

CITY OF KNOB NOSTER

Board of Aldermen Meeting Minutes

August 6, 2019

1. MAYOR MORTON called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance. ALDERMAN BABINEAUX, LIECHTI, COHEN, CHARRETTE, DUDTE and THE-RING were present. A quorum was verified.
2. The July 16, 2019, meeting minutes were reviewed by the Board of Aldermen.
3. The Board of Aldermen reviewed the bill list.
4. ALDERMAN BABINEAUX stated that there was tall grass in ditches of Bridge and Jackson Streets. He reiterated his appreciation for the Town Hall meeting the City had held and relayed that patrons who attended are excited to see the positive direction for the town. ALDERMAN LIECHTI stated that there was an incident in his neighborhood and the Police Officers on scene conducted themselves very well. MAYOR MORTON thanked all who attended the Town Hall Meeting. He also said that the Knob Noster State Park will be having an Open House on Thursday, September 9, 2019 at 6:00p.m. at the WPA Shelter. Public Works Supt. Jeremy Kearney showed the ALDERMEN the new work shirts purchased for their department with the City of Knob Noster on them. Building Inspector Bart Amsbaugh stated that the internet in City Hall was operational. Fire Chief Rick Johnson showed the ALDERMEN the new license plates for the Fire vehicles that coordinate with Johnson County. President of Planning and Zoning Perry Byerly, stated that the P&Z Commission had a new member, Joe Burner and that all P&Z meetings will be the 4th Tuesday of every month.
5. City Administrator's report.
6. Mr. Danny Andrews of 675 NE MM Highway, Knob Noster, stated that Homestead Heartland's, Internet Business, has terrible service and is ripping people off. He feels that he should be held accountable. Mr. Paul Bertschy of 10117 Knob Noster Road said the he wondered if the BOARD would want to change their meeting times to 6:00 or 6:30p.m. on the first and third Tuesday as the School Board did and more people were able to attend. Ms. Misty Thomas, no address given, asked if the bus routes for school will be affected by the Washington Street Project due to start August 15, 2019.
7. PUBLIC HEARING: ANNUAL RATE OF PROPERTY TAX FOR THE CITY OF KNOB NOSTER, MISSOURI FOR THE NEXT TWELVE MONTHS.
8. Motion was made by ALDERMAN COHEN and was seconded by ALDERMAN THERING for the City Clerk to Read RESOLUTION 401: A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN ESTABLISHING THE ANNUAL RATE OF PROPERTY TAX FOR THE NEXT TWELVE MONTHS in its entirety. Motion carried 6 ayes to 0 nays. The City Clerk read Resolution 401 in its entirety.
9. Motion to pass Bill No. 080619-A: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KNOB NOSTER, MISSOURI, TO ESTABLISH A PROCEDURE TO DISCLOSE POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST AND SUBSTANTIAL INTERESTS FOR CERTAIN MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS AND REPEAL ORDINANCE 818 to its first reading, by title only, was made by ALDERMAN COHEN and was seconded by ALDERMAN LIECHTI.

Motion carried 6 ayes to 0 nays.

Mayor Morton had the City Clerk present the bill.

Motion to pass Bill No. 080619A: to its second reading, by title only, and conduct a roll call vote as made by ALDERMAN COHEN and seconded by ALDERMAN THERING.

Motion carried 6 ayes to 0 nays. Ordinance No. 838 was assigned.

10. Discussion was held regarding the position of President of the Board. The President acts in the place of the Mayor if he is absent during meetings. Motion was made by ALDERMAN THERING for ALDERMAN BABINEAUX to be the President of the Board and was seconded by ALDERMAN LIECHTI.

Motion carried 6 ayes to 0 nays.

11. Discussion was held regarding the Request For Qualifications (RFQ) packets sent to various attorneys for their services. There were 7 RFQ's sent out with 2 being returned by: Lauber Municipal Law, LLC and Harris, Harris & Sommer, LLC. ALDERMAN CHARRETTE believes that Harris, Harris & Sommer would be a good pick for the City as their firm is local and they are the attorneys for various cities in our area. MAYOR MORTON relayed that he felt that Lauber Municipal Law, LLC would be a perfect fit for the City and all of the large projects that are in the future.

ALDERMAN DUDTE stated that she would prefer Harris, Harris and Sommer as they are local. ALDERMAN LIECHTI inquire whether Harris, Harris and Sommer would be able to represent the City as their firm currently is representing individuals who are threatening litigation against the City. Motion was made by ALDERMAN BABINEAUX to retain Lauber Municipal Law, LLC, with a second by ALDERMAN THERING.

Roll Call Vote

Alderman Liechti	Aye
Alderman Thering	Aye
Alderman Babineaux	Aye
Alderman Cohen	Aye
Alderman Dudte	Nay
Alderman Charrette	Nay

Motion carried 4 ayes to 2 nays (CHARRETTE AND DUDTE).

12. Discussion was held regarding water service reconnect fees for the Water Department. The current reconnect fee is \$25.00. The Utility Clerk, Trisha Wilcox, stated that the City is losing money when we shut off water for nonpayment, the patron pays, and then the City workers have to go back to the address and turn them back on, sometimes on the same day, within the same hour. She feels that a \$75.00 reconnect fee would cover all costs. Motion was made by ALDERMAN LIECHTE with a second by ALDERMAN CHARRETTE to move the water service reconnect fee to \$75.00.

Roll Call Vote

Alderman Liechti	Aye
Alderman Thering	Aye
Alderman Babineaux	Nay
Alderman Cohen	Aye
Alderman Dudte	Aye
Alderman Charrette	Aye

Motion carried 5 ayes to 1 nay. (BABINEAUX)

13. Motion was made to enter Executive Session Pursuant to Section 610.021, Paragraph 1 , RSMo, Real Estate. by ALDERMAN BABINEAUX and was seconded by ALDERMAN DUDTE.

Motion carried 6 ayes to 0 nays.

14. Motion was made to adjourn at 8:47 p.m. by ALDERMAN COHEN and was seconded by ALDERMAN DUDTE.

Motion carried 6 ayes to 0 nays.