

**City of New Madrid**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
Tuesday March 26, 2024  
6:00 pm

**CALL TO ORDER**

The March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024, regular meeting of the Board of Alderman of the City of New Madrid was called to order at 6:00pm with Mayor Kevin Lyons presiding. Alderman Keene, Alderman White, Aldermen Chism, Alderman Cravens and Alderman Riley were present. Aldermen McSpadden was absent.

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

Admin Griffin led us in prayer.

**A. Approval of minutes**

The minutes from March 4th, 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**

Gary Fowler came to speak to the council about the noise coming from a business here in town. He says they play music every night of the weekend and it is so loud it disturbs him at his home and keeps him up at night.

Chief Higgerson was also in attendance and stated that our noise ordinance in general needs revamped so we can better take care of the noise issues overall.

**C. Old Business**

none

**D. New Business**

None

**E. Resolutions(s)**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN A MOWING CONTRACT WITH GRASS MONKEY

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

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN A MOWING CONTRACT WITH SPENCERS LAWN CARE AND LANDSCAPING

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

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH GROVES ELECTRICAL SERVICES.

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

#### **F. Ordinance(s)**

24-1342 ESTABLISHING HOURS OF OPERATION FOR CITY HALL AND MUNICIPAL LIGHT AND POWER

**Motion:** Alderman White made a motion and Alderman Chism seconded. A roll call vote was taken.

<b>Alderman Chism</b>	"yes"
<b>Alderman Keene</b>	"yes"
<b>Alderman Riley</b>	"yes"
<b>Alderman Cravens</b>	"yes"
<b>Alderman White</b>	"yes"

#### **G. City Admin Report**

We will be sending out bid packages to look at possibly resurfacing the ballfields at the Hunter Dawson Complex. Bids are due by next Thursday, and we plan to have a recommendation at the next council meeting.

City Administrator Aaron Griffin recently met with Loyd Rice, the Senior Manager of Fiber Services for SEMO Fiber. We are exploring the possibility of these services being brought to New Madrid.

We have received a projected cost for the Lilbourn Water Project, including the interconnection and the suggested implementation of the 6 inch line. We believe that we can have this project potentially 100% grant funded. But it will add 3 to 4 months to the project length. We will inquire with Lilbourn on whether they would like to have the project grant funded or pay for it outright.

Over the next several months, City Administrator Aaron Griffin and City Clerk Paige Keene will be conducting a New Madrid video series. The series will highlight all things New Madrid, including tourist sites.

**H. 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 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**