



CITY OF NORMANDY

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Minutes for a Regular Meeting of the Normandy City Council

Tuesday, March 1st, 2022, 6:30pm

BE IT REMEMBERED that the City Council of the City of Normandy held a meeting in person at City Hall 7700 Natural Bridge Road, Normandy, MO 63121 and on Zoom on Tuesday, March 1st, 2022

Call to order

Mayor Mark Beckmann (present) called the meeting to order at 6:34pm

Roll call

Mayor Mark Beckmann took roll call with the following Councilmembers attending:

Councilwoman Lelia Martin- Absent

Councilman Walter Moss- Present

Councilman Tony Evans-Present

Councilwoman LaWanda Smith- Absent

Councilman Rick Nelson- Present

Councilman Maurice Hunt- Present

Councilwoman Erma Ratliff- Present

Councilwoman Yolanda Campbell- Absent

With five members present at the time of roll call there was a quorum.

Pledge of Allegiance

The pledge of allegiance was given.

The Mayor announced that he had issued a proclamation to the Kiwanis Club of Normandy 24:1 acknowledging and celebrating the 10th anniversary of their founding.

Citizen Comments

David Hoang, 7765 Florissant Road, introduced himself to the community, thanked the council for all their work. Hoang asked for input from all of the community in making decisions going forward and encouraged the community to vote on April 5th.

Becky Harrington, 7714 Augusta, voiced opposition to the impeachment and funding the impeachment using city money. Harrington claimed that she believes she discovered through a sunshine request that Councilman Hunt spent unbudgeted funds on a ribbon cutting ceremony.

Michelle Graham, 3828 Waco, stated that she was against the impeachment and stated that she believed it had no basis. She stated that she was against the City paying for it.

Norm Mulleman, expressed frustration that the Christmas wreaths still being up on Natural Bridge and the mess around the former Value Village thrift mart.

Lillie Jackson, 7711 Wooddale, spoke about an incident between her, another resident, and a Councilmember.

Kevin Jackson, 7637 Bermuda ct, stated that he supported the creation of penalties for Councilmembers for lack of attendance. Jackson stated that he thinks the election process is the proper way to handle any problems anyone has with the Mayor or any other elected officials as opposed to impeachment.

Michael Sappington, 7725 Circle Dr, expressed frustration with streetlights going out on Natural Bridge, Large Commercial Vehicles being parked on Augusta, and trash cans being left out.

Consent Agenda

Councilman Evans made a motion to approve the consent agenda which included City Council Meeting Minutes for September 30th, November 2nd, November 23rd, December 7th, and January 18th, and February 1st. Councilwoman Ratlif seconded the motion with the Council voting as follows:

Councilman Moss- Aye

Councilwoman Ratlif- Aye

Councilman Evans- Aye

Councilman Hunt- Aye

Councilman Nelson- Aye

The motion carried.

Report of Officers

Mayor's Report

Mayor Beckmann gave an update on the boom truck, which is in the shop being repaired. Mayor Beckmann gave an update on sinkholes and potholes throughout the City, specifically Wooddale lane. Mayor Beckmann gave a written statement of Councilwoman Campbell who was in the hospital due to a medical emergency.

Councilmember Reports

Councilman Moss stated that he had no report and that he was happy to hear about the update on the potholes on Wooddale.

Councilman Evans thanked the Police for dealing with an issue of abandoned cars parked on the street in Ward II.

Councilman Nelson stated that he would like to see something done about streetlights being out throughout the City and that it is a safety issue.

Councilman Hunt – no report.

Councilwoman Ratlif asked some questions about Waste Management's sanitation services, senior discounts, bulk pick up, and refunds.

Police Chief

Police Chief Col. Mark Hall reported that last month in Normandy there were 466 total calls for service, 44 police reports taken, and 11 arrest made. Hall reported that there was an uptick in burglaries, particularly in garages, that citizens should be aware of. Hall stated that the Police were focusing on speeding on Bermuda Road and were making progress. Hall reported that there were two new hires and two more that were finishing up the process and were promising.

City Treasurer

Acting City Clerk Johnson informed the Council that the City Treasurer Charles Ellis was running late and should be available to give a report later in the meeting.

