

City of New Madrid  
City Council Meeting Minutes  
Monday November 9, 2020 7:00 p.m.

The Board of Aldermen met on Monday November 9, 2020 at 7:00 p.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 October 1<sup>st</sup> meeting were presented. Ald. Chism made a motion to accept the minutes and Ald. Keene 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 authorizing payment to Lambert Engineering in the amount of \$23,303.84 for professional engineering for the FY 2020 street improvement for the City of New Madrid. Ald. Chism made a motion to approve and Ald. Riley seconded the motion. All Aldermen voted “yes” and the resolution was approved.
4. A resolution awarding the bid for pest control services to Bug Zero of Cape Girardeau, MO as the lowest and best bid with a monthly fee of \$363.00, which covers 10 city owned properties. Ald. White made a motion to award the bid. Ald. Keene asked if the services were going to be monthly or quarterly. The bid they submitted was a little misleading. City Administrator, Richard McGill said he would talk to them and get more information. Ald. White made a motion to table this until next meeting. Ald. Young seconded that motion. All Aldermen voted “yes” and the resolution was tabled until next meeting.
5. City Administrator’s Report: Adm. McGill asked the Mayor if going forward we should include the Pledge of Allegiance in our meetings? Mayor Bodi responded yes, as did the Aldermen. It will be on the agenda for the next meeting. The annual Christmas party is up in the air, due to the rise in COVID-19 cases. Ald. Young suggested buying each employee a ham and a gift card in place of the Christmas Party. The others agreed to that.

6. Ald. Chism also suggested that after the virus clears, maybe have a party/fish fry/bbq at a later date for employee appreciation. The Mayor and other Aldermen agreed to that as well.
7. Ald. White made a motion to go into closed session pursuant to "E" (Sealed proposals and related documents or any documents related to a negotiated contract (RSMO- 610.021.9) Ald. Chism seconded this motion. A vote was taken as follows: Ald. Riley – yes, Ald. Keene – yes, Ald. Chism – yes, Ald. Young – yes, Ald. – Cravens – yes, Ald. White – yes. The meeting adjourned into closed session.
8. After the adjournment of the closed session, the Council returned to the open meeting. Ald. White made the motion to return and Ald. Keene seconded. A voted was taken with all Aldermen approving.
9. A discussion was initiated by Ald. Keene about the need for housing in the City. Specifically, the establishment of a new subdivision. Mayor Bodi mentioned that the City has property adjacent to Des Cyprie already surveyed and platted out. Adm. McGill stated that the City would need a partner to pursue the development. It is not something that the City should do on our own.
10. There being nothing further, Ald. White made a motion to adjourn and Ald. Chism seconded. All voted "yes" and the meeting was adjourned.