

City of New Madrid  
City Council Meeting Minutes  
Monday, September 28, 2020  
6:00 p.m.

The Board of Aldermen met on Monday, September 28, 2020 at 6:00 pm. Mayor Bodi called the meeting to order. Ald. Riley, Ald. Keene, Ald. Chism, Ald. Cravens and Ald. Young were in attendance. Ald. White was unable to attend due to work.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. The minutes from the August 24th meeting were presented. Ald. Chism made a motion to accept the minutes and Ald. Cravens seconded. A vote was taken and all voted "yes". The minutes were adopted.

NEW BUSINESS:

2. A resolution was presented as follows: A Resolution awarding the bid for the FY 2020 tree trimming project to Southern Tree Care of Caruthersville, MO, as the best and lowest bid in the amount of \$25,000.00.  
Mayor Bodi read the title of the Resolution aloud twice over. Ald. Chism made a motion to approve the resolution and Ald. Cravens seconded that motion. All voted "yes" and the resolution was approved.
3. A resolution was presented as follows: A Resolution awarding payment to Apex Paving Company as sole provider, in the amount of \$27,517.45 for the paving of the public safety center parking lot.  
Ald. Chism made a motion to approve and Ald. Young seconded the motion. All Aldermen voted "yes" and the sale was approved.
4. A resolution awarding the payment to Vandevanter Engineering in the amount of \$13,180.25 for the replacement of power and the sensor cable on the site as needed, to restore operation of the northeast pump station.  
The Mayor read the title of the resolution over twice. Ald. Chism made a motion to approve and Ald. Keene seconded. All Aldermen voted "yes" and the resolution was approved.

5. Bill # 20-1317 was submitted. Mayor Bodi read the title over twice. It read: An ordinance adopting a New Madrid transit vehicle maintenance plan as required by the federal transit association in accordance with the MO Department of Transportation. Ald. Chism made a motion to approve and Ald. Young seconded. A roll call vote was conducted as follows: Ald. Riley – yes, Ald. Keene – yes, Ald. Chism – yes, Ald. Young – yes, Ald. Cravens – yes. The Ordinance was adopted.
  
6. Ald. Riley asked if the line in Ed Riley’s field had been or will be capped off and the response by city administrator, Richard McGill was “yes”.

City Administrator’s Report: Adm. McGill stated that the fall festival is this weekend. We have 30 vendors and a good turn out of boats, as well, should be a pretty good event. Social distancing is recommended. The fish fry is Friday night. If council members want a fish plate, let them know and the city will pay.

The south end drainage project was slow getting started, was dangerous at the start but is making good progress now.

The north end drainage project will start tomorrow (Tuesday, September 29, 2020). The contractors have to map out the easements before starting.

Ald. Keene mentioned a fix is needed at the small spot where concrete is mounded up at the end of Northgate. Ald. Chism said the same problem exists on Mott Street and that it needs to be corrected, as well. Mayor Bodi agreed and said they would have the guys fix it.

Ald. Chism asked how much we are in the steele mill money wise and do we have this on paper? The other aldermen mentioned that they would also like this information on paper for the council to see. Ald. Riley asked when the power agreement was projected to start and City Administrator, Richard McGill responded, “October 2022”.

City Administrator, Richard McGill stated that we will possibly have a “work session” meeting Thursday with Justin McCann, the engineer from Memphis. All aldermen can meet except Ald. Chism at 9:00 Thursday, October 1, 2020, so he will not be in attendance due to work.

This will need to be a closed session meeting, rather than a “work session”, and needs to be posted 24 hours in advance of the meeting, per Lynn Bock, City Attorney.

Ald. Keene asked how we are going to go about Halloween trick or treating. City Administrator, Richard McGill said he went to a city administrator’s meeting last week in Perryville and this

was discussed. All cities that were present said they are going to go about things in a normal fashion, as will we.

Ald. Keene and Ald. Riley mentioned social distancing and how it would be applied and City Attorney, Lynn Bock said to only mention the curfew times, nothing else.

Ald. Keene brought up the radios again and if we were going to make the purchase for these or not. He stated that he thought this is what they had decided in the last meeting was to go ahead and purchase them, since there is a shortage of radios and is critical for the fire department to have to communicate. City Administrator, Richard McGill said he'd like to get the CARES ACT money first, in order to pay for them. Mayor Bodi stated he would like to make a project out of it to push it on thru. Radios are a priority right now. We don't want to have a fatality due to lack of communication.

Ald. Riley asked what exactly the CARES ACT was and Chief Higgerson explained the CARES ACT and what it does.

The estimated total for the radios is \$14,567.35.

City administrator Richard McGill stated that we will put this on the agenda for the next meeting to purchase the radios, which will be Thursday, October 1, 2020, and then we will go into closed session meeting pertaining to: E. sealed proposals and related documents or any documents related to a negotiated contract (RSMo 610.021.12).

There being nothing further, Ald. Chism made a motion to adjourn. Ald. Cravens seconded.

A roll call vote was taken as follows. Ald. Riley- yes, Ald. Keene- yes, Ald. Chism- yes, Ald. Young- yes and Ald. Cravens- yes. The meeting was adjourned.