

City of New Madrid
City Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, January 25, 2021
6:00 p.m.

The Board of Aldermen met on Wednesday, January 25, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. Mayor Bodi called the meeting to order. Ald. Riley, Ald. Keene, Ald. Chism, Ald. Cravens, and Ald. White were in attendance. Ald. Young was not present.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. The minutes from Wednesday, December 30, 2020 meeting were presented. Ald. Chism 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: We had one visitor, Jonathan Riggs. He was present to speak on behalf of Bob McDonald regarding the RV park in front of the apartments on 61 Hwy, about the plastic wind break the workers have up. It looks better, per the Mayor, but he noticed a pile of wood that looked as if it had been just been dumped out of the bed of a truck. He told Mr. Riggs to please have that moved and stacked so it isn't visible. Ald. Keene suggested maybe Mr. McDonald should put up a fence, as Mr. Riggs is going to do, if the wind is so bad there. That will help the wind and for everything not to be as visible from the highway. Ald. Chism said he noticed they had moved the plastic canopy and shortened it and it looks a lot better than before. Mayor Bodi agreed. The other Aldermen agreed that it does look better than before and it is only temporary until the weather gets better.

Ald. Young joined the meeting at 6:10 p.m.

- A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign a change order for the Water Street Sewer Line Project in the amount of \$3,664.20, to change the 197 feet of 8" pipe to 12", as submitted by Persons & Son, Inc.
Ald. Chism made a motion, Ald. White seconded. All voted yes and the change order was approved.
- A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign a change order for the 2020 Tree Trimming Project to Southern Tree Care in the amount of \$3,000 for tree trimming.
Ald. Chism made a motion, Ald. Cravens seconded. All voted yes and the change order was approved.

- A Resolution authorizing payment for a JD tractor in the amount of \$37,500.00 to Greenway Equipment in Malden, MO was TABLED. The tractor is currently unavailable. Ald. White made a motion to table, Ald. Chism seconded his motion. All voted “yes” and this will be tabled until next meeting.

Mayor Bodi suggested paying customer’s plumbing bills that were before the contractors started the jobs, since they were not at fault for the sewage backup.

Ald. White made a motion to approve this, Ald. Chism seconded his motion. All voted “yes” and this was approved.

Mayor Bodi congratulated Chief Joey Higgerson on his promotion of DPS Chief, adding fire department. We also have had 1 new volunteer sign on the fire department so far, which is Andy Gantner. Chief Higgerson spoke on this and said he’d be an asset to our fire department, as he has years of previous experience from Matthews Volunteer Fire Dept.

Chief Higgerson mentioned getting the cook shack repaired and out of the bay at the fire department and donate or loan to an organization who can use it, such as the Youth League. Mayor Bodi, City Admin. McGill, and the Aldermen agreed on this.

City Administrator’s report:

Trouble with sewer line behind Scott Street. Kajaks hit a gas line that wasn’t marked, which kept them from finishing on Mitchell to be able to get to Scott.

SEMO Health Network will be doing our COVID-19 vaccinations. If anyone would like one, send DOB to City Admin. And he will send it in to get registered.

The Corp of Engineers will be meeting Wednesday, January 27, 2021, with staff to discuss repairing boat ramp.

End of City Administrator’s report

Ald. Young asked again about cameras around town. City Admin. McGill stated he had looked into before but the company he spoke with wanted us to pay for the fiber optics. However, he is going to look more into this to see what he can get done and get cameras put up around town.

Ald. White asked about 6 acres of land for Don Fields to put in a grocery store/gas station. The council all discussed it and decided Fields needs to get a plan drawn up and come in and talk to them about exactly what he's asking for.

Ald. Riley stated he has had multiple complaints about the dumpsters at the blue fish. The other Aldermen all said the same. Mayor Bodi stated he would have it shut down for a few weeks until the other spot is ready for them to be moved there.

Ald. Keene asked if we had a timeline on the streets. City Admin. McGill stated the asphalt plants don't open until April, so sometime after that.

Ald. White made a motion to adjourn. Ald. Chism seconded his motion. All voted "yes" and the meeting was adjourned.