

**City of New Madrid**  
**CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

Monday August 25, 2025

6:00 pm

**CALL TO ORDER**

The August 25, 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 Broughton, Alderman Lawfield, Alderman Courtois, Alderman Chism and Alderman Cravens were present.

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

Admin Griffin led us in prayer.

Mayor White led the pledge of Allegiance.

**A. Approval of minutes**

The minutes from the August 11 meeting were presented.

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

**B. Visitors**

Tracy Hill- Mr. Hill, came to speak with the council about buying the property the city owns next to his house. He stated that he previously had a deal with a past city Admin and Mayor to be able to purchase the land but there is no written agreement, so he was not able to do so. He wants the land to build a house and shop for his son. Alderman Riley said the city originally bought properties like that one in hopes to get houses built on them and the council agrees they would like to see someone build a home there. Attorney Hunter is going to look into the legalities of selling the land as the city and get back with him.

**C. New Business**

none

**D. Resolution(s)**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN A RENTAL AGREEMENT WITH BECKY MCKAY.

**MOTION:** Alderman Chism made a motion and Alderman Riley seconded. All other Alderman present voted "Aye." **MOTION PASSED.**

**E. Ordinance(s)**

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE TAX RATE FOR THE CITY OF NEW MADRID, MISSOURI FOR THE TAX YEAR 2025 ON ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY BOTH REAL AND PERSONAL LOCATED THEREIN.**

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

<b>Alderman Riley</b>	<b>"yes"</b>
<b>Alderman Broughton</b>	<b>"yes"</b>
<b>Alderman Chism</b>	<b>"yes"</b>
<b>Alderman Lawfield</b>	<b>"yes"</b>
<b>Alderman Cravens</b>	<b>"yes"</b>
<b>Alderman Courtois</b>	<b>"yes"</b>

**F. City Admin Report**

City Hall groundbreaking will be September 9 at 1p.m. Invitations will be sent out soon and construction has already begun.

We were given the Weekly Record building, and we have had several people express interest in it. Admin Griffin wanted to get the council's opinion on what we should do with eh building. Everyone agrees we need to get it appraised.

Music on the Mississippi is coming up September 20<sup>th</sup> and ticket sales are going good so far.

**G. Adjourn**

With no further business Alderman Chism made a motion to adjourn, Alderman Lawfield seconded. Meeting adjourned.