**CITY OF KNOB NOSTER**

**Board of Aldermen Session**

**Meeting Minutes**

**March 2, 2021**

1. MAYOR MORTON called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. All present included: ALDERMAN THOMAS, BABINEAUX, LIECHTI, CHARRETTE, STAUFFER-BAUM and THERING. A quorum was verified.
2. ALDERMAN LIECHTI to approve the consent agenda consisting of a motion:

* approving amended minutes of the February 16, 2021, Board of Aldermen meeting

ALDERMAN THOMAS seconded the motion. Motion carried 6 ayes to 0 nays.

1. The Board of Aldermen reviewed the bill list.
2. ALDERMAN THOMAS voiced complaints from patrons receiving late fees on bills when City Hall closed on Tuesday, February 16, 2021, due to inclement weather. ALDERMAN THERING stated that “pothole season” has returned to City streets. ALDERMAN CHARRETTE thanked the Public Works Dept. for filling some terrible potholes with gravel. He remarked on the Frozen Meter report submitted by the City Administrator thanking the department for their diligent work during subzero conditions. He commended Bart Amsbaugh for his work on the City’s computer network. He asked Lt. Van Vickle if the February 2021 Police Report was complete. ALDERMAN LIECHTI inquired if the PWD had swept Sunset. Jeremy Kearney said no. He will be contacting Bart to discuss a plan of attack to correct the misaimed light on the eastbound Hwy 50 onramp. MAYOR MORTON mentioned that the first week in March is Emergency Preparedness Week. He stated that the school had participated in the tornado drill and that everyone should have a plan in place in case of an emergency. He also made mention that the Johnson County Emergency Management notification system called “Rave” would notify patrons of a local emergency via cell phone. The link is available on their website. Public Works Superintendent Jeremy Kearney said that their department was kept busy with the frozen meters and leaks. He also said asphalt would be delivered tomorrow to begin pothole repairs. Fire Chief, Rick Johnson, presented the Board of Aldermen with the 2020 Fire Report. Lt. Van Vickle stated that he had been checking with Dodge state contract for the new vehicle but they were slow to reply as supply is low. He is currently recruiting any officers for the department. Building Inspector, Bart Amsbaugh, said weather was slowing building permit sales but he had kept busy with AT&T, Evergy and internet security. ALDERMEN THERING did inquire if street lights would be included in the development plan for 6th Street. Bart affirmed they would be included with the development at the builder’s cost. The Planning and Zoning Commission held a Public Hearing on February 25, 2021, and will be making recommendations for approval of the application to the Board. The Parks and Recreations Dept. met March 2, 2021, to complete 2020 budget purchases. Parks and Rec. had met with the Knob Noster Youth Sports Association and are working with them to repair the backstop on the ballfield. The Information Board being created by KNHS Panther Robotics team for the City Park is 90% complete and should be ready for placement soon. Their next meeting is scheduled for March 9, 2021, at 5:30p.m. The Sidewalk Committee has no report. The Inclement Weather Committee is awaiting examples of other cities’ policies from the City Administrator. The Employee Manual Committee will need to schedule a meeting with the City Administrator to finish up the manual. met and held discussion regarding, perhaps, a line item in the 2021 budget for sidewalk repairs. The Committee also wondered whether Transportation Sales Tax could be used for some sidewalks.
3. The City Administrator presented his report. He explained to ALDERMAN THOMAS that late fees to patrons was delayed due to the inclement weather. Late penalties were assessed on Thursday, February 18, 2021, after 2:00p.m.
4. Mr. Paul Bertschy of 10117 Knob Noster Road commended the Public Works Dept. for their outstanding work on unfreezing meters, repairing leaks, and taking care of roadways during the dangerous cold. They did an excellent job for our community.
5. City Administrator, Scott Peterson briefed the Board regarding the proposed Johnson County Local Emergency Operations Plan (JoCo LEOP). MAYOR MORTON stated that the City’s attorney had reviewed the document and thought it was standard in many cities in Missouri. Motion was made by ALDERMAN CHARRETTE to approve the JoCo LEOP with a second by ALDERMAN THOMAS. Motion carried 6 ayes to 0 nays.

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1. Discussion was held regarding the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Between Missouri Department of Natural Resources, Division of State Parks, and City of Knob Noster Regarding Annexation of Knob Noster State Park. Nathan Nicholas, Lauber Municipal Law City Attorney, addressed the Board regarding this document. He relayed that this MOU is an agreement to agree to annex the State Park by December 31, 2021. The Aldermen questioned if KN Police and Fire Department would have to increase their patrol/fire coverage. MAYOR MORTON assured all that the only services that the City is extending to the State Park are water and sewer connections. The City’s Police and Fire Department have Mutual Aid agreements with all surrounding jurisdictions. Motion was made to approve the Memorandum of Understanding submitted by DNR by ALDERMAN THERING with a second by ALDERMAN LIECHTI. Motion carried 6 ayes to 0 nays.
2. Discussion was held regarding Bill No. 030221-A: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE OPERATING BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF KNOB NOSTER, MISSOURI FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021 COMMENCING ON JANUARY 1, 2021, AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2021. City Administrator, Scott Peterson, led discussion and answered Aldermen’s questions about the 2021 budget. Motion to pass Bill No. 030221-A to its first reading, by title only, was made by ALDERMAN BABINEAUX and was seconded by ALDERMAN THOMAS.

Motion carried 6 ayes to 0 nays.

Discussion was held.

Mayor Morton had the City Clerk present the bill.

Motion to pass Bill No. 030221-A to its second reading, by title only, and conduct a roll call vote was made by ALDERMAN THOMAS and seconded by ALDERMAN THERING.

Roll Call Vote

Alderman Liechti Aye

Alderman Thering Aye

Alderman Babineaux Aye

Alderman Stauffer-Baum Aye

Alderman Thomas Aye

Alderman Charrette Aye

Motion carried 6 ayes to 0 nays. Ordinance No. 853 was assigned.

1. Motion was made to adjourn at 8:55 p.m. by ALDERMAN BABINEAUX and was seconded by ALDERMAN THOMAS. Motion carried 6 ayes to 0 nays.

Respectfully submitted by,

AMY M. SCHOUTEN,

Knob Noster City Clerk