

City of New Madrid  
City Council Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, May 19, 2022  
7:00 a.m.

The Board of Aldermen met on Thursday, May 19, 2022. Mayor Brown called the meeting to order. Ald. Riley, Ald. Keene, Ald. Chism, Ald. McSpadden and Ald. Cravens were present. Ald. White was not present.

Ald. Keene led us in prayer.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- May 9, 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:** None

**RESOLUTION(S):** A resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign an Amendatory Agreement to the Power Sales Contract between the City of New Madrid and Southwestern Power Administration.  
Ald. Chism made a motion to approve the resolution, Ald. Keene seconded. A Vote was taken, all voted “yes”. The resolution was approved.

**DISCUSSION: Housing** – Mayor Brown stated the banks are starting to work with Steve Etcher (MarksNelson) to form a community development program for housing in our community. He also spoke with Rob Cooksey, Cooksey Construction, about housing and if he'd be interested in being a part of the community development plan. Mr. Cooksey drew up a plan for a 900 square foot house priced at \$82,000 and stated they could build a house that size in about 30 days. There are plenty of lots available, we will just have to contact owners to see if they're willing to sell. Once lots are bought, building can begin. There is also another individual interested in building here in New Madrid and keeping it local and helping the community versus driving 50-60 miles to work sites. So once lots come

available, Mayor Brown will contact him to see if he'd still like to part of the community development plan.

The bank has agreed to work with Nathaniel Kolwyck and can start building asap. Mayor Brown stated we will get a contract worked up for Nathaniel Kolwyck and Cooksey Construction and it will be presented at the next City Council meeting. Mr. Kolwyck is starting off with 2 but one is for a family member, the other will be available for sale. Once that one sells, he will begin another and so on and so on. Mayor Brown stated he would tell Mr. Cooksey that we'd like to start off with 4.

Mayor Brown has also been in touch with Habitat Humanity and some of the local churches and they're 100% in so that will be another development plan coming soon, as well. Mayor Brown stated he would contact Ms. Shirley Perry and Mr. Harvey Graham (realtors) about finding some lot for sale for all of this to happen.

#### City Administrator's Report:

- Request for qualifications on electrical engineering
- 333 Main St. lot, Mr. Jones has until Monday, May 23 to get the bricks he wants, then he's done. Mayor Brown has a crew coming to clean the mess up.
- Need 2 employees for water department
- Mayor's Association meeting today at 11:30 at New Madrid Country Club
- Closed on 2 properties the last 2 Mondays, The Bennett and McRaven properties
- Fire department needs helmets and turnout gear, some is budgeted, some is not.
- Assistant Chief, Brandon Hanner's police vehicle was totaled during the storm Sunday when a tree fell and smashed it. City Clerk, Kendra Gregg, has submitted the claim and it is being processed. Chief Higgerson has a vehicle in mind for him, a truck to put a camper shell on so he can keep his fire gear back there and not have it inside the vehicle and then give Assistant Chief Hanner his Tahoe.
- Ald. McSpadden asked about trash cans for the cemeteries. City Administrator, Richard McGill told him to send him what he had and he'd get some ordered.

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)

Ald. Keene seconded his motion. A vote was taken, all voted "yes". The meeting went into closed session.

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

With nothing further, Ald. Chism made a motion to adjourn. Ald. Riley seconded his motion. A vote was taken, all voted “yes”, the meeting was adjourned.