

**BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING
THURSDAY, JUNE 16, 2022**

CALL TO ORDER. Mayor Luke Davis called the regular semi-monthly meeting of the Board of Aldermen to order at 6:01 PM on Thursday, June 16, 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	Present	Sunthosh Parvathaneni, Alderman Ward 1	Absent
Talyia Leeper, Alderwoman Ward 2	Present	Kerry Nelson, Alderman Ward 2	Present
Alisa Lowry, Alderwoman Ward 3	Present	Randy West, Alderman Ward 3	Present

Nelson attended the meeting virtually.

Guests: Ruth Benedett, Resident

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

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No comments to come before the board.

AGENDA

ITEMS FOR APPROVAL

Approval of May 19, 2022, Regular Meeting Minutes (Davis)

A motion to approve the May 19, 2022, regular meeting minutes was made by Leeper, with West seconding the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Approval of May 19, 2022, Closed Session Meeting Minutes (Davis)

A motion to approve the May 19, 2022, closed session meeting minutes was made by Mills, with West seconding the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Approval of June 2, 2022, Regular Meeting Minutes (Davis)

A motion to approve the June 2, 2022, regular meeting minutes was made by Lowry, with Leeper seconding the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Approval of June 2, 2022, Closed Session Meeting Minutes (Davis)

A motion to approve the June 2, 2022, closed session meeting minutes was made by Lowry, with Mills seconding the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Resolution #246-2022 Amending 2022 Budget (O'Neill)

The resolution and amendment were made a part of the board packet. A motion to approve Resolution #246-2022 amending the 2022 budget was made by West, with Leeper seconding the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Nelson entered the meeting at this time.

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 \$14,146.98/general fund and \$27,605.17/sewer fund was made by Lowry, with Nelson seconding the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Authorizing Mayor to Approve Addendum to DNS Contract (O'Neill)

This addendum was made a part of the board packet. The addendum reflects a recent price increase of \$0.025/wet lb. for Aluminum Sulfate Solution. Batson reported that this will be an average of \$83.03 additional per month. There will also be a slight increase next year as stated in the contract. A motion to authorize the mayor to sign the addendum was made by Leeper, with West seconding the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Citywide Fiber (Mills)

There are currently 26 households with fiber and 18 more in the install process. Phase 1 is complete as far as infrastructure. Phase 2 has all conduit in the ground—fiber is in ~90% of the conduit. Net Vision is currently mass splicing the connections from the cabinet and will then splice at the handholes for installs. Phase 4 has conduit in ~30%—fiber is in ~5%. The company they hired to repair the lawns on Copper Ridge did not do an acceptable job—these lawns will be taken care of when the temperature is cooler. Mills will ask Brandon to put together another informational video.

Flock Security Camera Upgrade (Davis)

A pre-site visit from a Flock Safety technician will take place within four weeks, and the install should be soon after.

City Website Address Change (Davis)

The City website change to .gov has been completed. Davis sent out a tutorial to the board and employees on how to set up the .gov emails. We will hold onto the .com domain for a while.

Cassidy Guardhouse Landscaping (Batson)

Batson received a landscape drawing from Scapes today and emailed it to Tara and Ruth for review/input. The quote received for the work to be completed on the south side of the Cassidy entrance is \$5,805. (Both documents were made a part of the board packet.) The original bid for the landscaping project was \$24,270. Additional costs are: \$500 for the pole boxes, \$380 for the water meter, \$5,000 for Scapes to run the electrical across the road to tie into the cameras, and \$5,805 for the south side—a new total of \$35,955. A motion to approve the expenses for the Cassidy guardhouse landscaping was made by Leeper, with Mills seconding the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

City Signs (Batson)

The signs are expected to arrive by the end of June.

CWERG Engineering Update (Batson)

To fulfill the CWERG grant, the City must go after funding (funding options document from GRE was made a part of the board packet). Our options include:

- 1) Apply for an SRF loan (low interest loan we pay back).
- 2) Submit a proposal to the Missouri Water and Wastewater Review Committee for loan and grant opportunities.

- 3) Apply for a Water Affordability Grant. We discussed the option of purchasing our own smoke testing equipment. If this were to be unsuccessful, we would need to get external bids which could be expensive. We would then need to borrow money and have a bond issue passed.
- 4) We can go after ARPA funds for which we do not qualify.

If we go after the SRF loan, we pay GRE ~\$1,500 to complete the application. We satisfy our grant by going after funding, even if we do not qualify. We must show that GRE provided us with projects, we went after funding, and we are moving forward. We do not need to do any of this at this time—we need to put together a project first.

CC Highway Fence Repair (Batson)

Repair to the fence will take place in approximately 4-6 weeks.

Cabinet AC Replacement (Batson)

Nothing to report. We are waiting on equipment.

Wastewater Treatment Plant Update (Batson)

Batson spoke with the insurance company adjustor today and received confirmation that the flood damage is covered, and the claim will go through. We received some of the shelving and cabinets—we are waiting on Rob’s guidance on where they will be installed. Batson will take pictures of the install to show the progress.

NEW BUSINESS

Nothing to report.

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 Mills, with Leeper seconding the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote with the ayes being: Leeper, Lowry, Mills, Nelson, and West—there were no nay votes.

ADJOURN:

A motion to adjourn was made by Leeper, with Mills seconding the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 8:22 PM.

CITY OF FREMONT HILLS

By: _____

Luke Davis, Mayor

Kay O’Neill, City Clerk/Finance Officer