

City of New Madrid
City Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, March 10, 2025
5:00 pm

Call to Order

The March 10, 2025 meeting of the Board of Alderman of the City of New Madrid was called to order at 5:00 pm with Mayor Nick White presiding. Alderman Riley, Alderman Keene, Alderman Chism, Alderman Lawfield, Alderman Cravens and Alderman Courtois were present.

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

Alderman Keene led us in prayer.

Mayor White led the Pledge of Allegiance.

A. Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the February 24, 2025 meeting were presented.

Alderman Chism made a motion to approve and Alderman Riley seconded the motion. All aldermen present voted “Aye.” Motion Passed

B. Ordinances

1. 25-1351 An ordinance to establish the process for the suspension, denial or revocation of a City of New Madrid business license and the process to appeal to the City Council.

Chief Grissom explained that there are currently no restrictions on business licenses in the City of New Madrid. This ordinance would place restrictions on the selling of illegal products and illegal activity. It would provide a procedure to revoke or suspend a business license. Once a license has been revoked or suspended the business owner would have a hearing before the City Council. If passed this ordinance would take effect immediately.

Alderman Chism made a motion to approve and Alderman Riley seconded the motion. All aldermen present voted “Aye.” Motion Passed

2. 25-1352 An ordinance to establish the process for requesting a burn permit.

Chief Grissom explained the current rules regarding the burn of yard waste by residents within the city limits. This ordinance would provide a means for business owners to also burn yard waste if they are approved for a burn permit by the Fire Chief.

Alderman Chism made a motion to approve and Alderman Keene seconded the motion. All aldermen present voted “Aye.” Motion Passed

C. Adjourn to Closed

Alderman Chism made a motion to go into closed session in accordance with Section RSMo 610.021.12. Alderman Riley seconded. A roll call vote was taken:

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

D. Reconvene

Alderman Riley made a motion to go back into open session. Alderman Cravens seconded. All aldermen present voted “Aye.” Motion Passed

E. Adjourn

With no further business Alderman Cravens made a motion to adjourn. Alderman Lawfield seconded the motion. All aldermen present voted “Aye.” Motion Passed