

City of New Madrid
City Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, April 11, 2022
6:00 p.m.

The Board of Aldermen met on Monday, April 11, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. Mayor Bodi called the meeting to order. Ald. Keene, Ald. Chism, Ald. Cravens and Ald. White were present. Ald. Young and Ald. Riley were not present.

Ald. Keene led us in prayer.

OLD BUSINESS:

- March 28, 2022 meeting minutes were reviewed. Ald. Chism made a motion to approve the minutes, Ald. Cravens seconded. A vote was taken, all voted “yes”. The minutes were approved.

Ald. Young joined the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Certificate of Municipal Election April 5, 2022
- Oath of Office Aldermen Ward I – Thomas Chism, Aldermen Ward II – Jimmy McSpadden, Aldermen Ward III – Ryan Riley, City Marshal – Joey Higgerson, Mayor – Donnie Brown.

Ald. White made a motion to accept the newly appointed officials, Ald. Keene seconded his motion. A vote was taken, all voted yes. The newly elected officials that were present were sworn in.

Visitors: Jill Bock from the Standard Democrat

City Administrator, Richard McGill thanked Mayor Bodi and Ald. Young for their 6 years of service to the City and presented them with a plaque.

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

Mayor Brown called the meeting to order. Ald. Keene, Ald. Chism, Ald. McSpadden, Ald. Cravens, and Ald. White were present.

DISCUSSION:

- Ald. White was contacted by a few citizens about putting a stop sign on Pinnell to slow traffic down, as there a lot of children in the area. The council discussed different options as to what would be best for this area, whether it be stop signs, more patrolling, etc. It will be further discussed at the next meeting and what the solution will be.
- Ald. White was also contacted by a citizen about curfews on city parks. The complaint was loud music coming from O'Bannon Park late night/early morning hours heard from across town. He also stated a coach at the school was shown pictures by a student of kids with guns at O'Bannon Park. City Administrator, Richard McGill stated he will relay the information to Chief Higgerson and it will be addressed.

City Administrator's Report:

- Annual audit for FY 2021 is next week
- Office hours will be changed starting April 12, 2022, as the office will be closed now of Friday, as well as the transit.
- Interviews for transit driver Thursday, April 14. Faye has transitioned to Pam's position but is still driving transit until that position is filled.
- Steve Etcher sent a draft copy of housing options. Mayor Brown asked City Administrator, Richard McGill to get in contact with Steve to see if he and the developer will be available for the next council meeting to further discuss the housing options.
- Dumpsters – Still closed as of now, discussed some options as to how to keep them but to have them open a certain day and time with a city employee on site monitoring.

Ald. Chism made a motion to go into closed session pursuant to section,

(A.) Legal actions, causes of action, or litigation (RSMo 610.021.1) and (B.) Leasing, purchase or sale of real estate where public knowledge of the transaction might adversely affect the legal consideration there for (RSMo 610.021.2) Ald. White seconded his motion. A vote was taken, all voted "yes". The meeting went into closed session.

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.

With nothing further, Ald. White made a motion to adjourn, Ald. Chism seconded his motion. A vote was taken, all voted yes. The meeting was adjourned.