

**City of New Madrid**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
Monday, November 10, 2022  
6:00 p.m.

**CALL TO ORDER**

The November 10, 2022, regular meeting of the Board of Alderman of the City of New Madrid was called to order at 6:58 p.m. with Mayor Donnie Brown presiding. Alderman Keene, Alderman Riley, Alderman White, Alderman McSpadden and Alderman Cravens were present. Alderman Chism was absent.

Also in attendance was City Administrator, Richard McGill; City Attorney, Chance Hunter; and City Clerk, Paige Keene.

Alderman Keene led us in prayer.

**A. Approval of minutes**

The minutes from October 24, 2022, regular meeting was presented as well as the October 27, 2022, special meeting minutes.

**MOTION:** Alderman White made a motion and Alderman Riley seconded. All Alderman present voted "Aye." The vote was unanimous **MOTION PASSED.**

**B. Public Forum**

There were no visitors

**C. Resolution(s)**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH SMITH&CO. FOR A FEASIBILITY STUDY AND ALTERNATIVES ANALYSIS FOR HIGHWAY U ACCESS TO INTERSTATE 55 AT AN HOURLY NOT TO EXCEED \$194,625.00.

**Motion:** Alderman Riley made a motion and Alderman Keene seconded. All Alderman present voted "Aye." The vote was unanimous **MOTION PASSED.**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN AND ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR PURCHASE OF AGRICULTURAL LAND FROM BOBBY H AYCOCK AND JULIE L AYCOCK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,173,354.20.

**Motion:** Alderman White made a motion and Alderman Cravens seconded. All Alderman present voted "Aye." The vote was unanimous **MOTION PASSED.**

**D. City Administrator's Report**

Mayor Brown and Admin McGill met with Harvey Graham about selling the houses on Virginia that Cooksey has built. Harvey is also looking to get more property for the city, he is going to be the point of contact for any property the city owns that someone would be interested in building on or buying. He is taking a smaller percentage on these deals. Henry trailer court deal is wrapping up. Someone else is interested in doing 3-bedroom houses. Cooksey will be looking to build 2 more houses soon.

Alderman White - asked if we need to check into inspecting the homes tied to the city, just as a good cover all for everyone involved. Admin McGill is looking into this.

Were on the construction calendar for 2023 with Semo Fiber. They have started in Sikeston, and we should be next. Admin McGill has been in contact with them and will further update with more information.

#### **E. Closed Session**

**MOTION:** Alderman White made a motion and Alderman Cravens seconded to adjourn to Closed Session in accordance with Section 610.021.2, 610.021.3 and 610.021.12 of RSMo.

**The vote thereon was as follows:**

Alderman Keene	“Aye”
Alderman Cravens	“Aye”
Alderman Riley	“Aye”
Alderman White	“Aye”
Alderman McSpadden	“Aye”

#### **F. Reconvene**

**Motion:** Alderman White made a motion and Alderman Riley seconded to reconvene to regular session. All Alderman present voted “Aye.” The vote was unanimous **MOTION PASSED.**

#### **G. Other Business**

Alderman White made a motion to amend the agenda to allow Mayor Brown to Appoint Aaron Griffin as the new City Administrator. Alderman Keene seconded. All Alderman present voted “Aye.” The vote was unanimous **MOTION PASSED.**

Mayor Brown moved to appoint Aaron Griffin the new City Administrator with the offer of \$86,000 and the house. Alderman Keene made a motion to accept, and Alderman Cravens seconded. The vote was unanimous **MOTION PASSED.**

#### **H. Adjourn**

**Motion:** There being no further business Alderman White made a motion and Alderman Riley seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:26 p.m. All Alderman present voted “Aye.” The vote was unanimous **MOTION PASSED.**