

City of New Madrid
City Council "Special" Meeting Minutes
Thursday, October 1, 2020
9:00 a.m.

The Board of Aldermen met on Thursday, October 1, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. Mayor Bodi called the meeting to order. Ald. Riley, Ald. Keene, Ald. Chism, Ald. Cravens, Ald. Young and Ald. White were in attendance.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. The minutes from the September 28th meeting were presented. Ald. Riley made a motion to accept the minutes and Ald. Cravens seconded. A vote was taken and all voted "yes". The minutes were adopted.

NEW BUSINESS:

2. There were no visitors.
3. A resolution was presented as follows: A Resolution Approving the purchase of 10 Motorola Radios and accessories for use by the Police Department, Fire Department and New Madrid Transit in the amount of \$16,366.75 as listed on state contract. Ald. White made a motion to approve and Ald. Riley seconded the motion. All Aldermen voted "yes" and the resolution was approved.
4. As listed and published on the Agenda, Ald. White made a motion to adjourn to closed session pertaining to E. "Sealed proposals and related documents or any documents related to a negotiated contract (RSMo 610.021.12)". A roll call voted was taken as follows: Ald. Riley – yes, Ald. Keene – yes, Ald. Ald. Chism – yes, Ald. Young – yes, Ald. Cravens – yes and Ald. White – yes. The open meeting adjourned.

Once back into open session:

5. City Administrator's Report: Adm. McGill reminded the Council that the Fall Festival would be taking place this coming weekend. The weather outlook looks good and Christina McWaters informed him that 30 vendors had registered and that there were 35 boats registered for the Cat Fish tournament. The Chamber will be holding their annual cat fish dinner on Friday night to kick off the festival. He then informed the Council to let them

know if they would like to go. The City will pick up their ticket price if they will let them know.

He then gave the Council a heads up on the drainage project. It seems there is an issue on Water Street. The storm drain collapsed on top of the sewer line breaking it open as well. This will cause an additional amount to the original contract as they will have to replace both lines in order to move forward. The Council should expect a change order due to this setback.

Ald. White said that there was a leak on St. Catherine Street and another leak on DesCyprie that needs attention. Mayor Bodi said that they are needed elsewhere at the moment due to a leak on Route U. There is also a void all the way around the sink hole on Kingshighway that will require mud jackers to fill in. Ald. Riley asked if this was originally a Corps project. Mayor Bodi responded that it was but it is now our responsibility to maintain it and this will require immediate attention.

Adm. McGill informed the group that he, Kendra, Karen and Kristy met with our representative from Republic Services. He was here to see what, if anything, they could do to improve their services to the City in hopes that the Council would renew their contract for another 5 years. Even though the City is mostly satisfied with their service, it is a requirement that we bid the contract out but they are welcome to bid again. The group discussed different ways to reduce the City's expense and yet improve the service. Adm. McGill informed the Council that the situation with the two large dumpsters was a priority issue. It is an eyesore and open for abuse from contractors and non- residents. The Council was informed that the cost of these two dumpsters alone, was costing the City \$54,000 per year. Several different options will be explored.

Mayor Bodi, said that he remembered what it was like prior to the City furnishing the dumpsters on Riley street. People were dumping stuff everywhere. Adm. McGill said that the dumpster behind the Mayor's office will be removed to the Fire Department temporarily and then do away with it all together.

As stated on the Agenda, the next item was to adjourn to a closed session pertaining to E. "sealed proposals and related documents or any documents related to a negotiated contract (RSMo 610.021.12)". Ald. Keene made a motion to adjourn and Ald. Cravens seconded. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Ald. Riley – yes, Ald. Keene – yes, Ald. Chism – yes, Ald. Young – yes, Ald. Cravens – yes, and Ald. White – yes. The meeting adjourned.

The meeting returned to an open session and there being no further business, Ald.

Chism made a motion to adjourn. Ald. Cravens seconded and a roll call vote was taken as follows. Ald. Riley- yes, Ald. Keene- yes, Ald. Chism- yes, Ald. Young- yes Ald. Cravens- yes and Ald. White - yes. The meeting was adjourned.