Old Business

Council Bill 22-04

Councilman Evans made a motion to have second reading of Council Bill 22-04. Councilwoman Ratlif seconded the motion with the Council voting as follows upon a roll call vote:

Councilman Moss- Aye

Councilwoman Ratlif- Aye

Councilman Evans- Aye

Councilman Hunt- Aye

Councilman Nelson- Aye

The motion carried.

Mayor Beckmann gave a second reading of **Council Bill 22-04: *An ordinance of the City of Normandy, Missouri promulgating rules of attendance for elected officials at regularly set council board meetings and establishing the penalties for violations thereof.***

Councilman Evans made a motion to approve Council Bill 22-04. The motion lacked a second and failed.

Council Bill 22-01

Councilman Evans made a motion to have a second reading of Council Bill 22-01. Councilman Hunt seconded the motion with the Council voting as follows upon a roll call vote:

Councilman Moss- Aye

Councilwoman Ratlif- Aye

Councilman Evans- Aye

Councilman Hunt- Aye

Councilman Nelson- Aye

The motion carried.

Mayor Beckmann gave a second reading of **Council Bill 22-01 *An ordinance of the City of Normandy, Missouri to establish a budgeting and spending oversight committee.***

Councilman Evans made a motion to approve Council Bill 22-01 and Councilman Hunt seconded the motion. There was a discussion between the Council about what Bill 22-01 as compared to what the

next bill on the agenda, Council Bill 22-05, and if both were needed or if the Council should only adopt one or the other.

Councilman Moss- Aye

Councilwoman Ratlif- Nay

Councilman Evans- Aye

Councilman Hunt- Nay

Councilman Nelson- Aye

The motion failed as there was not a majority of the entire City Council.

Council Bill 22-05

Councilman Moss made a motion for the second reading of Council Bill 22-05 and Councilman Hunt seconded the motion with the Council voting as follows:

Councilman Moss- Aye

Councilwoman Ratlif- Aye

Councilman Evans- Nay

Councilman Hunt- Aye

Councilman Nelson- Aye

The motion carried.

Mayor Beckmann gave a second reading of **Council Bill 22-05: *An ordinance of the City of Normandy, Missouri requiring that all non-recurring indebtedness of the City be itemized and compiled into a bills list for review and approval by the City Council before disbursing payment of any such indebtedness for full satisfaction or any portion thereof, except in cases of emergency.***

Councilman Moss made a motion to approve Council Bill 22-05 and Councilman Nelson seconded the motion. A discussion followed about what bills would come before the Council, how new vendors would be handled, how emergencies would be handled, and what to do about vendors with less than 30 days. terms. After the discussion a vote was taken:

Councilman Moss- Aye

Councilwoman Ratlif- Aye

Councilman Evans- Nay

Councilman Hunt- Aye

Councilman Nelson- Aye

The motion failed, as City Attorney Anthony Gray advised that the approval required a majority of the entire City Council, not just those members present.

Council Bill 22-06

Councilman Nelson made a motion to have second reading of Council Bill 22-06 and Councilman Evans seconded the motion with the Council voting as follows:

Councilman Moss- Aye

Councilwoman Ratlif- Aye

Councilman Evans- Aye

Councilman Hunt- Aye

Councilman Nelson- Aye

The motion carried.

Mayor Beckmann gave a second reading of **Council Bill 22-06: *An ordinance of the City of Normandy, Missouri revising section 115.180 of the City's code to change the age and residency requirement for the position of City Administrator***

Councilman Nelson made a motion to adopt Council Bill 22-06 and Councilman Evans seconded the motion. The Council voted as follows upon a roll call vote:

Councilman Moss- Aye

Councilwoman Ratlif- Aye

Councilman Evans- Aye

Councilman Hunt- Aye

Councilman Nelson- Aye

The motion carried. Council Bill 22-06 was assigned Ordinance No. 755.

Council Bill 22-08

Councilman Moss made a motion to have a second reading and Councilman Evans seconded the motion with the Council voting as follows:

Councilman Moss- Aye

Councilwoman Ratlif- Aye

Councilman Evans- Aye

Councilman Hunt- Aye

Councilman Nelson- Aye

The motion carried.

