**CITY OF KNOB NOSTER**

**Board of Aldermen Session**

**Meeting Minutes**

**October 19, 2021**

1. MAYOR CHARRETTE called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. All present included: ALDERMAN THOMAS, COLEMAN, LIECHTI, GROVE, STAUFFER-BAUM and THERING. A quorum was verified.
2. ALDERMAN STAUFFER-BAUM made motion to expand the Agenda with regard to Item 3B—Approval of KN Personnel Policy Manual text amendment with a second by ALDERMAN THOMAS. Motion carried 5 ayes to 1 nay (LIECHTI). ALDERMAN THOMAS made motion to expand the Agenda with regard to Item 3C—Approval of Park Department equipment purchases with a second by ALDERMAN STAUFFER-BAUM. Motion carried 5 ayes to 1 nay (LIECHTI).
3. ALDERMAN THERING to approve the consent agenda consisting of a motion:

* approving minutes of the October 5, 2021, Board of Aldermen meeting

ALDERMAN STAUFFER-BAUM seconded the motion. Motion carried 5 ayes to 1 nay (LIECHTI).

1. The Board of Aldermen reviewed the bill list.
2. ALDERMAN COLEMAN thanked the Knob Noster Area Business Council for a well-attended Knobtoberfest. She noted that the KN JROTC were in charge of removing trash and did a wonderful job. Thank you! ALDERMAN THERING thanked Melissa McConnel, Marty Wright, KNRC, KNABC, KN Fire and Police Department, Lion’s Club, Belly Down BBQ and the citizens of Knob Noster for showing up in support of our community for KnobtoberFest. He relayed that October 30, 2021, from 2pm to 4pm, Trunk-or-Treat will be held downtown. MAYOR CHARRETTE stated that the 509th Maintenance Squadron, sister squadron, utilized 132 $10.00 coupons in the downtown district. Once all have been collected, the City will reimburse each business for all coupons accepted in their business. Utility Clerk, Jeanette Burnor, relayed that the current CUSI utility billing software has the ability to do autopay for the patrons. She states patrons consistently ask if this service is available. She has contacted CUSI and this is an option for utility payments. Building Inspector, Bart Amsbaugh, relayed that the AVAYA phone system is in place. ALDERMAN STAUFFER-BAUM inquired about abandoned buildings within the town. The Police Department will be holding a Drug Take-Back on Saturday, October 23, 2021, from 10am to 2pm. Fire Chief Rick Johnson stated that there were three FD employees who have tested positive for COVID so some calls will be answered by other agencies until they return. He stated that the KNFD medical vehicle has a fuel leak somewhere. ALDERMAN THERING told the Fire Chief to take the vehicle for repair. The Finance Committee thanked the Fire and Police Department for meeting with them to discuss the FY 2022 Budget. The Parks and Recreation Board had met with Jim Stuck to prepare to place light poles at the City Park/parking lot. The Planning and Zoning Commission had a working session to continue discussing the Comprehensive Plan. The Short-Term Rental bill has been sent to the Board.
3. The City Administrator presented his report.
4. Public Participation: Mr. Craig Coppenbarger, 505 Dogwood, has issue with the proposed short-term rental bill. He states that it is intrusive and unreasonable regarding information required to be presented to the City by the bill. He relayed that most of the information requested in the bill, is available on the registration site that they use to book an AIRBnB/VRBo. He feels that this bill will stifle growth in the short-term rental market in Knob Noster. Bart Amsbaugh, of 228 NE 24 Highway, challenged all listening to donate to Shop-With-A-Cop this season. He will be making a donation. Marty Austin of NBT Arts and Crafts, 105 North State Street, relayed that Trunk-Or-Treat will be occurring downtown on Saturday, October 30, 2021, from 2:00p.m. to 4:00p.m. and she hopes many children will attend because they have plenty of candy.
5. Discussion was held regarding Item 3B—Consider Approval of text amendment to the KN Personnel Policy Manual. ALDERMAN STAUFFER-BAUM stated that Christopher Columbus raped and murdered indigenous peoples in America and should NOT be celebrated. Motion was made by ALDERMEAN STAUFFER-BAUM to replace Columbus Day with Indigenous Peoples’ Day in the Personnel Policy Manual. There was no second. Motion to change Columbus Day name to Indigenous Peoples’ Day died on the floor.
6. Discussion was held regarding Item 3C—Consider Approval of Park Department equipment purchase. Motion was made to approve the Park Department equipment purchase by ALDERMAN LIECHTI with a second by ALDERMAN GROVE. Motion carried 6 ayes to 0 nays.

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1. MAYOR CHARRETTE led discussion regarding partnering with the City’s MXS Sister Squadron to increase sales in the downtown business district using the projected ARPA funds. He suggested a $10.00 coupon for each member of the squadron to use at a downtown business with the business owner then being able to recoup the coupon expense from the City. ALDERMAN GROVE said that this was a good idea to increase business traffic downtown. Motion was made by ALDERMAN GROVE to support the coupon endeavor with a second by ALDERMAN THERING. Motion carried 6 ayes to 0 nays.
2. Motion to pass Bill No. 101921-A: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KNOB NOSTER, MISSOURI AMENDING THE KNOB NOSTER CITY CODE, CHAPTER 405, BY ADOPTING ONE NEW SECTION REGARDING SHORT-TERM RENTALS AMENDING THE CITY CODE BY ADDING ONE NEW CHAPTER CONTAINING ONE NEW SECTION REGARDING THE MAINTENANCE OF SIDEWALKS, to its first reading, by title only, was made by ALDERMAN THOMAS, with a second by ALDERMAN LIECHTI.

Motion carried 6 ayes to 0 nays.

Discussion was held.

Motion was made by ALDERMAN GROVE with a second by ALDERMAN THOMAS to set Bill No. 101921-A aside until the Planning and Zoning Commission address the issues discussed. Motion carried 6 ayes to 0 nays.

1. Motion was made by ALDERMAN LIECHTI with a second by ALDERMAN COLEMAN to open Executive Session pursuant to Section 610.021 RSMo, Paragraph 3, Personnel with a Roll Call vote. Motion carried 6 ayes to 0 nays.

Roll Call Vote

Alderman Liechti Aye

Alderman Thering Aye

Alderman Grove Aye

Alderman Stauffer-Baum Aye

Alderman Thomas Aye

Alderman Coleman Aye

Motion was made to exit Executive Session at 7:34p.m. by ALDERMAN LIECHTI with a second by ALDERMAN THERING with a Roll Call vote. Motion carried 6 ayes to 0 nays.

Roll Call Vote

Alderman Liechti Aye

Alderman Thering Aye

Alderman Grove Aye

Alderman Stauffer-Baum Aye

Alderman Thomas Aye

Alderman Coleman Aye

1. Motion was made to adjourn at 7:36 p.m. by ALDERMAN LIECHTI and was seconded by ALDERMAN GROVE. Motion carried 6 ayes to 0 nays.

Respectfully submitted by,

Amy M. Schouten,

Knob Noster City Clerk