

City of New Madrid
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, February 28, 2023
6:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

The February 28, 2023, regular meeting of the Board of Alderman of the City of New Madrid was called to order at 6:00 p.m. with Mayor Kevin Lyons presiding. Alderman Riley, Alderman Chism, Alderman Keene, Alderman White and Alderman McSpadden were present. Alderman Cravens was absent.

Also in attendance was City Administrator, Aaron Griffin, City Clerk, Paige Keene and City Attorney Chance Hunter.

Alderman Keene led us in prayer.

A. Approval of minutes

The minutes from February 16, 2023, regular meeting was presented.

MOTION: Alderman Chism 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)

Chief Joey Higgerson came to present an option for a new fire truck. He researched the mileage and hours of the trucks we could find. He found a 2007 pumper outside of Kansas City they truck will hold 1000 gallons of water and have a 6-person cab. This new truck will need \$30,000 of equipment. We will be selling out for 150,000 and buying this one for 200,000 so the city will be paying less than 100,000 total. A RESOLUTION APPROVING TRANSACTION WITH BRINDLEE MOUNTAIN FOR ACQUISITION OF A FIRE TRUCK.

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

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF FIRE EQUIPMENT FROM BANNER FIRE EQUIPMENT INC.

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

The council discussed the potential for selling a piece of property on water street. Harvey Graham was approached by someone wanting to purchase the land to build a home on. The council agreed to pursue the conversation and will vote on selling the land once negotiations have been done and a price is decided on.

D. City Administrator's Report

Code Enforcement- house on locust has had someone breaking in and the concern is someone would get in it and hurt themselves. Admin Griffin talked to our guys, and they felt confident they could tear it down easily. Council agrees it needs to be torn down. There is another one on Rear Mill that we are unsure if it is on our property Dana says it is ours, but Harvey said it is not. It will be researched further and we will decide how to move forward.

O'bannon- Sam is going to put tar on the roof to keep things dry for now. We are exploring moving the air conditioners since they seem to be the main source of the leak and possibly a rubber roof in the future.

Phones- Admin Griffin feels we can save the city a lot of money monthly by switching to an internet-based system. Waiting to hear back from our IT company for the next steps in this process.

E. Closed Session

MOTION: Alderman Keene made a motion and Alderman Chism seconded to adjourn to Closed Session in accordance with Section 610.021.2 and 610.021.3 of RSMo.

The vote thereon was as follows:

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| Alderman Riley | “Aye” |
| Alderman Keene | “Aye” |
| Alderman Chism | “Aye” |
| Alderman McSpadden | “Aye” |
| Alderman White | “Aye” |

F. Reconvene

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

Mayor Lyons spoke briefly about his conversations with the Booster club about new scoreboards at the Davis Street ball parks. The booster club is purchasing new score boards and the council agrees it would be good to donate to support this purchase.

G. Adjourn

Motion There being no further business Alderman Riley made a motion and Alderman McSpadden seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m. All Alderman present voted “Aye.” The vote was unanimous **MOTION PASSED.**