

City of New Madrid
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Monday April 22, 2024
6:00 pm

CALL TO ORDER

The April 22th, 2024, regular meeting of the Board of Alderman of the City of New Madrid was called to order at 6:00pm with Mayor Nick White presiding. Alderman Riley, Alderman Keene, Alderman Chism, Alderman Lawfield and Alderman Henderson were present. Alderman Cravens was absent.

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

Admin Keene led us in prayer.

A. Approval of minutes

The minutes from April 8th, 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. Acceptance of Mayor appointments (list attached)

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

C. New Business

Cemetery Sexton- Jimmy McSpadden came to mayor white about pay for beign the cemetery Sexton. This job is record keeping, grave selling and receives many of the questions and complaint regarding the cemetery. Mayor White wants to better dfine te duties and expectations that go along with this. Admin Griffin will put together a description to be discussed next meeting.

D. Resolutions(s)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT TO VANDEVANTER ENGINEERING in the amount of \$51,882.82

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

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AUTO TIRE AND PARTS/NAPA IN THE AMOUNT OF \$31,961.00

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

A RESOLUTION APPROVING NEW DRUG AND ALCOHOL POLICY FOR TRANSIT.

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

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN AN AGRICULTURAL LEASE AGREEMENT WITH BARRY AYCOCK.

Motion: Alderman Lawfield made a motion to table the vote until after discussion in closed session and Alderman Riley seconded. All Aldermen present voted "Aye." The vote was unanimous **MOTION PASSED.**

Alderman Riley made a motion to amend the agenda to include closed session to include reason B. Leasing, purchase or sale of real estate where public knowledge of the transaction might adversely affect the legal consideration there for (RSMo 610.021.2). Alderman Chism seconded. All Aldermen present voted "Aye." The vote was unanimous **MOTION PASSED.**

E. Ordinance(s)

24-1343 NOISE ORDINANCE

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

Alderman Chism	"yes"
Alderman Keene	"yes"
Alderman Riley	"yes"
Alderman Henderson	"yes"
Alderman Lawfield	"yes"

24-1344 AMENDMENT TO PARK BOARD ORDINANCE

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

Alderman Chism	"yes"
Alderman Keene	"yes"
Alderman Riley	"yes"
Alderman Lawfield	"yes"
Alderman Henderson	"yes"

F. City Admin Report

LeveEclipse Event:

The eclipse event along the Mississippi Riverwalk created an awesome unobstructed view of the eclipse. Visitors from numerous states attended the event, and several remarked about our beautiful town and riverfront. A video was created interviewing visitors in town for the event.

New City Hall

We have met several times to discuss the new building. The architects feel like the current design may be cramped on our lot. They mentioned seeing if we could buy the lots beside ours to make more room.

Joey Hunter

Looking to sell his building on Highway 61 and asked if we might be interested. The council discussed and agreed they're not interested.

Dale Hanes Sr.

He owns the property on St. Anne that recently burnt and offered it to the city. The council agrees they are not interested.

Substation

Groves construction came on site to meet and discuss their timeline. Concrete work starts May 1 and steel work is set to start June 1.

G. Adjourn to closed.

Motion: Alderman Chism made a motion to go into closed session in accordance with section 610.021.12 and 610.021.3 of RSMo. Alderman Keene seconded. A roll call vote was taken.

Alderman Chism	"yes"
Alderman Riley	"yes"
Alderman Lawfield	"yes"
Alderman Keene	"yes"
Alderman Henderson	"yes"

H. Reconvene

Motion: Alderman Riley made a motion to have the agricultural lease contract with Bobby Aycock amended to include an out in the case industry comes the city will buy out the crop and Alderman Chism seconded. All Aldermen present voted "Aye." The vote was unanimous **MOTION PASSED.**

Motion: Alderman Keene made a motion to approve the contract contingent on the change and Alderman Chism seconded. All Aldermen present voted "Aye." The vote was unanimous **MOTION PASSED.**

H. Adjourn

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