

**BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING
THURSDAY, MAY 19, 2022**

CALL TO ORDER. Mayor Luke Davis called the regular semi-monthly meeting of the Board of Aldermen to order at 6:00 PM on Thursday, May 19, 2022, at the Fremont Hills Country Club, 1953 Fremont Hills Drive, Fremont Hills, MO.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. The pledge of allegiance was recited.

ROLL CALL. Kay O'Neill, City Clerk/Finance Officer called the roll—a quorum was present.

Luke Davis, Mayor	Present		
Damon Mills, Alderman Ward 1	Absent	Sunthosh Parvathaneni, Alderman Ward 1	Present
Talyia Leeper, Alderwoman Ward 2	Present	Kerry Nelson, Alderman Ward 2	Absent
Alisa Lowry, Alderwoman Ward 3	Present	Randy West, Alderman Ward 3	Present

Guests: Blake Pace, Decker & DeGood; Brandon Bevis, Net Vision; Ruth Benedett, Resident

City Officials: Dale Batson/Project Manager, Kay O'Neill/City Clerk/Finance Officer

OPEN FLOOR TO VISITORS*

Brandon from Net Vision reported that more installations were completed this past week. They are currently doing mass splicing at the cabinet to prepare for the vault splices for the next phases. Ninety-eight percent of the next phase has conduit and fiber. They have begun the Dig Rite marking for the golf course. They have received many yard tickets recently, so they have designated a worker to fix yards. Brandon provided an addendum to our contract which locks in the pricing for an additional six months.

AGENDA

NEW BUSINESS

2021 Audit—Decker (Davis)

Blake Pace, Decker and DeGood, presented the audit report to the board. We received a “clean opinion” for the 2021 audit. The City is financially sound, with records in good order.

ITEMS FOR APPROVAL

Approval of April 21, 2022, Regular Meeting Minutes (Davis)

A motion to approve the April 21, 2022, regular meeting minutes was made by West, with Lowry seconding the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. Leeper abstained as she was absent.

Approval of April 21, 2022, Closed Session Meeting Minutes (Davis)

A motion to approve the April 21, 2022, closed session meeting minutes was made by Lowry, with Parvathaneni seconding the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. Leeper abstained as she was absent.

Approval of May 5, 2022, Regular Meeting Minutes (Davis)

A motion to approve the May 5, 2022, regular meeting minutes was made by Leeper, with West seconding the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Approval of May 5, 2022, Closed Session Meeting Minutes (Davis)

A motion to approve the May 5, 2022, closed session meeting minutes was made by Parvathaneni, with Leeper seconding the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Approval of Treasurer's Report and Expenses to be Paid (O'Neill)

A motion to approve the treasurer's report and expenses to be paid of \$29,364.01/general fund and \$24,437.90/sewer fund was made by West, with Parvathaneni seconding the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Bill #342-2022/Ordinance #342-2022 Authorizing Mayor to Sign Agreement with Flock Group, Inc. (O'Neill)

This bill was made a part of the board packet. Bill #342-2022 was read in its entirety on the first reading. A motion to approve Bill #342-2022 on the first reading was made by Parvathaneni, with Lowry seconding the motion. Leeper, Lowry, and Parvathaneni voted aye; West voted nay—motion passes. A motion to dispense with the second reading of Bill #342-2022 was made by Leeper, with Parvathaneni seconding the motion. The motion was approved by roll call vote with the ayes being: Leeper, Lowry, Mills, Parvathaneni, and West—there were no nay votes. A motion to adopt Bill #342-2022 as Ordinance #342-2022 was made by Lowry, with Parvathaneni seconding the motion. Leeper, Lowry, and Parvathaneni voted aye; West voted nay—motion passes.

OLD BUSINESS**Citywide Fiber (Batson)**

Batson reported that Net Vision laid a lot of fiber this week.

Cassidy Guardhouse Construction & Landscape Projects (Batson)

The guardhouse is complete, and it is almost an exact replica of the guardhouse at CC Highway. Batson received an estimate from Jon for more plants which will be an additional \$800—the Beautification Committee will decide whether or not to approve it. The landscape project is at a stall as Scapes is currently working on other projects.

City Signs (Batson)

The camera for the CC Highway entrance will be mounted on a previously purchased City street sign pole instead of mounting it to the guardhouse. The City signs will ship around June 30, and we should receive them the first to middle part of July. Batson discussed two options for taking down the old City banners—hiring someone with a bucket truck or renting a lift. A bucket truck will be costly, so he may rent a lift and remove the banners himself.

CC Highway Fence Repair (Batson)

We received the insurance claim check on May 16 for the fence damage. The check has been deposited, and the City will pay the difference of \$573.60. We are six to eight weeks out on getting the fence repaired—they will contact us a couple weeks before coming out.

Wastewater Treatment Plant Update (Batson)

Flood Event. We had a flood event at the plant at the beginning of May which damaged the UV system. An insurance claim was filed, and there is about \$15,000 worth of damage. Batson is building an insurance claim file and will send invoices to the adjustor. The adjustor is going to let us know what our limitations are. We have a \$2,500 deductible on the plant.

Due to supply chain issues, the control boards will need to be rebuilt. We purchased chlorinating and dechlorinating tablets at a cost of \$537.21. The labor to clean up the plant was \$440. We received an invoice from Suez for \$1,874.28 for the ballasts and lamp monitor assemblies--we can have the system back up within 10 days of receiving these parts. We will know what is functioning (lamps, etc.) once we get the control boards rebuilt. Batson reported that they are looking at moving the control boards up higher to prevent future damage due to flooding—they will work on this over the summer.

In 2021, we budgeted \$40,000 for plant repairs and maintenance and spent \$17,409.68—as of now, we have already spent \$19,000 in that category.

GIS Mapping. The GIS mapping is finished, and GRE has completed the shapefiles. We can use the Diamond Maps for \$20 per month. It is difficult to use it on a phone due to the size, and it is limited to one user at a time. The plus side is that we can put in our street signs, it will be helpful for locates, and we can get the Ozark water system to overlay. After we get everything added, GRE will update their shapefiles and give us a copy.

NEW BUSINESS

WWTP Operator Agreement (Davis)

Dyer’s agreement is up at the end of the year, and he is asking the board to consider a \$200 per month increase for the remainder of this year. He reported that his operating, fuel, and insurance costs have gone up. Davis spoke with Growcock who stated that we would need to pass a motion to amend his current agreement and create an addendum to his contract. A motion to amend the WWTP operator contract to reflect an additional \$3,600 over the remainder of 2022 was made by Lowry, with Parvathaneni seconding the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Closed session pursuant to RSMo 610.021(1) legal and RSMo 610.021(2) leasing, purchase, or sale of real estate. A motion to go into closed session was made by Parvathaneni, with Leeper seconding the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote with the ayes being: Leeper, Lowry, Parvathaneni, and West—there were no nay votes.

ADJOURN:

A motion to adjourn was made by Leeper, with West seconding the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM.

CITY OF FREMONT HILLS

By: _____

Luke Davis, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kay O’Neill, City Clerk/Finance Officer