

City of New Madrid  
City Council Meeting Minutes  
Monday, March 8, 2021  
6:00 p.m.

The Board of Aldermen met on Monday, March 8, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. Mayor Bodi called the meeting to order. Ald. Keene, Ald. Chism, and Ald. Young were in attendance. Ald. Riley, Ald. Cravens and Ald. White were not present.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. The minutes from February 8th, 2021 meeting were presented. Ald. Chism made a motion to accept the minutes and Ald. Keene seconded. A vote was taken and all, including Mayor Bodi, voted "yes". The minutes were approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

A motion was made by Ald. Chism to amend the agenda to include a discussion and decision on the date of the Independence Day Celebration. Ald. Keene seconded and the agenda will be so amended.

A motion was made to ask for a decision regarding the Independence Holiday Celebration. A discussion took place as to whether Saturday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> or Sunday, July 4<sup>th</sup> would be a better date. Ald. Chism made a motion to schedule the fireworks for Saturday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> at 9:00 p.m. At this time, they are reluctant to schedule any additional events due to the COVID 19 pandemic and the Governor's directives regarding promoting groups of individuals. Ald. Chism made a motion to set July 3<sup>rd</sup> as the date. Ald. Young seconded. A vote was taken and Ald. Keene, Ald. Chism, Mayor Bodi, and Ald. Young voted yes.

A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign the service agreement between the City and Grid Reliability Consulting, LLC was presented. The Mayor read the title of the resolution 2 times over. Adm. McGill said that the contracts regarding the transmission lines for the Project America will require at least 16 individual contracts involving, BMP, MPUA, CNM and Miso. These contracts will be very intricate. Grid Reliability Consultants will make sure that the City's interests and liabilities are covered and coordinate it all with the other entities involved. This is so complicated that we need someone that knows the Miso Market firsthand and Doug Collins of Grid Reliability actually built the Miso Market. The cost will be \$200.00 an hour with a cap of \$30,000. Atty Bock asked if that was a total of \$30,000. Adm. McGill replied yes. Ald. Keene

stated that a lot of money had been spent on consulting already. In fact, he would like a list of amounts to consultants and what the amounts are in regard to Project America.

Adm. McGill stated that “yes, this is new territory for all of us”. Mayor Bodi said that company could save us a lot in the long run. Adm. McGill agreed. Ald. Chism made a motion to approve the resolution and Ald. Young seconded. A vote was taken as follows: Ald. Keene – yes, Ald. Chism – yes, Mayor Bodi – yes and Ald. Young – yes. The resolution was approved.

City Administrator’s Report: Adm. McGill said that under our 2021 \$350,000 plan, that includes Mill Street and does not have Kingshighway. He is concerned about Kingshighway and the fact that those residents have had to deal with a lot for months and months. If the Council approves, there is a possibility that we could move the Mill Street improvement to the sewer project and take that money and repair Kingshighway.

Adm. McGill said that Kingshwy was on the plans for next year. Ald. Keene said that that will be a lot of money. He asked what was left to do on this year’s plan. Adm. McGill replied that there a few streets in St. Anne, some spots in the east area of town. He said that Mitchell Street needs repair, but he wants to wait and see what drainage issues we get into first. Mayor Bodi stated that some of the streets need to be oiled and that could give us another year before they would need to be replaced. Ald. Keene agreed with that assessment.

There being nothing further, Ald. Chism made a motion to adjourn and Ald. Young seconded. A voted was taken as follows: Ald. Keene – yes, Ald. Chism – yes, Mayor Bodi – yes, and Ald. Young – yes. The meeting adjourned.