



## **CITY OF NORMANDY**

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### **Minutes for a Special Workshop Meeting of the Normandy City Council**

**Tuesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2022, 6:30pm**

**BE IT REMEMBERED** that the City Council of the City of Normandy held a meeting in person at 7700 Natural Bridge Road, Normandy, MO 63121 and on Zoom on Tuesday, February 22nd, 2022

#### **Call to order**

Mayor Mark Beckmann (present) called the meeting to order at 6:32pm

#### **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- Late

Councilman Rick Nelson- Present

Councilman Maurice Hunt- Present

Councilwoman Erma Ratlif- Present

Councilwoman Yolanda Campbell- Present

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

#### **Capital Budget Workshop**

##### *Purchase of Police Vehicles Resolution*

Mayor Beckmann opened the discussion by talking about the need for the Resolution on the agenda. Mayor Beckmann stated that the resolution was being brought separate from the ordinance because of a pressing need to get an order into the state contractor due to supply chain issues and order banks running low for Police Pursuit Dodge Chargers.

Chief Hall spoke to the Council about the state of the patrol fleet and of the need of the police department to buy new police vehicles. Stating that new cars haven't been bought in a couple years and that maintenance costs were up to keep the older vehicles running.

Councilman Evans made a motion to adopt ***A Resolution of the City of Normandy, Missouri*** authorizing the City to Purchase five new police vehicles for patrol of the City. Councilman Moss Seconded the motion with the Council voting as follows upon a roll call vote:

Councilman Moss- Aye

Councilwoman Campbell- Aye

Councilman Evans- Aye

Councilwoman Smith- Aye

Councilman Nelson- Aye

Councilman Hunt- Aye

Councilwoman Ratlif- Aye

The motion carried and the resolution was adopted and assigned the Resolution No. 22-01.

### *Council Bill 22-08*

Acting City Clerk Sam Johnson presented the proposed changes to the budget to allocate the first half of the ARPA funds and capital improvement funds. Johnson explained that the proposed amendment would be spent on capital expenditures for departments across the City including a new Public Works truck, new police vehicles, new police equipment, new computers for all departments, and various other needs across the City. A discussion followed with the Council asking questions about the proposed improvements. Councilman Nelson asked that something be allocated to address the lack of lighting outside City Hall and elsewhere in the City.

After the discussion, Mayor Beckmann gave a first 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.*

## **Special Counsel Agreements**

### *The City Council's Special Counsel Agreement for the Impeachment of the Mayor*

Councilman Nelson made a motion to adopt ***A Resolution*** to appoint Donnell Smith, pursuant to the terms hereto attached, as special counsel for the City to investigate, determine, and pursue, if viable, articles of impeachment against Mayor Mark Beckmann. Councilman Hunt seconded the motion with Council voting as follows upon a roll call vote:

Councilman Moss- Abstain

Councilwoman Campbell- Nay

Councilman Evans- Nay

Councilwoman Smith- Aye

Councilman Nelson- Aye

Councilman Hunt- Aye

Councilwoman Ratlif- Aye

The motion carried and the resolution was adopted and assigned Resolution No. 22-02.

### *The Mayor's Special Counsel Agreement to Defend Against Impending Articles of Impeachment*

Councilman Nelson made a motion to vote on the adoption of *A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a special counsel agreement with Kistner, Hamilton, Elam & Martin, LLC to provide legal defense the impending Articles of Impeachment*. Councilman Evans seconded the motion. A discussion followed.

At some point during the discussion Councilwoman Smith (attending via zoom) left the meeting unannounced.

The Mayor asked for a motion to amend the resolution to add an investigation of Councilman Maurice Hunt to the Special Council Agreement. Councilwoman Campbell made the motion to amend with Councilman Evans seconding the motion. Upon a roll call vote the council voted as follows on the motion to amend:

Councilman Moss- Nay	Councilwoman Campbell- Aye
Councilman Evans- Aye	Councilwoman Ratlif- Nay
Councilman Nelson- Nay	Councilman Hunt- Nay

The motion to amend failed.

A roll call vote was taken on the original motion to adopt the proposed resolution with the Council voting as follows:

Councilman Moss- Aye	Councilwoman Campbell- Aye
Councilman Evans- Aye	Councilwoman Ratlif- Nay
Councilman Nelson- Nay	Councilman Hunt- Nay

Mayor Beckmann chose not to vote to break the tie as it would be a conflict of interest to vote on such a motion. The motion failed.

### **Dangerous Tree Removal off of Florissant Road**

Councilman Evans made a motion to allow the Mayor to accept a bid from Hansen Tree for the removal of a dangerous tree that the city was responsible for off of Florissant Road. Councilwoman Campbell seconded the motion with the Council voting as follows:

Councilman Moss- Aye	Councilwoman Campbell- Aye
Councilman Evans- Aye	Councilwoman Ratlif- Nay
Councilman Nelson- Aye	Councilman Hunt- Aye

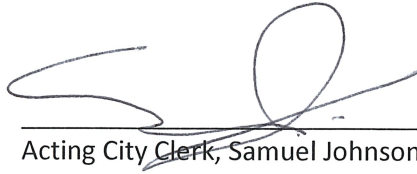
## Adjournment

Councilman Evans made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Councilwoman Campbell seconded the motion. The motion carried upon unanimous voice vote. The meeting was Adjourned at 8:32pm

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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