

# CITY OF KNOB NOSTER

## Board of Aldermen Session

### Meeting Minutes—November 7, 2023

1. MAYOR CARTER called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. All present included: ALDERMEN PALMER, CHARRETTE, STAUFFER-BAUM, BYERLY, THERING and BRENT. A quorum was verified.
2. ALDERMAN BYERLY made a motion to approve the agenda, with a second by ALDERMAN CHARRETTE. Motion carried 6 ayes to 0 nays.
3. ALDERMAN BYERLY to approve the consent agenda, as amended, consisting of a motion:
  - a. Approving minutes of the October 17, 2023, Board of Aldermen meeting.
  - b. Approving November 2, 2023, Certificate of Destruction/Transfer submitted by the City Clerk.
  - c. Approving appointment of Paul Bertschy to the Knob Noster Planning and Zoning Commission.

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

4. The Board of Aldermen reviewed the bill list.
5. ALDERMAN BYERLY stated that recognition should be given to ALDERMAN STAUFFER-BAUM for consistently pursuing the TAP grant as the City has been awarded the grant for the downtown sidewalks. Also, he said thanked Marty Wright and Joe Burnor for their constant request at meetings for sidewalk work to be done in town. The Planning and Zoning Commission will meet Thursday, November 20, 2023, at 6:30p.m. There was no meeting for the Parks and Recreation.
6. The City Administrator presented his report.
7. MAYOR CARTER nominated Karl Van Vickle as Knob Noster Police Chief with a brief message to the gallery. ALDERMAN BYERLY made motion to open discussion regarding this nomination with a second by ALDERMAN STAUFFER-BAUM. Motion carried 6 ayes to 0 nays.

Heather Webb, 603 SE 125<sup>th</sup> Road, says that Karl puts in the work, seeks proper training and has done a great job for Knob Noster as Lieutenant. He would make a great Chief of Police. She says that the PD has been run down for the past 20 years but Karl has the trust of his officers. She stated that “Not Approving” Karl’s nomination would be insanity.

Susan French, 786 NE 95 Rd, stated that she was never into politics, but she had to regarding Karl. She says she has known Karl and his family for 18 years as her neighbor. She says he loves his family and has consistently supported this community. She thinks he would be an amazing Chief of Police; she could trust him with her life and asks that the Board of Aldermen support him.

Brittany Doubleddee, 903 Summit Street, stated that 1 piece of paper does not trump Karl’s years of experience to become Chief.

Rick Morris, 70 NE 791 Road, stated that all the people attending this meeting support Karl’s appointment as Chief, and it was the Board’s duty to satisfy the public by appointing him.

Linda Helfer, PO Box 324, KN, addressed the Board by saying that she was disturbed that Karl was not already appointed as Chief as he has been a good interim Chief of Police. He knows most people in town, is respected and supported by the town. She inquired what the Board of Aldermen had against Karl. She said nothing should stand in the way of him being appointed Police Chief.

Sharla Allen, 603 N Adams, stated that she had held a Town Hall meeting and the community, at the Town Hall, numerous patrons professed support for Karl. She said that the public should be able to view the other applications for Police Chief. (The City Administrator submitted copies of the additional candidates’ resumes to the public and Board.) She says that Karl protects the citizens and surrounding areas.

Katie McKenzie, 1165 SE 125 Road, supports the appointment of Karl Van Vickle as her children and Karl’s attended school together and he was a quality man. She said her husband has become a police officer because of an internship spent with Lt. Van Vickle.

Les Tyckson, 907 NE 175 Rd, addressed the Board saying that people trust Karl Van Vickle. She supports her friend and thinks he would do a great job as Chief of Police.

Discussion was held by the Board of Aldermen. ALDERMAN BYERLY stated he had polled a majority of the City, and a majority that he polled did not want Karl to be Chief. ALDERMAN STAUFFER-BAUM read a statement detailing his reasoning for his opinion. ALDERMAN BRENT stated that, as a supervisor of 70 people, and, in speaking with Karl personally, he believes that the KN Officers will follow him. He also stated that he has been amazed by the community support for Karl to become Chief. ALDERMAN CHARRETTE suggested that Karl stay the Interim Chief for 1 year with Board of Aldermen evaluations performed quarterly and he become the Emergency Management Director for the City for an additional \$400.00 per month. MAYOR CARTER’S nomination of Karl Van Vickle as Chief of Police requires Aldermen approval by Roll Call Vote.

