

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2021 – 7:30 PM  
VIA ZOOM**

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Ernest Shields, Sr., Mayor, Present  
Aldersperson Faye Millett, Ward 1, Present  
Aldersperson Jeremiah Millett, Ward 1, Present  
Aldersperson Minnie Rhymes, Ward, 2, Present  
Aldersperson Emma J. Sims, Ward 2, Present  
Aldersperson Gloria Williams, Ward 3, Present  
Aldersperson Bernice Nolen, Ward 3, Present  
Pam Rogers, City Clerk, Present  
Eddie Simmons, Captain, Absent  
Lieutenant Anthony Huckleberry, Present  
Sam Alton, City Attorney, Present

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Shields called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

**II. ROLL CALL**

City Clerk called the roll and all members were present.

**III. AMEND THE AGENDA – NONE**

**IV. COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS – NONE**

**V. SPEAKERS**

- A. Byron Harris, Mind Speak Consultants – Mr. Harris would like to offer their services to the City. They are a Multimedia company and they will do social networking, help out with the website and newsletters. The cost would be \$900 for 10 months.
- B. Kimberly Townsend, Leadership School – Ms. Townsend would like to bring a Charter School into the City at a building in the Industrial Park. She gave a presentation of the goals of the new school.

After Ms. Townsend was done with her presentation and she was excused from the meeting, while waiting for Mayor McGhee from Vinita Park, Mayor Shields spoke about the 24:1 Mayors being opposed to the Charter Schools because they take away from the school district, which they never notified us about. They also have a bond issue on the ballot for April which again, never notified us about.

Mayor McGhee came into the meeting and spoke about the Charter School. Met with Ms. Townsend and found that she had been deceived by Dr. Pearson, and then when the new superintendent came in, she had a meeting with Marcus Robinson. Now they've put a bond issue on the ballot and have gone around the 24:1 Mayors without talking to the community or leaders of the community. Something about picking the best kids for the Charter school. Went to St. Vincent and they said no because not community supported. Trying to open school in a business district. 2 bond issues worth \$40 million, one will raise taxes and one will not raise the taxes.

Mr. Hunter gave a rebuttal of some things that Mayor McGhee was saying. The Charter School doesn't pick the best children in the district for their school. It's first come, first serve. The new Charter School has no relationship with Normandy School Collaborative. Knows nothing about the bond issues.



Much discussion, and Attorney Sam Alton stepped in. Alderperson Nolen asked Mr. Hunter what happened about the building for the Charter School at the African Diaspora Council. Mr. Hunter explained that they were looking at different things to do with the building and also if the Charter school were to go in there, they were \$25,000 in debt and we were afraid that if the Charter school went in, that we may have been kicked out.

## **VI. BUSINESS LICENSE**

- A. Dinner @ Londa's – 7120 Page: Alonda McGhee would like to apply for General License Alderperson Nolan asked if that was next door to the dollar store. Mayor Shields said it is. Alderperson Rhymes said that liquor isn't the only issue. Health and safety are also the issues. Alderperson Sims said that the area is too tight in between the hotel and the dollar store. Alderperson Rhymes said that wouldn't be a good business in that spot. Some other type of business would need to be in that location. Alderperson F. Millett would like to know what is health and safety? Alderperson Sims said is too closed in.
- B. J. Wills Autos – 7010 St. Charles Rock Rd.: Mr. Wills did not show, denied. Alderperson F. Millett says there is something in the code that limits these types of businesses and Attorney Sam Alton will look this up and make sure that City Clerk Pam has this. Alderperson Rhymes says maybe this ordinance should be revised because this one was made when we were overwhelmed with auto sales and now we are not.

