

City of New Madrid
City Council Meeting Minutes
March 25, 2019, 6:00 p.m.

The Board of Aldermen met on Monday, March 25, 2019 at 6:00 pm in the Council Chamber at City Hall. Mayor Richard Bodi presided with the following present: Ald. Wade, Chism, Young, Cravens and White.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. The Mayor called the meeting to order.

The Minutes from the March 11th, 2019 meeting were presented. Ald. Chism made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Ald. Young seconded, all voted “yes” and the minutes were accepted.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Visitors: There were no visitors in attendance.
2. Mayor Bodi wanted to update the Council on the coffer dam on Route U near the Hunter Dawson Park. He first informed the group that the flood level is now estimated to fall to 37-38’ on this coming Thursday. He had recently spoken to Damien McNew of the Corps of Engineers and had been told that they have raised the Coffee Dam an additional 1.5’ and expect to keep it in place until May. Atty. Bock stated that it is hopeful that they will be able to open Dry Run which would be very helpful.
3. Resolution: A Resolution was presented authorizing the purchase of a Case 580SN WT Backhoe from Luby Equipment of Cape Girardeau, Missouri for the MoDot contract price of \$70,873.50. This Backhoe is a specialized, non-standard item, approved in the 2019 budget and will be built by Luby Equipment under state contract. The Mayor stated that this was being brought to the Council due to the fact that the budget amount was about \$5000 lower than their actual cost. They had overestimated the amount of trade in and were asking the Council to approve the additional sum. Ald. Chism made a motion to approve and Ald. Wade seconded. A vote was taken and all Councilmen voted “yes”. The Resolution was passed.

4. Resolution: A Resolution authorizing the purchase of a 2019 RAM 1500 Classic ST Quad 4x2 ½ ton truck from Capitol Chrysler Jeep Dodge in Jefferson City, Mo for the State Contract price of \$19,710 delivered for the Code Enforcement/Animal Control Officer. Ald. Chism made a motion to approve and Ald. White seconded. A voted was taken and all Aldermen voted “yes” and the Resolution was approved.
5. Resolution: A Resolution awarding the bid for the FY 2019 Street Improvement Project to Apex Paving Company for the amount of \$343,949.45 as recommended as the best bid and lowest with the 5% local business allowance credit and recommended by the Project Engineer. Adm. Richard McGill pointed out that the bids did not include the engineering fees. Ald. Chism made a motion to approve and Ald. Wade seconded. A voted was taken with all Aldermen voting “yes”. The bid was awarded to Apex Paving.
6. Liquor License Renewal: M&M Deli submitted the required documents and fees for the City to consider the renewal of their Business/Liquor License. Mayor Bodi asked Asst. Chief Brandon Hanner if there had been any law enforcement issues with this business. Off Hanner said that there had not been any issues at all. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Ald. Wade – yes, Ald. Chism – yes, Ald. Young – yes, Ald. Cravens – yes, Ald. White – yes. The license was renewed.
7. Liquor License Renewal: El Bracero’s, was the next item on the agenda with a renewal application for a business license with Liquor by the Drink and Sunday sales from El Bracero’s. They submitted the required documents and fees with their application. The Mayor asked Asst. Chief Hanner if there had been any law enforcement issues with this establishment. He said that there had not been any problems at all. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Ald. Wade – yes, Ald. Chism – yes, Ald. Young – yes, Ald. Cravens – yes, and Ald. White – yes. The renewal was approved.
8. City Administrator’s Report: Administrator McGill said that he was happy to report to the Council that in spite of the 3% increase in electric rates, MLP is still 2 cents lower than the next lowest utility company in the area. Ald. White asked if the City was still experiencing problems with the electric meters. Adm. McGill said that it seems that since the replacement of the Gatekeeper, everything seems to have been ironed out. Ald. Wade if it would be cost prohibitive to purchase another Gatekeeper to have on standby. Adm. McGill said that it had already been ordered. In fact it had been planned all along to have a replacement but while dealing with all of the other issues, we had just not gotten around to doing that. It should not be an issue in the future.

Adm. McGill reminded the Council members that the Annual Chamber Banquet would be held the next night at Ms. Sharp's and that the City had purchased tickets for each of the Council members and a guest. They will be held at the door. The Mayor said that this was a very good event and recommends that every one that can, should attend.

Adm. McGill said that two Thursday's ago, the Mayor's Association met and that the County Commissioners were asking that the Cities support and promote the ballot issue to continue the tax that is used for the road and bridges projects. He pointed out that some of those funds were used to help the City of New Madrid in our drainage projects.

He then informed the Council that there would be a "mandatory pre-bid meeting" for contractors interested in bidding on the next phase tree trimming in the City, on Tuesday morning at 10 am. He said that this was being done so that everyone got the same information at the same time and were given the opportunity to ask questions to the same people. The meeting had been advertised for the last two weeks in the Weekly Record and the Standard Democrat.

The Administrator reminded the group that Delta Asphalt would be having an open house on April 4th from 11:00 to 1:00. They have sent over several invitations for the City staff and Elected Officials.

He then informed the Council that he will be attending the mandatory Mirma Safety meeting in Columbia on April 8th and 9th, so unless there was some pressing business, the Council Meeting scheduled for the 8th may be cancelled.

Ald. Wade wanted to bring the financial report that Kristy Taylor, Finance Officer, had compiled at his request. This report details all of the expenditures that the City has made since the 2013 sale of the Power Plant to AECl. He said that this information helped him greatly and wanted to thank her. He also wanted to recommend that all of the Council members look it over. He knows that they will find it very helpful as well.

There being nothing further, Ald. Chism made a motion and adjourn and Ald. White seconded. All Aldermen voted "yes" and the meeting was adjourned.