Roll Call Vote

Alderman Byerly	Aye
Alderman Stauffer-Baum	Nay
Alderman Brent	Aye
Alderman Charrette	Nay
Alderman Thering	Nay
Alderman Palmer	Aye

Motion to approve the nomination of Karl Van Vickle as Chief of Police was a tie. MAYOR CARTER broke the tie vote with an "Aye" vote. Karl Van Vickle was appointed Police Chief for the City of Knob Noster.

8. Chief of Police, Karl Van Vickle, made a presentation regarding contracting a UCM Police Academy student, Justin Harms, for the KNPD once academy is finished in December. Motion was made by ALDERMAN CHARRETTE to contract Justin Harms as a KN Police Officer with a second by ALDERMAN BYERLY. Motion carried 6 ayes to 0 nays.
9. Discussion was held regarding the purchase of 5 Stalker radios for the Knob Noster Police Department. Before the end of November, if 4 radios are purchased, the company will add 1 for free. Motion was made by ALDERMAN CHARRETTE to approve the purchase of 5 Stalker radios in an amount not to exceed \$12,500.00 with a second by ALDERMAN BRENT. Motion carried 6 ayes to 0 nays.
10. Discussion was held regarding the bid submitted by Goucher Construction, LLC for the installation of storm culverts at Monroe Street and 6<sup>th</sup> Street. Motion was made to approve the bid submitted by Goucher Construction not to exceed \$12,500.00 by ALDERMAN CHARRETTE with a second by ALDERMAN BRENT. Motion carried 6 ayes to 0 nays.
11. Discussion was held regarding an Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Warrensburg for independent building inspection services. Motion was made by ALDERMAN CHARRETTE to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Warrensburg for independent building inspections with a second by ALDERMAN BYERLY. Motion carried 6 ayes to 0 nays.
12. Bart Amsbaugh, 801 S. State St., publicly commented that the City should change the zoning for the City requiring a Special Use Permit to allow RV parking in C-2 as it is a new living situation for many people, specifically Gen Z individuals. He said that most Special Use permits in the past have been denied. He said that many cities are opening RV parks to generate income and promote tourism. He wonders why the City would limit RV parks in C-2 District now?

Lori Amsbaugh, 801 S. State St, relayed that RV parks are temporary parking domiciles for those visiting WAFB or employees contracted to work on WAFB. She and Bart had purchased property, cleaned it up, and have made numerous improvements to include security cameras and electrical upgrades. Requiring a Special Use Permit for RV parks would tell visitors to our town that they are not welcome. She states that the City should regulate RV parks, not remove them.

Rick Morris, 70 NE 791 Rd, said that the City needs to encourage business in town. Many contractors use RV's while working on WAFB. He feels that RV parks need to stay in Knob Noster.

Discussion was held by the Board of Alderman regarding Bill No. 110723-A: An Ordinance Amending Title IV, Section A.010 will of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Knob Noster, Missouri, Regarding List of Uses by District. Motion was made by Aldermen BYERLY to send this proposed Bill to the Planning and Zoning Commission for reworking with a second by ALDERMAN CHARRETTE. Motion carried 6 ayes to 0 nays.

13. Discussion was held regarding engineering services for the 2023/2024 Wastewater Project. Motion was made to approve the Agreement for Engineering Services for the 2023/2024 Wastewater Project in an amount not to exceed \$25,000.00 by ALDERMAN CHARRETTE with a second by ALDERMAN BRENT. Motion carried 6 ayes to 0 nays.

Motion was made to recess at 7:18p.m. for a 10 minute break was made by ALDERMAN BYERLY with a second by ALDERMAN STAUFFER-BAUM. Motion carried 6 ayes to 0 nays.

Motion was made to resume the meeting at 7:28p.m. by ALDERMAN THERING with a second by ALDERMAN STAUFFER-BAUM. Motion carried 6 ayes to 0 nays.

14. Discussion was held regarding the proposed FY2024 Budget. The City's Capital Improvement Program was discussed along with the Vehicle Inventory Sheet.
15. Motion was made to adjourn at 8:15 pm by ALDERMAN BYERLY and was seconded by ALDERMAN THERING. Motion carried 6 ayes to 0 nays.

Respectfully submitted by,

Amy M. Schouten  
Knob Noster City Clerk