Mayor Beckmann gave a second reading of **Council Bill 22-08: *An ordinance of the City of Normandy, Missouri amending the FY 2022 annual budget of the City of Normandy to allow for the improvement and/or purchase of capital assets using ARPA Funds and the Capital Improvement Sales Tax.***

Councilman Moss made a motion to approve Council Bill 22-08 and Councilman Evans seconded the motion. A discussion followed about what was included in the allocation of funds and if there were any changes from the first reading. Mayor Beckmann advised that there were no changes except for the correction of a typo. A roll call vote was taken with the Council voting as follows:

Councilman Moss- Aye

Councilwoman Ratlif- Aye

Councilman Evans- Aye

Councilman Hunt- Aye

Councilman Nelson- Aye

The motion carried. Council Bill 22-08 was assigned Ordinance No. 756.

New Business

Council Bill #22-09

Mayor Beckmann gave a first reading of **Council Bill 22-09: an ordinance of the City of Normandy, Missouri amending the FY 2022 annual budget to reflect the re-allocation of funds to conduct a FY2021 financial audit**

A discussion followed about what the ordinance did and what kind of audit was needed. Some Councilmembers expressed a desire to have an audit of FY 19 and FY 20. Clerk Johnson explained the cost of an audit and the difference between an audit by a CPA and audits done by the State Auditor or a criminal investigation. Councilman Moss stated that he would like to get a FY 21 audit done with this bill but in the future wants to have an audit of the past years because the Council was being blamed for misuse of funds that they were not aware of and would like that misuse to be investigated.

Councilman Evans made a motion to have a second reading of Council Bill 22-09 and Councilman Hunt seconded the motion. The Council voted as follows:

Councilman Moss- Aye

Councilwoman Ratlif- Aye

Councilman Evans- Aye

Councilman Hunt- Aye

Councilman Nelson- Aye

The motion carried.

Mayor Beckmann gave a second reading of **Council Bill 22-09.**

Councilman Moss made a motion to approve Council Bill 22-09 and Councilman Hunt seconded the motion with the Council voting as follows:

Councilman Moss- Aye

Councilwoman Ratlif- Aye

Councilman Evans- Aye*

Councilman Hunt- Aye

Councilman Nelson- Aye

*Councilman Evans initially voted Nay because of a misstatement/error and changed his vote to Aye after clarification of what the vote was for.

The motion carried. The Bill was assigned Ordinance No. 757.

Council Bill 22-10

Mayor Beckmann gave a first reading of **Council Bill 22-10: An ordinance of the City of Normandy, Missouri to authorize the use of funds from the sale of the cell towers to pay for legal and professional fees incurred by the process of impeaching the Mayor.**

There was a brief discussion about the bill. Councilman Hunt suggested that was not necessary and that the City should use the funds that is saving by no longer using CHGO Law for their City Attorney.

Accepting a Bid for the Demolition of two derelict properties using CDBG funds

Mayor Beckmann asked for a motion to accept a bid from Z&L Wrecking Company for the amount of \$36,000. Councilman Evans made the motion. Councilman Moss stated that there are contracts for the sale on these properties and that we should not demolish the properties using city money if investors are willing to do it themselves. The motion made by Council Evans lacked a second.

Rescheduling April Meeting

Mayor Beckmann explained that the item was on the agenda because the April meeting fell on election day. Councilman Evans made a motion to move the regularly scheduled City Council Meeting to Tuesday April 12th. Councilman Moss seconded the motion with the Council voting as follows:

Councilman Moss- Aye

Councilwoman Ratlif- Aye

Councilman Evans- Aye

Councilman Hunt- Aye

Councilman Nelson- Aye

The motion carried

City Treasurer Report

City Treasurer Charles Ellis, now in attendance, gave a report on the progress on the financial reports of the City. Ellis stated that Angela Dorn is still working on the monthly reports. Ellis stated that Dorn has submitted the annual report for FY 21, but that he was still waiting on the monthly report for August through present day.

Closed Session

Councilman Evans made a motion to go into closed session to discuss a legal matter. The motion lacked a second.

Adjournment

Councilman Evans made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Councilman Moss seconded the motion. The motion carried upon unanimous voice vote. The meeting was Adjourned at 8:20pm.

Minutes approved by the City Council on this **19th** day of **April, 2022**.



Honorable Mark Beckmann, Mayor



Acting City Clerk, Samuel Johnson

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