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BOARD MEETING MINUTES FOR JUNE 30, 2022

CALL TO ORDER AT 7:35PM

ROLL CALL:

Mayor Stewart Absent

Alderman Johnson Present

Alderman Blackwell Present

Alderman Matthew Present

Alderwoman Jones Collins Present

Approval of 6/30/2022 agenda- No motion to pass agenda- Alderman Blackwell and Alderman Matthew stated they did not get all the documents that they requested. Alderman Johnson in disagreement with 1 item on the agenda

Approval of 5/25/2022 minutes- Motion Matthew 2nd Jones Collins- all in favor

REPORTS:

Alderman Johnson- Not in agreement with resolution would like to postpone vote on resolution. Agree that we want car back, don’t agree with my name being used inappropriately regarding resolution to censure Mayor; censure is too much.

Alderman Blackwell- Been speaking with other municipality about speed humps, speed humps are designed to slow down traffic. Spoke with Doug Seely about tree program; it is for front yards not back yards. May 26th went to the MML dinner with the two newest Alder members. May 27th attended a food drive and it was a huge success. May 27th attended a press conference at Beverly Hills with the Mayor of Beverly Hills to honor Austin Langston from North County Incorporated. May 26th rode with Beverly Hills Mayor to address city issues. June 1st Press conference at the Empowerment Center. June 4th Spoke with Wade Morse about Evans Project. Called the Mayor to speak about the grievance. Attend a meeting about mental illness at 24:1. Received the salt from Berkeley they borrowed. Spoke with Mr. Dean about stripping Evans.

Alderman Matthew- Make a motion for the Normandy Police Department to removal the keys from the Mayor, he has had ample time to comply with last meetings vote to return the city vehicle. Mayor is now in possession of a stolen vehicle and we tried to make the necessary accommodations for him to return the vehicle on his own.

Alderman Matthew motion is to direct the Normandy Police Department to recover the keys from Mayor Stewart and return the keys and car to the city hall (premises) parking lot (clarified by City Attorney Kevin O’Keefe)- 2nd by Jones Collins

Roll Call Vote on Motion:

Alderman Johnson- Abstain

Alderman Blackwell- Aye

Alderman Matthew- Aye

Alderwoman Jones Collins- Aye

3- Ayes 0- No 1- Abstain – Motion carries

Alderman Matthew would like to enter a second motion to ask the city attorney to draft a bill and to set regulations for the use of the city vehicle by elected officials to be presented at the next meeting.

Atty. O’Keefe- the assumption is that the motion is to restrict the use of the city vehicle to limited official business and required that vehicle is returned to city hall during nonoperational hours. This Board previously considered an ordinance to this effect, drafted in December 2020 and failed adoption at the March 2021 meeting. I will circulate that ordinance to the Board as an outline to make comments.

Alderman Johnson 2nd motion- all in favor- motion carries

Line item referring to Rejis, there are 5 line items related to Rejis the sums up to a big jump from the previous month and would like some clarification.

City Clerk Wallace- Was not presented with this discrepancy before the meeting, I will have to pull the invoices after the meeting and send you all a copy to review.

Alderman Johnson suggest that next time if there are any questions regarding the warrant list that it is brought to the city clerk’s attention before meeting so documentation can be presented.

Alderman Blackwell asked Police Clerk/PA Clerk, Beth Roberts if she knew why there were so many invoices from Rejis. Beth Roberts said she knows there have been a lot of movement and office changes and we are upgrading the prosecutor’s portal but that bill should have not been sent out yet.

Alderman Matthew would like to make a motion but not sure how to formulate it. Would like to put speed bumps on Evans and other locations.

Motion clarified by Atty. Kevin O’Keefe- Would like Normandy Police Department to gather information on suggested locations, cost options and type of speed bumps and report on or before the next meeting what the recommendations are. 2nd by Jones Collins- all in favor

Alderman Johnson would like to involve the fire department in the decision as well

Alderwoman Jones Collins- Spoke with Captain Sanders about getting the neighborhood watch program back up; packet of information was received regarding the program from the Normandy Police Department. Spoke with Doug Seely regarding the trees in Cool Valley. Doug Seely asked about money and there maybe some programs for cutting down the trees. We will need to make mark the trees and make a list of where the trees are. Would like for the fire department to come around and check the fire hydrants; there was a fire in Cool Valley and they had trouble getting water out of the hydrant. Went to the MML conference, think it is something everyone needs as a refresher course if you have already been.

City Clerk- No report

Public Works Director- Replaced a few signs and filled potholes- routine work

Police- Captain Sanders- Assistant Chief for the Normandy Police Department stated the timeframe is from May 25, 2022 until this evening.

