The Council approved the election results as presented and the oath of office was administered by the City Clerk to Richard "Dick" Bodi – Mayor, Ald. Tommy Chism – Alderman Ward 1, and Alderman Ryan Riley – Alderman Ward 3. (Alderman Young was absent. His oath of office will be administered at the next meeting)

Ald. Chism made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Ald. Cravens seconded. All voted "aye" and the meeting adjourned.

Mayor Bodi called the meeting to order. Ald. Riley, Ald. Keene, Ald. Chism. Ald. Cravens and Ald. White were in attendance as well as Atty. Bock, Adm. McGill and Clerk Chapman.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

3. VISITORS: Danny Parker of 530 St. Lawrence Dr., appeared before the Council to discuss sewer backups at his home. Mr. Parker stated that his family has had to deal with this for 3 months and he was hoping the Council could tell him when to expect a resolution to the sewer problems in town. Ald. Riley who lives on the same street as Mr. Parker, said that it appears that when we have heavy rains, the rainwater gets into the wastewater system coming through that line. The sewer line is then overwhelmed and cannot handle the volume of water in the system. The lines are not big enough to handle all of this and backs up into the homes in the neighborhood with the lowest elevation. Other things that are contributing to the problem in this line are baby wipes and other products that do not break down but clog up the line in some places and the sand that is coming into the lines from the farmland adjacent to St. Lawrence. Mayor Bodi said that they would be making

the needed changes as soon as possible and that he appreciated Mr. Parker's patience. Mr. Parker said that it had been difficult and he understood what a huge job this has been for the City workers but his wife was unable to wash clothes and that makes life very difficult for his family.

4. Resolution to extend and amend the MOU with National Steel an additional 180 days was the next item on the agenda. Ald. White made a motion to approve and Ald. Cravens seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Ald. Riley – yes, Ald. Keene – yes, Ald. Chism – yes, Ald. Cravens – yes and Ald. White – yes. The Resolution was adopted.
5. The next item was a Resolution to amend the MOU with National Steel to change Recital #3, Section A to read “That Section 5 **Public Infrastructure Improvements** shall be amended. This Section changed the obligation of the City to loan the Company \$3.5 Million dollars on infrastructure in support of National Steel’s project instead of the \$7 Million Dollars as previously written. Ald. White made a motion to approve and Ald. Chism seconded. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Ald. Riley – yes, Ald. Keene – yes, Ald. Chism – yes, Ald. Cravens – yes and Ald. White – yes. The Resolution was adopted.
6. The next agenda item was Bill 20-1313: “An Ordinance to Establish a Procedure to Disclose Potential Conflicts of Interest and Substantial Interests for Certain Officials.” Passage of this Ordinance is required every other year by Missouri Ethics Committee. Ald. Cravens made a motion to approve and Ald. Keene seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Ald. Riley – yes, Ald. Keene – yes, Ald. Chism – yes, Ald. Cravens – yes and Ald. White – yes. The Ordinance was adopted.
7. City Administrator’s Report: Adm. McGill opened up a discussion on the enormity of the water and wastewater improvements that are daily becoming more critical. These needs are in addition to the street improvements that have been planned. We should be cautious that the improvements we make now will not be destroyed when we proceed with the water/wastewater repairs that are paramount. Mayor Bodi said that he wanted to have an engineer to give us a phased plan so that we are sure that situation will not come up. This is going to cost the City quite a bit of money and he does not want to have to go back and redo repairs that we make. Ald. Keene asked Adm. McGill how he wanted to proceed. Richard answered that he wanted to get the bids out as soon as possible, hopefully within the next two weeks. Atty. Bock said that the 8” line on Mitchell street is going to be a problem. It cannot handle the water that is currently coming to that line. It was designed improperly and we are now seeing the results of that. He suggested that we

needed a new ordinance on subdivision development that would prevent this and would become a problem with future expansion of the City.

Adm. McGill said that concerning the street bid, APEX Delta will be finished with a project in Sikeston in 3 weeks. He is waiting on our estimated project costs from Chris Lambert. Ald. Cravens said that we should go forward now on taking care of the sewer problems. If we do not, then it may never get done.

Richard McGill said that Nip Kelly will be completing the walking track at the Obannon Park. Ald. White said that they had done an amazing job on the intersection of Mott and Capitol.

The next item for the Administrator's report was the utility agreements that have been out to bid and received. Justin McCann, engineer for the Energy Management Agreement with MPUA has asked for some changes. 8 to 9 of his recommendation were changed by the end of the week. He said that the rates that they have come up with are where National Steel has requested.

Mayor Bodi mentioned that the people along the levee that runs parallel to Old Kingshighway are having issues with the oil that was put down a few months ago to reduce the dust. Evidently the street department failed to dilute the oil with water and the result has been a sticky oily residue on all the homes and vehicles that are parked along Old Kingshighway. Dickie said that they have now been instructed to do this the proper way and that next year's application should cost half as much and produce a much more pleasing result for those residents.

Ald. White asked if we could amend our grass and weeds nuisance ordinance to reduce the number of days that landowners have to correct the overgrowth before the City can take further action. Atty. Bock said that he would need to look into the statutes. That the number of days maybe mandated by statute.

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