

CITY OF KNOB NOSTER
Board of Aldermen Session
Meeting Minutes
May 19, 2020

1. MAYOR MORTON called the meeting via Zoom to order at 7:00 pm. The City Clerk Roll Called all present and include ALDERMAN BABINEAUX, DUDTE, CHARRETTE, LIECHTI and THERING were present via Zoom. A quorum was verified.
2. The April 21, and May 5, 2020, meeting minutes were reviewed by the Board of Aldermen.
3. The Board of Aldermen reviewed the bill list.
4. ALDERMAN CHARRETTE thanked the Street Department for their repair work on Hillcrest. He also mentioned that the rehabilitation clinic was now open. ALDERMAN DUDTE stated that she appreciated the City employees. She also stated that Spire had been very polite during all the gas leaks behind her house. ALDERMAN BABINEAUX stated that there were numerous homes on McPherson Street with tall grass. ALDERMAN THERING stated that the Personnel Policy Committee was moving on in their quest to revamp the City's personnel manual. He reminded all that the general municipal election will be held on June 2, 2020, and the new polling place is the High School. ALDERMAN LIECHTI inquired about CIVICPlus and the City Administrator stated that the City's attorney was still working on it. He told the Public Works Department good job on Hillcrest. MAYOR MORTON thanked all who attended via Zoom and he hoped that the next Board meeting would be in person. Public Works Supervisor, Jeremy Kearney, stated that Spire would be replacing old gas lines with new plastic throughout the summer. Perry Byerly stated that the Planning and Zoning Commission will be meeting on May 28, 2020, 6:00p.m. via Zoom and AllState Consultants will be attending this meeting. The Personnel Policy Manual committee has been meeting and is slowly working through the poli
5. Public Participation: Email from Misty Thomas, Ward I: Mr Morton; As the world begins to reopen for business; I've noticed that other council meetings & other local municipalities have resumed normal business all across Missouri. Can you explain, why we are still participating virtually? When can the community expect to resume meetings available to the public; with open meetings for real participation options? Your reply this evening at the Board of Aldermen Meeting would be appreciated. Thank you, Misty Thomas, RN, AAS Accounting: Mayor Morton had responded in writing to the emailed question:

Like you, I wish for the Board of Aldermen to be able to convene in person once again. However, the County of Johnson remains in Phase 2 of its reopening plan, so we will continue to meet virtually for the time being, just as the County Commission continues to do (and will do through at least June 1; the Court House remains closed to the public until then, too), as well as the Warrensburg City Council and Leeton Board of Aldermen.

To this end, Phase 2 of Johnson County's reopening plan entails the following guidelines for public/social gatherings:

- The recommendation of the Johnson County Public Health Officer (PHO) is to hold off on large venue gatherings until further notice or consider streaming or video conferencing as an alternative.
- Best practice recommendations for large gatherings is limit to 25% or less of the venue's maximum occupancy, while following social distancing requirements, maintaining 6 ft between individuals and/or family groups, with the exception of small children and individuals requiring caregivers.
- Seating shall be spaced out according to social distancing requirements.
- Dismissal should be done in an orderly fashion.
- Intensify cleaning and disinfection efforts, including between events and participants (as feasible).
- Hand sanitization is offered strategically throughout.
- Participants wear a face mask. Handmade face masks are acceptable.
- Common practices, including but not limited to welcome hugs, holding/touching of hands, handshaking, shared cups, etc. should be avoided.

Moreover, we will continue to follow the recommendations of the County's PHO by conducting Board meetings via videoconference so that everyone might be able to "be present." At any rate, given our meeting location/setup, it is not possible to seat Aldermen and City Staff 6 or more feet apart plus have members of the community present and spaced apart accordingly. So, once Phase 3 is achieved (hopefully after June 1), we will be able to reconsider. While governing bodies of many other municipalities across the state might be meeting in person once again, the City of Knob Noster shall follow protocol of the County of Johnson and recommendations/guidelines issued by its PHO. Thanks again for your message/concern!

6. Discussion was held regarding the one bid received for the City's 2019 audit from KPM CPA's. Motion was made by ALDERMAN THERING and was seconded by ALDERMAN DUDTE for KPM CPA's to complete the 2019 audit.

Motion carried 5 ayes to 0 nays.

7. Presentation was made by Lieutenant Van Vickle and Officer Tara Moore regarding bids received by the PD for computer software. The bids received include: Global Inc.: \$20,000 initial setup and \$10,000 annually; Omnigo: \$6886.00 initial set up and unknown yearly fees; and Valor Systems: \$4,995.00 initial set up and \$4,995.00 yearly. Questions were asked and answered. The Police Department's preference is Omnigo but, due to no yearly fee information, Motion was made by ALDERMAN THERING and seconded by ALDERMAN LIECHTI to table discussion until yearly figures for Omnigo are received.

Motion carried 5 ayes to 0 nays.

8. Discussion was held regarding the sewer taps and sewer connection fees. ALDERMAN BABINEAUX inquired if the Utility Committee would need to address this. ALDERMAN THERING stated that no increase should be made to the sewer connection fees or rates until a plan is made for sewerage infrastructure. Bart Amsbaugh, Building Inspector stated that the current \$15.00 tap fee. He is suggesting that the tap fee be raised to \$200.00. MAYOR MORTON stated that this is something that needs to be addressed for growth of the City.

9. Motion was made to adjourn at 8:44 p.m. by ALDERMAN DUDTE and was seconded by ALDERMAN LIECHTI.

Motion carried 5 ayes to 0 nays.

Respectfully submitted by,

AMY M. SCHOUTEN,
Knob Noster City Clerk