198 calls for service

50 summons/citations

2 police reports for accidents on the highway

23 police reports taken in the city

Towing cars again, if they are on private property that is a code enforcement issue

Two weeks ago shots fired on Hern at a private property, suspect was not apprehended but was able to get license plate and a look at suspect. Owner of property admitted it is a short term rental, suspect is directly related to owner. Spoke with Mayor at length regarding Board making an ordinance regarding short term rentals; Pasadena Park can be a reference they are planning to pass an ordinance on short term rentals. Second incident involved a survey worker in the area, did not get hit or see who fired the shot. Auto thefts are up for Kia and Hyundai vehicles that are not push start. Please take everything out of vehicle, invest in a club and lock doors. Suggest getting motion sensor lights and watch out for one another. I can instruct you on starting a neighborhood watch program. Will be back next month with suggestions on speed bumps. I will put a survey up on social media, will survey areas the residents post.

City Atty. O’Keefe, there is a liability to the city when these are placed on the street, that is why we ask professionals to help with the placement.

Captain Sanders we will speak at the conclusion of the meeting regarding the keys to the city vehicle.

Alderman Blackwell- 8335 Hawkesbury- Container need to be removed, I spoke with them two weeks ago and it is still there, this goes back a couple of years now. Send them whatever you need to send them. Flock cameras we need to get some regulations going; need them on both ends of Florissant Road. We need to tighten up our ordinance on littering.

Shehzad Kahn- Waiting on letter from Minister of Railway of Pakistan. Ask that presentation be postponed until next meeting.

Larry Chapman (developer)- with an update about the 201 Evans project. Over the last year we have put a tenant in one of the small spaces. We have started converting the building into Fresh Harvest 365, containers to grow food indoors. We are working with Demetrius Bledsoe to train people on the hydroponic gardening platform for jobs and skill training. The first two containers are in and two more are coming. Still engaging with the school district to develop a food truck garden, we have spoken with them regarding purchasing some of the property by St. Vincent.

Alderman Blackwell we have a great event coming up in October for the City of Cool Valley, Mr. Chapman stated we need to discuss locations for this event.

New business- Joel Pugh with St. Louis County- funds are allocated to street on N. Hills Lane. Need to allocate 2021 funds to the same project.

**BILL 63022A** AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF COOL VALLEY, MISSOURI, TO EXECUTE THE MUNICIPAL HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION AGREEMENT OF 2021-2023 AND SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENTS THERETO WITH ST. LOUIS COUNTY WITH REGARD TO THE HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 1974 AS AMENDED.

Alderman Johnson made the motion for the 1st reading of Bill 63022A by title only, 2nd by Alderwoman Jones Collins- all in favor

Alderman Johnson made the motion for the 2nd reading of Bill 63022A by title only, 2nd by Alderman Matthew- all in favor

Alderman Johnson made a motion to adopt Bill 63022A as an ordinance, 2nd by Alderman Matthew

Roll call vote:

Alderman Johnson- Aye

Alderman Blackwell- Aye

Alderman Matthew- Aye

Alderwoman Jones Collins- Aye

4- Ayes 0- No- Motion to adopt Bill 63022A passed

Motion to renew liquor license for Save A Lot by Alderman Johnson, 2nd Alderman Matthew- all in favor

New business-

Dwayne Rainey owner of Precise Home Healthcare LLC located at 123 Signal Hill, motion to approve business license Alderman Johnson, 2nd Matthew- all in favor

Alderman Matthew put together a Resolution to censure the Mayor, ask that city attorney Kevin O’Keefe read Resolution aloud.

Alderman Johnson makes a motion to table the vote on the Resolution, no second, motion dies

Alderman Matthew makes motion to accept Resolution, 2nd by Alderwoman Jones Collins

Roll call vote-

Alderman Johnson- Abstain

Alderman Blackwell- Aye

Alderman Matthew- Aye

Alderwoman Jones Collins- Aye

Motion passes with 3- Ayes 1 Abstain

Alderman Johnson makes motion to accept warrant list, 2nd by Alderman Matthew- all in favor

Public comments:

Jean Blackwell 145 Signal Hill, sign at end of Signal Hill needs to be straightened out

Hines- I will take care of that

Al Robinson left meeting early, Police Clerk/PA Clerk spoke on his behalf- what are we doing about the tree in honor of the late Mayor Viola Murphy.

Blackwell- it has been postponed

Karen Powell 4406 Barbara Dr., trash in neighborhood feels deliberate. Our street can use some improvement, not as bad as others. Issue with neighbor not keeping up with their property and officers are being called to their home.

Tracy Bell 1318 Weleba, problem with nuisance neighbor, Mayor came to my house to speak with me.

Motion to go into closed meeting pursuant to 610.021(1) discuss legal issues, 610.021(12) negotiation of a contract and 610.021(3) to discuss personnel by Alderman Matthew, 2nd Alderwoman Jones Collins

Roll call:

Alderman Johnson- Aye

Alderman Blackwell- Aye

Alderman Matthew- Aye

Alderwoman Jones Collins- Aye

Public meeting adjourned at 9:06PM