

**BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING MINUTES  
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2021**

**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, September 16, 2021 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	Present
Talyia Leeper, Alderwoman Ward 2	Present	Kerry Nelson, Alderman Ward 2	Present
Alisa Lowry, Alderwoman Ward 3	Present	Randy West, Alderman Ward 3	Present

Guests: Resident, Ruth Benedett.

City Officials: Dale Batson/Project Manager, Jeanette Curtiss/City Clerk/Finance Officer, and Kay O’Neill/City Clerk/Finance Officer.

**OPEN FLOOR TO VISITORS\***

No comments to come before the Board.

**AGENDA**

**ITEMS FOR APPROVAL**

**Approval of August 19, 2021 Public Hearing Meeting Minutes (Davis)**

A motion to approve the August 19, 2021 public hearing meeting minutes was made by Leeper, with Nelson seconding the motion. The motion was approved--West abstained as he was absent.

**Approval of August 19, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes (Davis)**

A motion to approve the August 19, 2021 regular meeting minutes was made by Nelson, with Leeper seconding the motion. The motion was approved--West abstained as he was absent.

**Approval of August 19, 2021 Closed Session Meeting Minutes (Davis)**

A motion to approve the August 19, 2021 closed session meeting minutes was made by Leeper, with Nelson seconding the motion. The motion was approved--West abstained as he was absent.

**Approval of August 25, 2021 Special Meeting Minutes (Davis)**

A motion to approve the August 25, 2021 special meeting minutes was made by West, with Parvathaneni seconding the motion. The motion was unanimously approved

**Approval of September 2, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes (Davis)**

A motion to approve the September 2, 2021 regular meeting minutes was made by Nelson, with Leeper seconding the motion. The motion was approved--Mills and Parvathaneni abstained as they were absent.

**Approval of Treasurer’s Report and Expenses To Be Paid (Curtiss)**

A motion to approve the treasurer’s report and expenses to be paid of \$19,920.50/general fund and

\$20,409.80/sewer fund was made by Nelson, with Leeper seconding the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. The August invoice for Jordan Needham was \$600, \$450 of which is the yearly website renewal.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Citywide Fiber (Mills)**

The Net Vision cabinet was set today and the equipment container was placed this week near the CC Highway entrance. The date for the Town Hall meeting for Net Vision was tentatively set for October 13 at 6 PM, with a backup date of October 12, and a rainout date of October 14. Net Vision would like to start digging before the Town Hall meeting—Mills will contact them to make sure the dates work. The Net Vision Committee will meet to put together the details of the event. Suggestions were made to have 4 By 4 Brewing Company present so residents can find out more about them, to have a Net Vision booth so residents can sign up and get more information, and to have Davis introduce Net Vision, answer questions, and talk about City accomplishments.

### **American Rescue Plan Act (Curtiss)**

The ARPA funds have not hit our bank account yet. We received confirmation that our paperwork was completed correctly. The deadline for submitting applications was extended to September 30. The county is requesting that cities complete a questionnaire to let them know how they will be spending the money.

### **Briarbrook East Sewer Fence and Service Road (Batson)**

We will need a temporary fix as we are not able to get material from the fence companies. The service road was never paved all the way to the plant and needs to be extended. The road is an easement, which is partially on Jon Fields' property—he needs to dedicate the sewer line to us so the road would be ours. Batson will ask Dyer if we need to do an apron at the end of the road going into the plant. Faith Paving will get a quote to Batson by Monday. We are waiting on a quote from B5 Excavation Development for the rest of the road—Batson suspects it will be around \$3,000 or less for material and labor. We are also waiting for a quote from B5 for the 6-foot wide/49-foot cart path section north of the weir going to Sawgrass Avenue.

### **Cassidy Guardhouse Construction Project (Batson)**

Grant Jenkins is ready to move forward with getting the groundwork done and the concrete poured for the guardhouse. It will be built over the Suddenlink fiber line--we will get our money back from Ozark Electric since they will no longer be moving the line (which was not in the easement).

### **City PIO Discussion (Davis)**

Davis reported that Jordan Neenham will be moving to Florida in October. The Board was in agreement to continue his services remotely for now--if he needs to be present at meetings, he can dial in or we can use the Owl.

### **City Limit Signage (Davis)**

Davis would like to get a city limit sign to match our street signs. We would need approval from MODOT and it would need to be done per their specs—Dale will reach out to MODOT to see if this is possible.

### **October Budget Workshop (Davis)**

The initial budget workshop meeting needs to be held prior to the October 21, 2021, BOA meeting and needs to be approved by the last meeting in December. All will need to be in attendance. The budget

meeting was set for October 18 at 6:00 PM. Nelson will check on locations for our December 2 meeting and holiday dinner.

**Weir Structure Rehabilitation (Batson)**

The Cassidy weir structure project is scheduled to start on time. Batson will work with B5 Excavation Development to get an updated Certificate of Insurance with acceptable parameters.

**Cassidy Ponds (Batson)**

We received two quotes for the two ponds--\$4,740 and \$2,970. Estate Management Services had the lower quote. They would like to start the application process in March when the water temperature goes up and to catch the algae before it goes to bloom which will make it easier to manage. The contract includes a monthly application and is a yearly cost of \$2,970 (January through December). There are other options that are more expensive but would not be as effective. Estate Management recommended getting the ponds dredged without draining them. There is a leaching issue with the west weir which is why the well is not keeping up. Batson feels we may need to line that area.

A motion for Batson to contact Estate Management Services was made by West, with Lowry seconding the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

**Use Tax/Wayfair Legislation (Curtiss)**

Notice was received from MML stating that cities that have had a use tax prior to the passing of the Wayfair Legislation in 2021 have to publish a notice stating that they have a use tax (tax we collect on internet purchases). Nixa, Clever, and Fremont Hills are the only three cities in Christian County that have a use tax—we have had ours since 1996 and our rate is 1%. We need to run two ads before November and put it on our website. Davis will reach out to Brian Steele on the use tax.

**CLOSED SESSION**

**Closed session pursuant to RSMO 610.021(1) legal.** A motion to go into closed session was made by Nelson, with Leeper seconding the motion. The motion was unanimously approved by roll call vote with the ayes being: Leeper, Lowry, Mills, Nelson, Parvathaneni, and West—there were no nay votes.

**ADJOURN**

A motion to adjourn was made by Nelson, with West seconding the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 8:09 PM.

CITY OF FREMONT HILLS

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Luke Davis, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Kay O'Neill, City Clerk/Finance Officer