

City of New Madrid
City Council "Special" Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, December 30, 2020
4:00 p.m.

The Board of Aldermen met on Wednesday, December 30, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. Mayor Bodi called the meeting to order. Ald. Keene, Ald. Chism, Ald. Cravens, Ald. Young and Ald. White were in attendance. Ald. Riley was not present.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. The minutes from Thursday, December 17, 2020 meeting were presented. Ald. Chism made a motion to accept the minutes and Ald. Young seconded. A vote was taken and all voted "yes". The minutes were adopted.

NEW BUSINESS:

There were visitors. Jonathan Riggs and family were there for the Board of Adjustment variance request for Big Al's RV Park.

Jonathan stated that he was there to make it clear what his intentions are for the RV Park, how his campground will look and be ran. Ald. White asked how many camper spots does he have? Rigg's response was 11, could possibly hold 15 or 16. His intentions are for the outage coming up and having a place for some of the workers to stay. This is for short term stays, not long term, such as living. Ald. White then asked what his intentions are after the outage and Riggs again responded, short term campers only, no longer term. Fishermen, hunters, etc. coming into town, wanting/need a place to stay.

Ald. White asked when he plans to start moving them in and Riggs responded around the middle of February.

Ald. Keene asked if the access would be on Kingshighway and not on 61? Riggs responded yes, no access from 61. Mayor Bodi stated if the variance passes, a privacy fence would be required along 61 to prevent access, driving thru, trash blowing, etc. Riggs agreed to that and said it wouldn't be a problem.

Ald. Young stated he doesn't see an issue if the place is kept up. It will bring revenue to town and may also bring in more campers in the summer for fishing, etc.

Riggs stated he would let the catfish tournament fishermen stay for free.

A Resolution was presented as follows:

A Resolution authorizing the 2020 Revised Budget for Municipal Light and Power

Ald. Chism made a motion to authorize, Ald. Keene seconded that motion. A vote was taken and all voted “yes”. The resolution was approved.

A Resolution was presented as follows:

A Resolution authorizing the 2020 Revised Budget for the City of New Madrid

Ald. Chism made a motion to authorize, Ald. White seconded that motion. A vote was taken and all voted “yes”. The resolution was approved.

A Resolution was presented as follows:

A Resolution authorizing the 2021 Original Budget for Municipal Light and Power

Ald. White made a motion to authorize, Ald. Chism seconded that motion. A vote was taken and all voted “yes”. The resolution was approved.

A Resolution was presented as follows:

A Resolution authorizing the 2021 Original Budget for the City of New Madrid

Ald. Chism made a motion to authorize, Ald. Cravens seconded that motion. A vote was taken and all voted “yes”. The resolution was approved.

Mayor Bodi brought up the variance request for Big Al’s RV park again and asked since Ald. Riley was not present, did the rest of the council members want to wait to take a vote for the variance or vote now. They decided to vote now so Riggs could go about business. Ald. Keene made a motion to approve the variance, Ald. Chism seconded this motion. A vote was taken and all voted “yes”. The variance was approved.

City Administrator’s report:

- Another change order for work on Water Street will be coming up. Smith & Co. put in wrong size pipe.
- We will be closed January 4 for the holiday.
- Congratulations to Karen on her retirement and thanks for your help through the years
- (Mayor Bodi) The dumpsters have been temporarily moved out by the blue fish until they can get the other cleaned up and get the new spot started.

Ald. White made a motion to adjourn, Ald. Chism seconded this motion. A vote was taken and all voted “yes”. The meeting was adjourned.