

**City of New Madrid**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
Wednesday February 14, 2024  
4:00 pm

**CALL TO ORDER**

The February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024, regular meeting of the Board of Alderman of the City of New Madrid was called to order at 4:00pm with Mayor Kevin Lyons presiding. Alderman Keene, Alderman White, Alderman McSpadden, Alderman Cravens, Aldermen Chism and Alderman Riley were present.

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

Alderman Keene led us in prayer.

**A. Approval of minutes**

The minutes from January 23rd, 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. Visitors**

None

**C. Old Business**

none

**D. New Business**

**E. Resolutions(s)**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT TO VANDEVANTER ENGINEERING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$25,890.00.

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

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT TO CALIFORNIA AUTO SALES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$41,368.00

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

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT TO MO STATE HIGHWAY PATROL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$22,000.00.

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

AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN AMENDMENT TO A CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT

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

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN A NOVATION AGREEMENT.

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

**F. City Admin report**

The Job Fair last week went very well. Around 100 prospective candidates came to the event, and numerous businesses participated. Several businesses stated that they found some serious potential hires.

We have received the DNR construction permit for the Lilbourn interconnection. There will be a meeting with Smith & Co. for next week to discuss the next steps. On our end, next steps include drafting and approving a purchasing agreement, and treating Well #1 and #2 to increase capacity.

Ameren is currently in town starting to build the line to our 161-substation location. They anticipate being done with this portion by Mid-March.

For the past two weeks the street department has cleaned up and cleared out most of the city yard. Additionally, we will be looking to sell unused equipment very soon. This is all to become more organized and efficient.

**G. Adjourn to closed.**

Motion: Alderman White made a motion to go into closed session in accordance with sections 610.021.12 and 610.021.2 of RSMo. Alderman Chism seconded. A roll call vote was taken.

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

**H. Adjourn**

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