

CITY OF KNOB NOSTER
Board of Aldermen Session
Meeting Minutes
September 1, 2020

1. MAYOR MORTON called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance. ALDERMAN BABINEAUX, THOMAS, CHARRETTE, LIECHTI, STAUFFER-BAUM and THERING were present. A quorum was verified.
2. The August 18, 2020 meeting minutes were reviewed by the Board of Aldermen with one correction to be made by the City Clerk.
3. The Board of Aldermen reviewed the bill list.
4. ALDERMAN BABINEAUX inquired about when Spire will be removing the metal plates around town from the gas line repairs. He also asked about the status of the Audit Petition. He stated that he is getting beat up by the public over it. ALDERMAN THOMAS stated that she does not know how many signatures the petition has received as she is not the only one getting signatures. ALDERMAN THERING stated that the repairs to the road cuts that Spire are making look good. He stated the City needs a sidewalk project in the City's future to fix our current sidewalks. He stated the open-air market will be Saturday, September 12, 2020, from 8am to 2pm. He said that the My Community Matters Main Street Connection representatives will be at Coffee Sknobs September 21, 2020, with renderings of the downtown. ALDERMAN LIECHTI asked if Spire will be making road cuts on Washington Street as it was just recently done? MAYOR MORTON stated that a sidewalk/trails project in Knob Noster is a great idea as does the Planning and Zoning Commission, along with AllState Consultants. He will have the City's legal attorney draft an ordinance about the care and maintenance for a future meeting. He inquired whether the Board of Aldermen want to post the open Emergency Management Director position for hire. He stated that the Agenda for the Board meetings are getting lengthy, so he would like to go forward using a consent agenda. MAYOR MORTON welcomed new Utility Clerk, Jeanette Burnor. Fire Chief Rick Johnson said that the 911 Ceremony will be held on September 11, 2020, in front of City Hall at 8:45a.m. Lieutenant Van Vickle inquired how Covid sick days would be going forward. The Park Board member, Ben Liechti, stated that their next meeting will be September 8, 2020, at 5:30p.m. ABCreative Company is working up a 2D and a 3D rendering of our park for view. He stated that the Panther Robotics Team will be assisting with the Community Board that will be placed at the park. Planning and Zoning Commission re-elected Perry Byerly as President and Zachary Groves was elected as Secretary. They are currently working on revamping the 2006 Comprehensive Plan.
5. *Marty Austin, Nothing But Treasures, 105 North State Street asked about: 1. Could the City waive yard sale fees for the City-wide yard sale to be held September 19-20, 2020? 2. She will need more barricades for the open-air market on Saturday. And has Parks Department notified the Garden Club to remove their plants from the Welcome Sign?
*Paul Bertschy, 10117 Knob Noster Road, inquired if the City has had an audit? How much would an audit from the State of Missouri cost the City? He had heard between \$45,000 and \$65,000. He then stated that Westbrook and Associates did the school's audit.
*Rick Morris, 70 NE 791 Road, inquired about the City's tax liens from 1992 against the property at 705 South Washington Street.
6. MAYOR MORTON appointed John Cohen to the Planning and Zoning Commission. Motion was made by ALDERMAN THOMAS with a second by ALDERMAN LIECHTI to approve Mayor Morton's appointment. Motion carried 6 ayes to 0 nays.
7. Discussion was held regarding a pre-annexation agreement regarding 945 NE 105 Road. Motion was made to approve the Mayor to sign, on behalf of the City, the Irrevocable Consent to Annexation and Agreement Relating Thereto by ALDERMAN THERING with a second by ALDERMAN LIECHTI. Motion carried 6 ayes to 0 nays.
8. Discussion was held regarding the 2020 Manneco, Inc. contract for Christmas light storage and display. Motion was made to approve the contract with Manneco, Inc., with an address change, by ALDERMAN THOMAS and was seconded by ALDERMAN STAUFFER-BAUM. Motion carried 6 ayes to 0 nays.
9. Motion to pass Bill No. 090120-A: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF KNOB NOSTER, MISSOURI, BY DELETING THE MUNICIPAL REQUIREMENTS FOR HELMETS WHEN OPERATING A MOTORCYCLE to its first reading, by title only, and conduct a roll call vote was made by ALDERMAN LIECHTI and was seconded by ALDERMAN THERING. Motion carried 6 ayes to 0 nays.

MAYOR MORTON had the City Clerk present the Bill by title only.

Roll Call Vote

Alderman Charrette	Aye
Alderman Thomas	Aye
Alderman Stauffer-Baum	Aye
Alderman Liechti	Aye
Alderman Thering	Aye
Alderman Babineaux	Aye

Bill No. 090120-A passed 6 ayes to 0 nays: Ordinance number 846 was assigned.

