

City of New Madrid
City Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, August 9, 2021
6:00 p.m.

The Board of Aldermen met on Monday, August 9, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. Mayor Bodi called the meeting to order. Ald. Riley, Ald. Chism, Ald. Young, Ald. Cravens, and Ald. White were present. Ald. Keene was not present. City Administrator Richard McGill, lead us in prayer.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. The minutes from July 26, 2021 meeting were presented. Ald. White made a motion to accept the minutes and Ald. Chism seconded his motion. A vote was taken and all voted “yes”. The minutes were approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

Visitors: None

Mayoral Appointment of new Board of Commissioners for New Madrid Housing Authority are as follows: Jake “Mickey” Abner as Chairman of the Board, Sandy Riggs as Vice Chairman, Jim Cravens as board member, and Sandra Beasley as board member. Ald. White made a motion to approve these appointments, Ald. Chism seconded his motion. A vote was taken, all voted “yes”, the new members/positions were appointed.

Ordinance:

An ordinance amending the investment policy for the City of New Madrid

Section 1. That the “City of New Madrid Investment Policy” attached hereto and incorporated herein as if fully set forth is hereby adopted as the policy for all investments of funds of the City of New Madrid.

Section 2. That all ordinances or parts of ordinances therefore enacted which are in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Section 3. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after the date of its passage and approval.

Ald. Riley made a motion to approve this ordinance, Ald. Chism seconded his motion. A vote was taken, all voted “yes”, and the ordinance was approved.

Resolutions:

A resolution awarding the bid for the FY 2021 New Madrid drainage improvements to Persons and Son, Inc. of Poplar Bluff, MO in the amount of \$365,147.50. Ald. Chism made a motion to approve the resolution, Ald. White seconded his motion. A vote was taken, all voted “yes”, the resolution was approved.

A resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign the Amendment to the Master Power Purchase and Sale Agreement between the City of New Madrid and Uniper Global Commodities North America. Ald. Chism made a motion to approve the resolution, Ald Riley seconded his motion. A vote was taken, all voted “yes”, the resolution was approved.

A resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign an irrevocable written notice to Uniper Global Commodities North America, LLC changing the start date for the Large Industrial Energy to “non-applicable”. Ald. White made a motion to approve the resolution, Ald. Chism seconded his motion. A vote was taken, all voted “yes”, the resolution was approved.

City Administrator’s Report:

- Main Street damage to street light lamp poles, will make sure the remainder of the mess is cleaned up
- Mill Street intersection is underway and not far from being complete
- Sidewalks on Powell
- Park board meeting Tuesday, 8/10
- COVID on the rise again, currently 76 active cases

Ald. White made a motion to go into closed session, Ald. Chism seconded his motion. A vote was taken, all voted “yes”, the meeting went into closed session pursuant to E.) Sealed proposals and related documents or any documents related to a negotiated contract (RSMo 610.021.12)

Per City Admin. Richard McGill:

- canceled industrial load, energy part still needs to be addressed.
- No update from Family Dollar/Dollar Tree
- Circular Cintek

Ald. White made a motion to go back into open session, Ald. Chism seconded his motion. A vote was taken, all voted “yes”, the meeting resumed to open session.

Ald. White made a motion to go into closed session, Ald. Riley seconded his motion. A vote was taken, all voted “yes”, the meeting went into closed session pursuant to C.) Hiring, firing disciplining or promoting or particular employees when information relating to the performance or merit of individual employees is discussed or recorded (RSMo 610.021.3)

Per Ald. White, Attorney Lynn Bock is very ill and we need a City Attorney. His birthday is September 25 and will then be eligible for Medicare. If all agree to keep him on City insurance until November, that would be a tremendous help for him because he is going to need a lot of medical care. All other council members agreed to keep him on City insurance until then. Mayor Bodi stated he would contact Chance Hunter 8/10 to see if he would be interested in taking on the role as City Attorney as far as sitting in on meetings, signatures, contracts, etc. and Amy Preyer being the City Attorney for Court matters.

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Ald. White made a motion for the meeting to adjourn, Ald. Riley seconded his motion. A vote was taken, all voted "yes", the meeting adjourned.