

**City of New Madrid**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
Monday November 25, 2024  
6:00 pm

**CALL TO ORDER**

The November 25, 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, and City Finance officer Kristy Taylor.

Alderman Keene led us in prayer.

Mayor White led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**A. Approval of minutes**

The minutes from the October 28th regular meeting and October 30<sup>th</sup> special meeting were presented.

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

**B. Visitors**

Bill Henry came to follow up on the discussion he previously had with the council about purchasing his farmland near Matthews. He said he felt after the last conversation they had reached a deal on price and arrangements for purchase. Shortly after, he spoke with Mayor White about finding a renter to farm the land. Bill took a cash rent deal with Barry Acock after thinking this was a done deal. He says he received a call later saying the city wanted to back out. The contract for the original deal was drawn up and sent to Attorney Hunter but after review did not stick to the original terms as far as interest and total price. This caused concern with the council, and they asked it to be adjusted to fit the original agreement. Bill was under the impression that this was the correct agreement and price despite the contract stating the city would pay interest, which they did not agree to do. In closing he wanted to confirm the rent money from this year was due to him which the Attorney Hunter said was true and he would need to get it from Barry directly since the city did not take any rent money on the land. The council also confirmed that they were out on the deal, and he was free to find another buyer.

**C. New Business**

Appointment of Variance Board to include Aaron Griffin, Ryan Riley, Derek Lawfield, Joe Courtois, and Todd Albright.

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

**D. Resolutions(s)**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION WITH THE MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES.

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

A RESOLUTION APPROVING PAYMENT TO NEW MADRID COUNTY FOR FLOCK CAMERAS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$11,650.00.

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

**E. Ordinance(s)**

24-1348 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO APPLY FOR FEDERAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF NEW MADRID TRANSIT.

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

<b>Alderman Chism</b>	"yes"
<b>Alderman Keene</b>	"yes"
<b>Alderman Henderson</b>	"yes"
<b>Alderman Cravens</b>	"yes"
<b>Alderman Lawfield</b>	"yes"
<b>Alderman Riley</b>	"yes"

**F. City Admin Report**

**Substation**

More substation meetings this week but a lot of work has been done and we are hoping to have it running by February.

**Budget**

Kristy and Aaron are working on the 2025 budget right now and will be having department meetings this week.

**G. Adjourn to closed.**

Motion: Alderman White made a motion to go into closed session in accordance with sections 610.021.1 and 610.021.3 of RSMo. Alderman Chism seconded. A roll call vote was taken.

Alderman Chism	“yes”
Alderman Riley	“yes”
Alderman Henderson	“yes”
Alderman Cravens	“yes”
Alderman Lawfield	“yes”
Alderman Keene	“yes”

**H. Adjourn**

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