

CITY OF KNOB NOSTER
Board of Aldermen Meeting Minutes
June 2, 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, COHEN and THERING were present via Zoom. A quorum was verified.
2. The May 19, 2020, meeting minutes were reviewed by the Board of Aldermen.
3. The Board of Aldermen reviewed the bill list.
4. ALDERMAN DUDTE stated that she would miss the Board and she enjoyed her time on the Board. She thanked City Staff for all that they do. ALDERMAN THERING thanked the PD for the tall grass warnings being given out. He has notice improvement to yards around town. He relayed that he had emailed a survey to all from the Missouri Mainstreet and to please respond. ALDERMAN LIECHTI asked if the City Park gets sprayed for ticks. He then said he had received his FFAM magazine that Chief Johnson had set them up to get. ALDERMAN COHEN thanked all for the prayers while he was in the hospital. He is glad to be back. He also stated that the Street Department had been doing great work on City streets. ALDERMAN CHARRETTE said that the High School was a great new polling place to vote. MAYOR MORTON stated he is impatient to have the Board meet in person but must wait until the Johnson County Health Department makes that determination. Public Works Supervisor, Jeremy Kearney stated that the City-wide Clean Up was a success, with patrons filling three dumpsters the first weekend. Building Inspector Bart Amsbaugh shared that the old Jordan Foods building is being rebuilt into a Pediatric Rehabilitation Center for children. EMD, Tim Merrill, advised the Board that the tornado shelters were ready for severe weather. Chief Kniskern stated their department was writing tickets and thanked the Public Works Department for manning the clean-up on the weekend. Planning and Zoning President, Perry Byerly, stated that AllState Consultants had been on videoconference the last meeting and had answered numerous questions and received great information. He is excited for Knob Noster. The next P&Z meeting is 6/18/20 in person at City Hall. Park Board President, Tim Storms, thanked the City Administrator and Mayor for meeting with him today and looks forward to more park improvement progress. ALDERMAN Rick Babineaux, Personnel Policy Manual Committee, briefed the Board regarding progress on the manual. He stated that the Committee had addressed all concerns that had been received and the committee had spent about 7 hours on it. He thanked Alderman Charrette, Alderman Thering, Mayor Morton, Luke Lewis and Amy Schouten for their assistance on the Policy Manual.
5. Misty Thomas of Ward I submitted an email: "Mr. Morton; Thank you for your reply regarding why Knob Noster has not resumed "normal" business. There has been much concern voiced throughout the community regarding the "phasing" back to normal. Throughout this COVID crisis, other cities & municipalities have been updating their respective communities, either by relaying what their focal county health departments advise, or by outlining in detail what their communities' at to expect from their municipalities. However, Knob Noster has not been updating us. There was a post on the "City of Knob Noster" Facebook page & copied to the Knob Noster City Website on I-April 2020; that piggybacked a notice from the Johnson County Community Health Department. There were no further updates for the citizens. In other cities, I noticed weekly updates to their public regarding how they were tracking COVID cases & how their city was operating & what temporary changes were enacted or rescinded. My question is; Why? Why did no one feel the need to update the Knob Noster Community about the happenings with COVID & how the city was working to protect & help them? Other than a posting 20-April 2020 indicating how public participation was going to be handled during the "virtual" meetings, there has been no effort made to inform the public of the intent of City Leadership. Why? Many residents don't know that Knob Noster may have been "following the leader" with Johnson County Public Health; have Facebook, or check the websites, many look to the "information" board out in front of City Hall. I've seen no updates listed there either. Were there flyers or attachments to the water bills? It would be nice to know what Knob Noster's Plans actually are. Thank You, Misty Thomas, RN, AAS Accounting"
6. City Administrator's Report.
7. Discussion was held regarding the bids received for the Police Department's RMS system. Motion was made by ALDERMAN BABINEAUX to approve the bid submitted by Omnigo for \$5,886.00 yearly and \$1000.00 to set up the system and was seconded by ALDERMAN COHEN.

Motion carried 6 ayes to 0 nays.

8. Discussion was held regarding the sewer taps and sewer connection fees. Through discussion, City Administrator Luke Lewis suggested \$250.00 for the new construction tap fee. ALDERMAN COHEN agrees. ALDERMAN LIECHTI inquired if it would be a flat fee. ALDERMAN THERING also agreed with the City Administrator.
9. Discussion was held regarding trash service costs. Due to the new year contract, WCA charges the City \$12.12 per unit and the City charges customers \$12.00 per unit for trash (loss of approximately \$100.00/month + Administration costs). The City Administrator stated that rates will need to be increased to offset the cost. He suggested \$15.00-16.00 per month. ALDERMAN BABINEAUX inquired what year of the trash contract we were in. The City Administrator said the City was in year two of the three-year contract. ALDERMAN DUDTE suggested a rate of \$14.00. ALDERMAN THERING proposed a one-time \$3 increase to \$15.00.
10. Discussion was held regarding the 2020 Street Project and the bid received from Higgens Asphalt Paving Company of \$566,888.55. The Street Fund currently has approximately \$480,000.00. ALDERMAN LIECHTI would like to find out what the cost would be to the City to purchase all necessary paving equipment and supplies to pave our own roads. ALDERMAN CHARRETTE suggested that the bid, except for Washington Street, be accepted at approximately \$370,000.00, leaving \$100,000.00 in the Street fund for the County repairs to Irish Lane. ALDERMAN DUDTE like ALDERMAN CHARRETTE'S proposal. ALDERMAN BABINEAUX stated that the he believed the City could not afford the equipment or payroll to repave our streets. He then asked PW Super Jeremy Kearney if he could get some quotes to see what paving equipment would cost.
11. Discussion was held regarding the UV light facility pump repair and the quote received from FTC Equipment for \$9,178.14. Motion to have FTC Equipment repair the lagoon pump for \$91178.14 was made by ALDERMAN COHEN and was seconded by ALDERMAN LIECHTI.

Motion carried 6 ayes to 0 nays.

12. Discussion was held regarding Liquor License Applications submitted by: Casey's General Store and Knob Noster Cenex. Motion to approve both liquor licenses was made by ALDERMAN COHEN and was seconded by ALDERMAN BABINEAUX.

Motion carried 6 ayes to 0 nays.

13. Motion was made to adjourn at 8:10 p.m. by ALDERMAN COHEN and was seconded by ALDERMAN BABINEAUX.

Motion carried 6 ayes to 0 nays.

Respectfully submitted by,

AMY M. SCHOUTEN,
Knob Noster City Clerk