

City of New Madrid
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Monday, March 13, 2023

6:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

The March 13, 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 Chism, Alderman Cravens, Alderman Keene, Alderman McSpadden, Alderman Riley and Alderman White were present.

Also in attendance was City Administrator Aaron Griffin and Finance Officer Kristy Taylor.

Alderman Keene led us in prayer.

A. Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the February 28, 2023 regular meeting were presented.

Alderman Chism made a motion and Alderman Riley seconded. All Alderman voted "Aye." Motion Passed.

B. Public Forum

1) Marco Parr, Camo Disposal Co. LLC

Mr. Parr came to discuss the disposal of runoff from the landfill in Ridgely, TN. His company currently hauls the solution to Union City, TN but they are currently looking for another city. The solution is 90% rainwater and 10% runoff from the landfill and would be deposited directly into the City's sewer system or lagoon. The solution is tested for chemicals before it is hauled off. The council agreed that they would need to talk to Richard Bodi, Water/Wastewater Superintendent before discussing further.

2) Rick Reed, EZ Portable

Mr. Reed came to discuss affordable housing for New Madrid. He showed the council what the floor plan of a house and a neighborhood of these houses could look like. He said that they are looking into properties to consider.

3) Michael Harrelson and Richard McGill, CST New Madrid

Mr. Harrelson said he would prefer to address the council in closed session.

C. Resolution(s)

A resolution awarding payment to Toth and Associates for geotechnical services in the amount of \$29,600.00

Motion: Alderman Riley made a motion and Alderman Chism seconded. All Alderman voted “Aye.” Motion passed.

D. Ordinance(s)

Ordinance No. 1335 authorizing the Mayor to apply for financial assistance from Missouri Highways and Transportation Commission.

Motion: Alderman White made a motion and Alderman McSpadden seconded. The vote was as follows:

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

E. City Administrator’s Report

Utility Bills – we are receiving complaints regarding utility bills not arriving in the mail. City Administrator Aaron Griffin has met with the post office and they stated that the closure of Cape Girardeau’s Distribution Center and the changes in USPS policies has created delays in mail service at the St. Louis Distribution Center. We are exploring a number of options to lessen this problem.

Corp of Engineers Boat Ramp – The Corp has awarded Graylee Construction from Ward, AR a contract for \$959,000 to repair our damaged city boat ramp. Construction is expected to last approximately 60 days and is scheduled to start this spring or early summer.

Highway U Interchange Study Update – the study into existing conditions has been completed. Some of the final forecasting and estimations have been completed and the field study will be completed soon. We hope the impact study will be completed in the next couple of weeks.

Firefighter Grant – last week we were notified by the MO Department of Public Safety that we have been awarded a SFY ARPA State and Local Fire Protection Grant in the amount of \$11,430.

F. Closed Session

Alderman Keene made a motion and Alderman Chism seconded to adjourn to Closed Session in accordance with Section 610.021.9 and 610.021.12 of RSMo. The vote thereon was as follows:

Alderman Riley	"Aye"
Alderman Keene	"Aye"
Alderman Chism	"Aye"
Alderman McSpadden	"Aye"
Alderman Cravens	"Aye"
Alderman White	"Aye"

G. Reconvene

Alderman Keene made a motion and Alderman Chism seconded to reconvene to regular session. All Alderman voted "Aye." Motion Passed.

H. Adjourn

With no further business Alderman White made a motion and Alderman Chism seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m. All Alderman voted "Aye." Motion Passed.