

City of New Madrid
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Monday September 9, 2025
6:00 pm

CALL TO ORDER

The September 9, 2025, meeting of the Board of Alderman of the City of New Madrid was called to order at 6:10pm with Mayor Nick White presiding. Alderman Broughton, Alderman Lawfield, Alderman Courtois, Alderman Chism and Alderman Cravens were present. Alderman Riley was absent.

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

Admin Griffin led us in prayer.

Mayor White led the pledge of Allegiance.

A. Approval of minutes

The minutes from the August 25 meeting were presented.

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

B. Visitors

Audrey Sizemore- Ms. Sizemore came to address the council about ongoing noise in her neighborhood. She stated she has called the police on several occasions but the people playing the loud music will turn it down or off before the police can get there to hear it. She stated that the noise disturbs her and others in her home when they try to sleep. She wanted to know what else could be done to control the noise. Chief Green was in attendance, and he and Mayor White agreed they would patrol the area closely and even park on Ms. Sizemore's property to try and catch the music when it was playing.

C. New Business

none

D. Resolution(s)

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO APPLY FOR A COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE FUND GRANT THROUGH THE DELTA REGIONAL AUTHORITY.

MOTION: Alderman Chism made a motion and Alderman Lawfield seconded. All other Alderman present voted "Aye." **MOTION PASSED.**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO APPLY FOR A DISASTER SUPPLEMENTAL GRANT THROUGH THE U.S. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION

MOTION: Alderman Chism made a motion and Alderman Cravens seconded. All other Alderman present voted "Aye." **MOTION PASSED.**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT TO VANDEVANTER ENGINEERING FOR A SUBMERSIBLE PUMP IN THE AMOUNT OF \$15,780.00

MOTION: Alderman Chism made a motion and Alderman Broughton seconded. All other Alderman present voted "Aye." **MOTION PASSED.**

E. City Admin Report

City Hall groundbreaking will be September 9 at 1p.m.

Music on the Mississippi is in less than 2 weeks.

We expect to hear about the electrical grant here in the next few months.

F. Other business

Alderman Broughton brought up a question about the way we have been doing trash clean up weeks this year. In previous years, the city had done a free door to door pickup, but this year opted for multiple clean up weeks that required citizens to bring their bulk items to the dumpsters provided by the city.

Alderman Broughton feels city clean up needs to go back to door-to-door pickup. Other Alderman spoke up with citizen complaints and opinions on the matter. The cleanup was originally changed to give more chances per year for citizens to clean out bulk items for free, to help the Municipal Light and Power budget and keep the lines between City of New Madrid and Municipal Light and Power separate since the city street crew does the pickup and trash is a utility. Admin Griffin expressed that it was the board's choice what they felt was best for the citizens.

MOTION: Alderman Lawfield made a motion and Alderman Broughton seconded to have one free door to door pick up again next year and research doing a second clean up to charge by the load to offset the cost. All other Alderman present voted "Aye." **MOTION PASSED.**

G. Adjourn

With no further business Alderman Chism made a motion to adjourn, Alderman Courtois seconded. Meeting adjourned.