

City of New Madrid  
City Council "Special" Meeting Minutes  
May 30, 2019, 6:00 p.m.

The Board of Aldermen met on Thursday, May 30, 2019 at 5:30 pm in the Council Chamber at City Hall. Mayor Richard Bodi presided with the following present: Ald. Riley, Wade, Chism, Young, Cravens and White.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. The Mayor called the meeting to order.

The Minutes from the April 13th, 2019 meeting were presented. Ald. Chism made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Ald. Wade seconded, all voted "yes" and the minutes were accepted.

The Mayor asked for a motion to amend the agenda to include Bill 19-1304 which would create a new section of the Municipal Code preventing travel on flooded residential streets. Ald. Wade made the motion and Ald. Chism seconded. A vote was taken as follows: Ald. Riley – yes, Ald. Wade – yes, Ald. Chism – yes, Ald. Young – yes, Ald. Cravens – yes, and Ald. White – yes. The motion was approved and the agenda was so amended.

2. Visitors: There were no visitors.
3. Resolution: A resolution was presented that would extend the City's Memorandum of Understanding with National Steel from June 1, 2019 until August 1, 2019. After it was made clear that this would not have any impact on the City's risk and might allow National Steel to complete the funding stack that was needed for the Economic Development Project, Ald. Chism made a motion to approve the resolution and Ald. Wade seconded. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Ald. Riley – yes, Ald. Wade – yes, Ald. Chism – yes, Ald. Young – yes, Ald. Cravens – yes, Ald. White – yes. The Resolution was approved.
4. Resolution: A resolution was presented that would award the 2019 Tree Trimming Project to Southern Tree Care for the bid amount of \$40,000. This company had the second lowest bid but the first bidder, Gene's Tree Service of Sikeston, did not fulfill the contract as required. Their staff arrived in town on two consecutive days without proper safety equipment for their employees and without proper experienced supervision. On both days they caused power outages in the city. The City Administrator paid them for the time they

had worked but terminated their job at that point. Ald. Chism made a motion to approve the resolution and Ald. Cravens seconded. All Aldermen voted “yes” and the award was made to Southern Tree Care.

5. Bill 19-1304. This ordinance will create a new section 54-205 of the Municipal Code of the City of New Madrid, Missouri preventing travel on flooded residential streets whenever the City Administrator, Chief of Police, Fire Chief or Emergency Management Personnel determine that a city residential street or thoroughfare should be closed to vehicle traffic due to flooding. The street shall be protected and barricaded to prevent all vehicles from entering or traveling upon that street or thoroughfare, except residents of that street. The driver of any vehicle driven that attempts to or passes through a flooded street barricade shall be guilty of a misdemeanor. Since this bill was not posted on the Agenda, Atty. Bock read the bill in its entirety two times over. Ald. White made a motion to approve and Ald. Chism seconded. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Ald. Wade – yes, Ald. Riley – yes, Ald. Chism – yes, Ald. Young – yes, Ald. Cravens – yes, Ald. White – yes. The Ordinance was approved.
6. City Administrator’s Report: SEMA/FEMA – SEMA has worked closely with us to ensure that we are including anything under the two claim reporting periods. We are currently in another period that started April 29<sup>th</sup> and will last until all counties are below flood stage for 72 consecutive hours. I, Karen and Kristy will attend a reporting seminar held in Sikeston next Tuesday, June 4<sup>th</sup>.

Last night’s rain event was handled and managed incredibly well. I was very proud of the City staff, County Highway Department, County Sheriff’s Dept., the State Patrol and all of the volunteers. It was great to see the community come together to help each other.

We will have a briefing next meeting with Southeast Hospital and a broker, and we’ve spoken to another City as well as the local school on how they have done their current plans. We need to work on this now to have time to move forward.

CDBG meeting – While we received the CDBG award letter, we are waiting to meet with DED staff and Bootheel Regional Planning Commission staff on June 19<sup>th</sup> before moving forward.

Southeast Hospital is planning on a luncheon to kick off their presence here in New Madrid. We have June 13 penciled in, but it’s not completely set yet. I will let you know when we have a firm date.

Ald. White made a motion to adjourn to a closed session pursuant to "B. Leasing, purchase or sale of real estate where public knowledge of the transaction might adversely affect the legal consideration there for (RSMo 610.021.1)". Ald. Chism seconded. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Ald. Riley – yes, Ald. Wade – yes, Ald. Chism – yes, Ald. Young – yes, Ald. Cravens – yes, and Ald. White – yes. The meeting moved to closed session.

After moving back to open session, and there being no further business, Ald. White made a motion to adjourn. Ald. Chism seconded. All voted "yes" and the meeting adjourned.