

City of New Madrid
City Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, May 9, 2022
6:00 p.m.

The Board of Aldermen met on Monday, May 9, 2022. Mayor Brown called the meeting to order. Ald. Riley, Ald. Chism, Ald. McSpadden and Ald. White were present. Ald. Keene and Ald. Cravens were not present.

Mayor Brown led us in prayer.

OLD BUSINESS:

- April 29, 2022 meeting minutes were reviewed. Ald. Chism made a motion to approve the minutes, Ald. Riley seconded. A vote was taken, all voted “yes”. The minutes were approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

Visitors: Steve Etcher came to speak to the council about a housing development initiative. His recommendations are:

- Get a Community Development Corporation together
- City properties that are already owned by the City and have infrastructure there
- When selling lots, have a contract signed by the buyer stating the house has to be built within a certain time frame or the City acquires the property back.
- Local only, that either live here and work here or are moving here to work here, not moving here and working out of town.
- Maintenance free housing
- Have developer go to bank and get line of credit to build 5 homes at \$150k each
- City puts in money, local banks put in money, MLP puts in money for community development program.
- To build homes in the \$70-\$80k range, offer technical program for education, once received put them to work and after have worked for so long, pay off student loans.
- Habitat for Humanity
- Community Revitalization Grant July-September

RESOLUTION(S): A resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with New Madrid County, whereby the City of New Madrid will operate an emergency 911 Telephone system in New Madrid County.

Ald. White made a motion to approve the agreement, Ald. Chism seconded his Motion. A vote was taken, all voted “yes”. The resolution was approved.

Ald. White made a motion to go into closed session pursuant to section, (E.) Sealed proposals and related documents or any documents related to a negotiated contract. (RSMo 610.021.12)

Ald. Chism seconded his motion. A vote was taken, all voted “yes”. The meeting went into closed session.

Ald. White made a motion to go into closed session pursuant to sections (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. Chism seconded his motion. A vote was taken, all voted “yes”.

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

DISCUSSION:

Ald. Chism asked about selling lots on Water Street because there’s someone interested in buying and building a home. Mayor Brown asked City Attorney Chance Hunter what steps we need to take and he said to first start with getting appraisal value.

Ald. White asked what they planned to do with the Hartstep house. The council agreed to sell it and again, City Attorney stated, start with getting appraisal.

Ald. White mentioned he’s had several calls about the dumpsters being closed and when/if they’re going to reopen. City Administrator, Richard McGill stated he’d contact Republic to get shorter dumpsters and will have it supervised a couple days a week but no exact date on that just yet.

Ald. Riley complained of the loud music coming from O’Bannon Park. This isn’t the first complaint. Mayor Brown said they’d get in touch with Chief Higgerson to address the noise ordinance issue.

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.