

City Council Special Meeting Minutes
November 17, 2016
8:00 p.m.

The Board of Aldermen met in special session on Thursday, November 17, 2016 in the Council Chamber at City Hall. Mayor Richard Bodi presided with the following present: Ald. Riley, Young, Wade, and Cravens.

1. The Mayor called the meeting to order.
2. The minutes of the October 24, 2016 regular meeting were presented for approval. Ald. Young made a motion to accept the minutes and Ald. Cravens seconded his motion. All Aldermen voted “yes” and the minutes were approved.
3. VISITORS: There were no visitors.
4. Resolution to accept the 2015 audit of the City of New Madrid’s financial report as prepared by the firm of Beussink, Hey, Roe & Stroder, L.L.C., Certified Public Accountants. Ald. Wade made a motion to approve the resolution and Ald. Cravens seconded. All Aldermen voted “yes” and the resolution was approved.
5. Bill 16-1266 an ordinance repealing section 12-54 of the Municipal Code pertaining to Business Licenses was presented to the Council. Atty. Bock stated that this was a change to the current ordinance to correct some ambiguity of the language in the ordinance adopted in 1983 pertaining to the expiration date of all business licenses on January 1 of each year after the date of issuance. The Mayor read the title of the bill twice and conducted a roll call vote as follows: Ald. Riley – yes, Ald. Wade – yes, Ald. Young – yes, and Ald. Cravens – yes. The ordinance was adopted.
6. Bill 16-1267 was presented calling for the Municipal Election on April 4, 2007. The Mayor read the title of the bill twice and then conducted a roll call vote as follows: Ald. Riley – yes, Ald. Wade – yes, Ald. Young – yes, and Ald. Cravens – yes. The ordinance was adopted.
7. The Mayor presented a list of appointees to the River Walk Gallery Board as follows: Tom Wills, Eric Mattson, Ed Thomason, Niala Branson, Sarah Lyles, Jeanette Graham, Alice Crisler, Amy brown and Leslie Hunter. Ald. Wade made a

motion to approve the board as presented. Ald. Riley seconded and all Aldermen voted “yes”. The board was approved as presented.

8. City Administrator’s Report: Adm. McGill informed the Council that on this date he had attended a meeting with the salesperson from Elster. It has been decided that there would be a kick off meeting here in New Madrid in the next two weeks. At that time they will provide some meters to try out. A 20 month time line has been set for this project. They will be installing both the electric meters and water meters simultaneously. Both the Electric Dept. and the Water Dept. will be at the meeting. He also said that Mid South had informed him that the top project manager at Elster had been assigned to our project. Therefore he was informed by MidSouth that they did not expect a lot of change orders.

Adm. McGill said that we are currently in budget mode and Finance Officer, Kristy Taylor is working diligently on the budgets. He said that he would be scheduling budget meetings sometime after the first of December.

The Adm. then stated that we have been quiet on economic development projects, partly due to the uncertainty of the election. Since the election, Don Lloyd has had 4 inquiries.

Ald. Wade asked where we stood on the new Water Plant project. Adm. McGill said that Jacob Ortega at Smith & Company had been working with the low bidder. They have reworked the project and have been able to decrease the bid by about \$300,000, which is still \$200,000 over the original estimation. Mr. Ortega accepts full responsibility for this discrepancy. Adm. McGill said that he would be exploring grant possibilities but doesn’t know how likely, with the City’s current financial position, it would be that we would receive such grants. He stated that the City had 90 days after the bid opening to award or reject and rebid. He is currently investigating the possibility of receiving grants for demolition of derelict properties.

Ald. Wade made a motion to adjourn the meeting to a closed session pertaining to “Leasing, purchase or sale of real estate where public knowledge of the transaction might adversely affect the legal consideration there for (RSMo 610.021.1). Ald. Young seconded the motion and a roll call vote was taken as follows: Ald. Riley – yes, Ald. Wade – yes, Ald. Young – yes, and Ald. Cravens – yes. The meeting was adjourned.

Ald. Wade made a motion to return to open session. Ald. Cravens seconded. A roll call vote was taken as follows: Ald. Riley – yes, Ald. Wade – yes, Ald. Young – yes, and Ald. Cravens – yes.

There being no further business, Ald. Wade made a motion to adjourn. Ald. Cravens seconded and all voted “yes”. The meeting was adjourned.