

**City of New Madrid**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
Monday April 14 2025  
6:00 pm

**CALL TO ORDER**

The April 14, 2025 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 Alderman Courtois and Alderman Cravens were present.

Also in attendance were City Administrator, Aaron Griffin and City Clerk, Paige Keene.

Alderman Riley made a motion to amend the agenda to adjourn and open back and to add a closed session for item C. Alderman Chism seconded

Alderman Keene led us in prayer.

Mayor White led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**A. Approval of minutes**

The minutes from the March 24 regular meeting were presented

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

**B. Certify Municipal Election April 8, 2025**

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

**C. Adjourn**

Alderman Cravens made a motion to adjourn, and Alderman Lawfield seconded. All Alderman present voted "Aye." The vote was unanimous **MOTION PASSED.**

**Oath of office- The oath of office was given by City Clerk Paige Keene to the newly appointed officials**

**Boo Broughton – Alderman Ward III**

**David Courtois – Alderman Ward II**

**Jim Cravens – Alderman Ward I**

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### **D. Visitors**

Angela Walker- Ms. Walker, came to discuss the dog problem in town. She told the board in the last week an officer has had to come help her more than once with a stray dog causing issues in her yard. She doesn't feel comfortable taking her own dog for a walk or allowing her grandkids to play in the front yard because the stray dogs in her neighborhood charge them. She came to ask what the board was doing about the dog problem. Mayor White spoke about the specific dogs she was dealing with that weekend and said the problem lies with the owner of the property those dogs came from as they were abandoned by the owner after they were evicted according to Ms. Walker. Chief Grissom stated many dogs come to the pound and few ever leave so we do not have a place to keep every dog we get a call on, but he is always happy to give a citation to anyone if they can prove who the dog belongs to.

Becky McKay- Ms. McKay has been running a store out of the Hart-Stepp house since July 2024 and feels it has been going well. The house which she is renting from the city needs a new roof. She expressed interest in owning the property and a few different scenarios were discussed. City Attorney Chance Hunter is going to investigate legally what can be done with the home and have the building appraised, and we will revisit at the next meeting.

Adam Morgan- Mr. Morgan came to discuss the housing situation in town, specifically mobile homes/trailers. He was made aware of which areas are designated mobile home areas in town. After some discussion regarding his past experiences when approaching city leaders about moving a trailer in Mayor White outlined the process for him that would be his best course of action for getting a lot zoned for him to move a trailer to. There is a variance board that can discuss the lot he has in mind and bring their recommendation of rezoning to the board for a vote to rezone.

### **E. New Business**

### **F. Resolutions(s)**

AUTHORIZING PAYMENT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$22,500.00 TO MB SYSTEM FOR THE MUSIC ON THE MISSISSIPPI STAGE.

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

### **G. Ordinance(s)**

**none**

## **H. City Admin Report**

Admin Griffin complimented our departments for their hard work during the recent flooding.

The new substation is getting close to complete, both transformers are in and have been inspected.

The new county chamber and tourism efforts are going well. Economic development is very busy, and the chamber board is almost complete and is being filed with the Secretary of state.

## **I. Adjourn to closed.**

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

Alderman Chism	“yes”
Alderman Riley	“yes”
Alderman Broughton	“yes”
Alderman Cravens	“yes”
Alderman Lawfield	“yes”
Alderman Courtois	“yes”

## **G. 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.**