

City of New Madrid
City Council Meeting Minutes
Thursday, January 30, 2025
6:00 pm

Call to Order

The January 30, 2025 meeting of the Board of Alderman of the City of New Madrid was called to order at 6:00 pm with Mayor Nick White presiding. Alderman Keene, Alderman Chism, Alderman Lawfield, Alderman Cravens and Alderman Courtois were present. Alderman Riley was not in attendance.

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

Alderman Keene led in prayer.

Mayor White led the Pledge of Allegiance.

A. Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the December 31, 2024 special meeting was presented. Alderman Lawfield made a motion to approve and Alderman Keene seconded the motion. All aldermen present voted “Aye.” Motion Passed.

B. Visitors

Leslie Rone of the Missouri Department of Economic Development was present along with her son Jack Rone. Jack is in the process of earning his Government Badge with the Boy Scouts.

C. New Business

Mayor White recommended that Shady Sikes be appointed as a new Resident Member to the Housing Authority Board. Alderman Chism made a motion and Alderman Cravens seconded. All aldermen present voted “Aye.” Motion Passed.

D. Resolutions

1. Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Sign an Order of the Council to Add a Sales Tax to the Ballot.
City Administrator Griffin explained that this is an additional Sales Tax on the Legal Sale of Marijuana. Over 100 cities in the State of Missouri have put this on the ballot and it has only failed two times. Alderman Chism made a motion and Alderman Cravens seconded. All aldermen present voted “Aye.” Motion Passed.

2. Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Sign an Application for State Public Assistance.

City Administrator explained that this resolution will allow the City of New Madrid to apply for SEMA assistance to help pay for the storm damage from the storm in May of 2024. Alderman Chism made a motion and Alderman Lawfield seconded. All aldermen present voted “Aye.” Motion Passed.

E. Ordinance(s)

1. Ordinance 25-1351 to Establish a Procedure to Disclose Potential Conflicts of Interest and Substantial Interests for Certain Officials.

This is the annual renewal. Alderman Chism made a motion and Alderman Lawfield seconded. A roll call vote was taken:

Alderman Keene	Yes
Alderman Chism	Yes
Alderman Lawfield	Yes
Alderman Cravens	Yes
Alderman Courtois	Yes

F. City Administrator’s Report

The traveling Vietnam and Memorial Wall will be in New Madrid from April 30–May 3. It will be located in the middle of the walking track at Davis Street Park.

The bid packages for the City’s mowing were released on January 8th. Bids are due on February 5th.

The bids for engineering are currently out for the Lilbourn Interconnection.

The Route U Interchange study has been completed, finalized, and sent to MoDOT. MoDOT will take about a month to review and then we will meet with them to discuss their findings and assess the study.

The design for the new City Hall has been finalized and the architects are starting the production drawings.

The revamped Chamber of Commerce has been released and rebranded as the New Madrid County Chamber of Commerce.

G. Adjourn to Closed

Alderman Chism made a motion to go into closed session in accordance with Section RSMo 610.021.3. Alderman Lawfield seconded. A roll call vote was taken:

Alderman Keene	Yes
Alderman Chism	Yes
Alderman Lawfield	Yes
Alderman Cravens	Yes
Alderman Courtois	Yes

H. Reconvene

Alderman Keene made a motion to go back into open session. Alderman Chism seconded. All Aldermen present voted “Aye.” Motion Passed.

I. Adjourn

With no further business Alderman Keene made a motion to adjourn. Alderman Chism seconded the motion. All Aldermen present voted “Aye.” Motion Passed.