

City Council Meeting Minutes
August 22, 2016
7:30 p.m.

The Board of Aldermen met in regular session on Monday, August 22, 2016 in the Council Chamber at City Hall. Mayor Richard Bodi presided with the following present: Ald. Chism, Wade, Riley, Young, Riggs, and Cravens.

1. The Mayor called the meeting to order.
2. The minutes of the August 8, 2016 meeting were presented for approval. Ald. Chism made a motion to accept the minutes and Ald. Young seconded his motion. All Aldermen voted "yes" and the minutes were approved.
3. VISITORS: There were no visitors.
4. Bill #16 1265 was presented. The Mayor read the title of the ordinance, "AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE TAX RATE FOR THE CITY OF NEW MADRID, MISSOURI FOR THE TAX YEAR 2016 ON ALL TAXABLE PROPERTY BOTH REAL AND PERSONAL LOCATED THEREIN" twice. A roll call vote was taken by the Mayor with the results as follows: Ald. Wade "yes", Ald. Riley "yes", Ald. Riggs "yes", Ald. Young "yes", Ald. Cravens "yes", Ald. Chism "yes". The vote was unanimous and the ordinance was adopted.
5. City Administrator's Report: Adm. McGill informed the Council that Mirma had reviewed the proposed 911 contract with the County and had approved. He expects to bring a resolution to the next meeting.

He stated that the City has received the DNR permit for the Water Plant. He said that the bid invitation should hit the papers on Wednesday.

The new Water Tower is complete and has been signed off.

Adm. McGill then informed the Council that Gov. Nixon had visited New Madrid to announce the new DAEOC Head Start Expansion Grant, which is just shy of \$1,000,000.00. This is a great thing for young families as many more children will be served with the program expansion.

He then stated that Noranda's bankruptcy procedure is coming to a close in 4-5 weeks. He is making every effort to stay on top of the situation, in part to let interested parties know what incentives are available and to direct them to the state assistance programs. He will take every opportunity to promote the City and surrounding area to new investors.

Ald. Wade asked that the Council be kept informed on developments with Noranda whenever possible.

The new Police/Fire Station Project is moving along well. The paint and drywall should be completed this week.

Ald. Young asked if they are still targeting the 911 conversion for the end of October. Adm. McGill stated that it should probably be the week of October 20th.

He said that ESI should be working in the building as soon as the painting is done.

Ald. Wade asked if the Water Tower is full now. Adm. McGill said that they were filling it now.

Ald. Chism asked if the City is still working with the youth at the New Madrid Youth Bend Facility. He noted that the City used to use them to clean up the parks and help out at various events in the City. He hopes that we will start using them as often as we can. We could certainly use the help during busy events and that it would be a great incentive for the youth in this program and feels that we need to support their efforts whenever possible. Ald. Young stated that he had been able to get them free passes for the high school football games. Mayor Bodi said that there should be lots of events where we could use them. Ald. Wade said that we could certainly do something at the King Cat Tournament with help with the trash pickup and weed eating.

Ald. Riggs brought up a concern he has about the tree trimming that needs to be done on Main Street, with special concern for the Crepe Myrtles. He stated that they needed to be trimmed correctly so they grow into trees and not bushes that would obscure the vision of drivers and also so they will survive the pruning. The Mayor stated that Sam Burnett of the Street Dept. had taken a course to do this correctly.

A discussion was taken up regarding the sewer line in the levee. Ald. Riggs remembered that the City had done some temporary repairs a few years back but is concerned that it is time that we make sure this was completed and done correctly. If not, we could have a serious problem with this line. Atty. Bock stated that the Corps will be doing some work on the area levees but is not sure of their timeline. Mayor Bodi said that they will have an assessment of the sewer line condition in the levee by the next meeting.

There being no further business, Ald. Chism made a motion to adjourn and Ald. Wade seconded. All voted "yes" and the meeting adjourned.