10. Discussion was held regarding Bill No. 090120-B: AN ORDINANCE REGULATING ABANDONED RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES AND IMPOSING A FEE ON THE SAME IN THE CITY OF KNOB NOSTER. ALDERMAN THOMAS would like clarification of the definitions of "abandoned versus vacant". ALDERMAN BABINEAUX stated that Section 1, A, 2 states "all buildings." MAYOR MORTON appointed an Ad Hoc Abandoned Property Committee comprised of ALDERMAN CHARRETTE and ALDERMAN STAUFFER-BAUM to research these questions. Motion was made to set aside this item by ALDERMAN THOMAS and was seconded by ALDERMAN LIECHTI. Motion carried 6 ayes to 0 nays.
11. Discussion was held regarding the radar request by the Police Department, for Lieutenant Van Vickle. Three bids were submitted: Stalker Radar--\$2,214.00; MPH Industries--\$1,999.00; and Kustom Signals--\$2,542.00. Through discussion, it was determined that the PD's budget line item for the radar are over budget. ALDERMAN BABINEAUX stated that no non-budgeted funds should be distributed until it is determined that the City will have to pay \$50,000 for a State audit. ALDERMAN THERING said that he thought their department had enough funds to purchase the radar. ALDERMAN CHARRETTE made motion to approve the PD purchase of the Stalker Radar for \$2,214.00 and was seconded by ALDERMAN THOMAS. Motion carried 4 ayes to 2 nays (BABINEAUX and STAUFFER-BAUM)
12. Presentation was made by Mayor Bryan Jacobs of Warrensburg. The Old Drum Animal Shelter is facing closure as it was not able to be funded by the City of Warrensburg this year due to budget shortfalls. He was hoping to receive help from the City of Knob Noster since our patrons use the facility. MAYOR MORTON informed Mayor Jacobs that we would put out a questionnaire to garner support for the shelter.
13. Discussion was held regarding employee turnover. ALDERMAN BABINEAUX feels it is only fair to the next CA to solve the issues within our City government with an unbiased independent inquiry to determine what has been going on. Lt. Van Vickle stated that pay is the big issue and most other law enforcement agencies are shorthanded with Covid. He stated cities like Riverside are giving Police Officers a \$10,000 signing bonus to work there. The City of Knob Noster can't compete with that. ALDERMAN BABINEAUX understands the PD issue but 3 employees of City Administration have quit for something. ALDERMAN LIECHTI stated that the air needs to be cleared due to accusations being made. He stated that the Board of Aldermen are tired of being in the middle and with this turnover, are there possible Human Resources violations? ALDERMAN THERING suggested a consulting firm complete an inquiry as the City has never had that done before. He says we aren't as a City where we need to be. ALDERMAN CHARRETTE had nothing to say except that the City is spinning its wheels and something needs to be done. ALDERMAN THOMAS stated that she had requested an investigation from the Board of Aldermen as a patron before she became an alderman and that a firing was not what she had been after. Motion was made by ALDERMAN CHARRETTE for a performance audit RFQ be put together by committee for an inquiry into employee turnover and was seconded by ALDERMAN LIECHTI. Motion carried 6 ayes to 0 nays.
14. Discussion was held regarding the City of Knob Noster's Purchasing Policy. The current policy on the books is from 1988. ALDERMAN CHARRETTE and ALDERMAN THERING were on the Purchasing Policy committee and would like to review their proposed policy through committee and bring back to the Board at a later meeting.
15. Motion was made by ALDERMAN CHARRETTE to set aside the discussion regarding the KN Municipal Codebook Chapter 115: Officers and was seconded by ALDERMAN THERING. Motion carried 6 ayes to 0 nays.

16. Motion was made by ALDERMAN BABINEAUX to enter into Executive Session at 9:15p.m. pursuant to Section 610.021, Paragraph 3, RSMo, Personnel with a second by ALDERMAN THOMAS with a Roll Call Vote:

ALDERMAN CHARRETTE	Aye
ALDERMAN THOMAS	Aye
ALDERMAN STAUFFER-BAUM	Aye
ALDERMAN THERING	Aye
ALDERMAN LIECHTI	Aye
ALDERMAN BABINEAUX	Aye

17. Motion was made to exit the Executive Session at 10:20p.m. by ALDERMAN THERING and was seconded by ALDERMAN LIECHTI with a Roll Call Vote:

ALDERMAN CHARRETTE	Aye
ALDERMAN THOMAS	Aye
ALDERMAN STAUFFER-BAUM	Aye
ALDERMAN THERING	Aye
ALDERMAN LIECHTI	Aye
ALDERMAN BABINEAUX	Aye

18. Motion was made to adjourn at 10:21 p.m. by ALDERMAN LIECHTI and was seconded by ALDERMAN THERING. Motion carried 6 ayes to 0 nays.

Respectfully submitted by,

AMY M. SCHOUTEN,
Knob Noster City Clerk