## **VII. MINUTES TO BE REVIEWED AND/OR CORRECTED**

- A. Work Session (via Zoom) – January 14, 2021: Motion to adopt the minutes of the Work Session from January 14, 2021 by Alderperson J. Millett; seconded by Alderperson F. Millett. The motion carried with the following votes: Alderperson J. Millett – yes, Alderperson F. Millett – yes, Alderperson Rhymes – yes, Alderperson Sims – yes, Alderperson Nolen – yes, Alderperson Williams – yes. The motion carried.
- B. Regular Board Minutes (via Zoom) – January 14, 2021: Motion to adopt the minutes of Board Minutes from January 14, 2021 by Alderperson Nolen, with corrections; seconded by Alderperson J. Millett. The motion carried with the following votes: Alderperson J. Millett – yes, Alderperson F. Millett – yes, Alderperson Rhymes – yes, Alderperson Sims – yes, Alderperson Nolen – yes, Alderperson Williams – yes. The motion carried with corrections.

## **VIII. APPROVAL OF WARRANTS TO PAY BILLS**

- A. January 2021 – Motion to approve the bills by Alderperson F. Millett; seconded by Alderperson Nolen. The motion carried with the following votes: Alderperson J. Millett – yes, Alderperson F. Millett – yes, Alderperson Rhymes – yes, Alderperson Sims – yes, Alderperson Nolen – yes, Alderperson Williams – yes. The motion carried.

## **IX. OLD BUSINESS**

- A. Quotes for Sign at Pennsylvania/St. Charles Rock Rd. : Dale Signs quote is over \$12,000. Check to see if we can add signs to our insurance policy. Alderperson Rhymes asked Dale Signs to give different bids for different sizes.
- B. Newsletter: Mayor Shields thinks that Mr. Harris' presentation was good and something to think about. Alderperson Rhymes also has a resident willing to do the newsletter quarterly and need to come up with what to pay them. Use to put them out by Ward and pay some kids maybe \$50 to deliver them or have Public Works deliver them. Mayor said that Mr. Harris also does the newsletter. Attorney Sam Alton said that City could put out a Request for Newsletter Services Bid.
- C. 1512 Purdue - Demolition of Property: Motion by Alderperson Rhymes, to accept Z & L Wrecking, pending if Equity Homes comes in with a bid lower than \$10,500; seconded by Alderperson Sims. The motion carried with the following votes: Alderperson Rhymes – yes, Alderperson Sims – yes, Alderperson F. Millett – yes, Alderperson J. Millett – yes, Alderperson Nolen – yes, Alderperson Williams – yes. The motion carried. We need to make sure we get the certified mail receipt back before we do anything with this property.
- D. Beyond Housing's Master Plan: Each city has a buy-in of \$5,000 plus the county assessment based on the industrial and commercial properties. Pagedale's portion comes to \$8,750. They also want the Board of Alderpersons to pass a resolution to authorize the payment to PGAV Planners for the development of the Master Plan. Alderperson Rhymes said that she hasn't had time to read the whole plan yet, so it needs to be tabled until March meeting.

**X. NEW BUSINESS**

**A.** Ameren UE Property at 1400-02 Pennsylvania: Tower site - promised to put up fence and Greenery and it's any eyesore. They have never done anything and it looks messy. Deborah Vincent said to look around March 10, 2016.

**XI. DEPARTMENT/WARD REPORTS**

**PD** - Lt. Huckleberry gave the PD report that nothing is going on and still working on CALEA and should be ready to do a test run at end of March. Have our 2 new cars and 2 trucks .

**Ward 1** – Alderperson F. Millett: No report, but question regarding Charter Schools. Attorney Sam Alton answered that the code allows for schools. If Charter School comes in, it could negatively affect the Normandy School district. The 24:1 Mayors are opposed to bringing in a Charter School.

**Ward 2** – Alderperson Rhymes would like Mayor Shields to update on the 24:1 meeting the Alderpersons that work. Alderperson Rhymes also said there are some serious issues and with what is happening in the Normandy School district with the fighting, is it a bad idea to bring a Charter school into the city?

**Ward 3** – No reports

**XII. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn by Alderperson Nolen; seconded by Alderperson Sims. The motion carried with the following votes: Alderperson Rhymes – yes, Alderperson Sims – yes, Alderperson F. Millett – yes, Alderperson J. Millett – yes, Alderperson Nolen – yes, Alderperson Williams – yes. The motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:29 p.m.

APPROVED:



Ernest Shields, Sr., Mayor

ATTEST:



Pam Rogers, MMC/MPCC, City Clerk