

City of New Madrid
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Monday Jun 9 2025

6:00 pm

CALL TO ORDER

The June 9, 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 Broughton, Alderman Chism and Alderman Lawfield, Alderman Courtois and Alderman Cravens were present. Alderman Riley was absent.

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

Admin Griffin led us in prayer.

Mayor White led the pledge of Allegiance.

A. Approval of minutes

The minutes from the May 11th meeting were presented

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

B. Old Business

The Holyland cemetery gate and fence were repaired along with the water leak near Greg Haltermans house. A company has been contacted to replace the Evergreen Cemetery sign and we should have a quote for that soon. Also the broken cannon up on the riverfront was repaired.

C. New Business

Mayor White discussed a vacancy on the Park Board and stated he would like to appoint Mandy Ivie to fill the vacancy.

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

D. Resolution(s)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT WITH AMEREN TRANSMISSION COMPANY OF IL AN MISSOURI ELECTRIC COMMISION

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

E. City Admin Report

The camera guy is back in town working to get our cameras up and running.

The Chamber has an intern for the summer and she started last week. We will have the LLC finalized soon.

FEMA paperwork has been turned in for the May 2024 storm We should be getting some reimbursement soon from this.

New City Hall is going out to bid Jun 28 and early July. Bids will be opened later in July.

Interim Police Chief JD Green approached the council to express his concern about the police staffing situation. He feels there is not enough officers and spoke about the long hours he has been working to cover any call ins. He feels strongly that he cant operate this way for long. Mayor White asked what he thought the department needed to run smoothly and Chief Green said he would like 5 more officers, despite the budget currently only having funds for 2 more. He also said he has some interest in filling the 2 current positions and will set up interviews when he returns from his conference this week.

F. Closed Session

Motion: Alderman Chism made a motion to go into closed session in accordance with sections 610.021.1 of RSMo. Alderman Cravens seconded. A roll call vote was taken.

Alderman Chism	“yes”
Alderman Broughton	“yes”
Alderman Cravens	“yes”
Alderman Lawfield	“yes”
Alderman Courtois	“yes”

G. Adjourn

With no further business to discuss Alderman Chism made a motion to adjourn and Alderman Lawfield seconded. All Alderman present voted “Aye.” The vote was unanimous **MOTION PASSED.**