

City of New Madrid
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Monday June 12, 2023
6:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

The June 12 regular meeting of the Board of Alderman of the City of New Madrid was called to order at 6:03PM with Mayor Kevin Lyons presiding. Alderman Keene, Aldermen McSpadden, Alderman Cravens and Alderman White were present. Alderman Chism and Alderman Riley were 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 May 9, 2023, regular meeting was presented.

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

B. Public Forum

Mary Claire Halterman- Came to present a blessing box/town pantry to keep canned food, non-expiring products, hygienic products. Wants to have a take what you need leave what you can. Wanted to know where to put it. The council said any business owner who would agree to it she is more than welcome to place the box where she wants.

Don Fields- Would like to buy some of the city lots not currently being used and put some rental houses on it. Specifically, the lots on church street and water street currently. He wants to build 3 bed 2 bath houses around 1300 sqft. The council is going to continue this discussion at another meeting with everyone present.

C. New Business

The Lilbourn City Council voted on May 30 to accept water from New Madrid. Danny Sprouse came to thank the council for agreeing to take over their water and help the City of Lilbourn. He requested if we could find an emergency rate for fire and things in those situations that use lots of water. We are getting an engineer from Smith & Co. to start working on studying the system in Lilbourn to decide what size pump we will need in the pump house to get this going.

D. Resolutions(s)

A RESOLUTION AWARDING PAYMENT TO SUNBELT SOLOMON FOR 25 KVA TRANSFORMERS.
Motion: Alderman Keene made a motion and Alderman White seconded. All Alderman present voted "Aye." The vote was unanimous **MOTION PASSED.**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF NEW MADRID ADOPTING THE NEW MADRID COUNTY HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN 2023.

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

E. City Administrator's Report

Mill Street Water Tower A & O solutions work on the water tower is nearing completion. Welding, sandblasting, and painting inside and out is complete. The final steps remaining include two more logos and the disinfection of the interior. Admin Griffin thinks the chain link fence that was previously there should be replaced with a white privacy fence for a nicer look.

The Geotech report is complete, it covers the drilling conducted on the site where our new substation will be constructed. Extra measures will have to be taken due to construction within a seismic zone, but there were no surprises within the report. We will be able to start bidding for the grading soon and construction will be bid out shortly after.

Route U interchange report came back last week from Lochmueller Group. Unfortunately, the interim analysis results were not in favor of the construction on I-55 interchange at Route U overpass. They did not feel that the new businesses going there would cause enough traffic. Admin Griffin and Smith and Co. have pushed back a bit on the results and have a meeting scheduled with Lochmueller Group tomorrow morning to discuss the study's findings and determine next steps.

Fourth of July celebrations fireworks will be held Saturday July 1st pending rain. This will be discussed at the next meeting, closer to the date.

The first New Madrid Farmers Market was held Saturday June 10 from 7am to 12pm. I believe it was very successful and well attended by vendors and customers. We see this event growing in the coming weeks. The next market will be Saturday June 24th.

The YMCA's summer BLAST program will begin next week on June 19th and run through July 28th. The city is very excited about the program and online a few minor things need to be completed before the start date. There are still a few spots open currently.

Smith and Co. had surveyors in town multiple days last week to complete surveys for the levee sewer replacement project. Once that is complete, we can begin the design phase.

G. Adjourn

With no further business to discuss Alderman White made a motion to adjourn and Alderman Cravens seconded. All Alderman present voted "Aye." The vote was unanimous **MOTION PASSED.**