

CITY OF NORMANDY

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Minutes for the Meeting of the Normandy City Council

Thursday, September 30, 2021, 6:30pm

BE IT REMEMBERED that the City Council of the City of Normandy held a meeting in person and on Zoom on Thursday, September 30, 2021

Call to order

Mayor Beckmann called the meeting to order at 6:34pm

Roll call

Mayor Beckmann (present) took roll call with the following Councilmembers attending:

Councilperson Lelia Martin- Absent

Councilperson Walter Moss- Present

Councilperson Tony Evans- Present

Councilperson Lawanda Smith- Present

Councilperson Rick Nelson- Late

Councilperson Maurice Hunt- Present

Councilperson Erma Ratlif- Late

Councilperson Yolonda Campbell- Present

With five members present at the time of roll call the Mayor determined that there was a quorum and that the meeting could proceed.

Public Hearing for Proposed Real Estate and Personal Property Tax Rate

Mayor Beckmann explained that the City of Normandy has proposed to set the Real Estate and Personal Property tax levy at a rate so that it would be revenue neutral. He explained that the St. Louis County Assessor's office had significantly increased the assessed values on all property and that the proposed plan would account for that by lowering rates so that the amount of property tax paid would be substantially the same. Mayor Beckmann opened to floor to public comment.

Councilperson Evans asked for clarification and Mayor Beckmann explained and stated that everyone should be paying about the same dollar amount as previous years with the proposed plan.

Mayor Beckmann gave a first reading of Council Bill 09-07-002, An Ordinance establishing the annual rate of tax levy for the year 2021 on all property within the City of Normandy, Missouri.

Mayor Beckmann asked for a motion for the second reading. Councilperson Evans made the motion and Councilperson Moss seconded. Mayor Beckmann took a roll call vote with the council voting as follows:

Councilperson Walter Moss- Aye

Councilperson Yolonda Campbell- Aye

Councilperson Tony Evans- Aye

Councilperson Lawanda Smith- Aye

Councilperson Maurice Hunt- Aye

The motion carried.

Mayor Beckmann gave a seconded reading and asked for a motion to adopt Council Bill 09-07-002.

Councilperson Evans made the motion and Councilperson Campbell seconding. Councilperson Rick Nelson and Councilperson Erma Ratlif joined the meeting late via zoom. Mayor Beckmann took a roll call vote with the Council voting as follows:

Councilperson Walter Moss- Aye

Councilperson Yolonda Campbell- Aye

Councilperson Tony Evans- Aye

Councilperson Lawanda Smith- Aye

Councilperson Maurice Hunt- Aye

Councilperson Rick Nelson- Aye

Councilperson Erma Ratlif- Aye

The motion carried and the Council adopted Council Bill 09-07-002 and the bill was given the ordinance number 2021-002.

Adopting the FY2022 Operating Budget

Mayor Beckmann gave a first reading of Council Bill 09-07-003. An Ordinance approving the 2021-2022 Budget for the City of Normandy Missouri.

Walter Moss asked if he had been given a copy of the revised budget. Mayor Beckmann stated that it was the same copy that was sent out before the September 20th meeting which did not happen because of a lack of quorum. Councilperson Smith, Moss, and Hunt stated they have not received it. Mayor Beckmann stated that he was sure it was sent via email and Councilperson Campbell and Evans said that she had it. Councilperson Ratlif asked why she did not receive a paper copy of the budget. Councilperson Nelson expressed that he would have liked to receive a paper copy.

Councilperson Hunt made a motion to not approve the budget. Mayor Beckmann stated that one cannot have a motion to not approve something and that he did not recognize the motion. Mayor Beckmann stated that he sent the budget to the Council for review before September 20th and expressed concern for what the outcome would be if the Council did not pass the budget.

Councilperson Hunt stated that the city could extend the 2020-2021 budget for an additional 30 days until a new budget could be passed. Mayor Beckmann asked for a motion to vote on ordinance 09-07-003. Councilperson Campbell made a motion to adopt with none seconding immediately.

Councilperson Ratlif made a motion to table the bill with Councilperson Nelson seconding.

City Attorney Anthony Gray explained that something needs to be adopted tonight, whether it's the proposed budget or an extension, in order to avoid a government shutdown.

Mayor Beckmann stated that there was a motion to adopt bill 09-07-003 by Councilperson Campbell and asked for a second with Councilperson Evans seconding. Mayor Beckmann took a roll call vote with the Council voting as follows:

Councilperson Walter Moss- Aye	Councilperson Yolonda Campbell- Aye
Councilperson Tony Evans- Aye	Councilperson Lawanda Smith- Nay
Councilperson Maurice Hunt- Nay	Councilperson Rick Nelson- Nay
Councilperson Erma Ratlif- Nay	

The motion fails.

Mayor Beckmann asked for a 30-day extension of the 2020-2021 budget. Councilperson Evans made the motion with Councilman Nelson seconding. Mayor Beckman took a roll call vote with the Council voting as follows:

Councilperson Walter Moss- Aye	Councilperson Yolonda Campbell- Nay
Councilperson Tony Evans- Aye	Councilperson Lawanda Smith- Aye
Councilperson Maurice Hunt- Aye	Councilperson Rick Nelson- Aye
Councilperson Erma Ratlif- Aye	

The motion carried.

Councilperson Moss asked that Angela Dorn, the City's third-party accountant, be at the next meeting.

Amendment to the CARES agreement with St. Louis County Police Communication and Dispatch

Mayor Beckmann explained that Police Chief Col. Mark Hall has asked for the Mayor to sign an amended contract with St. Louis County. The amended contract raises the cost of the communication and dispatch services provided by the county from \$6,500 to \$8,077.25 a month due to the increased usage by Normandy PD because of the new Bel-Ridge contract. Mayor Beckmann asked for a motion to sign the amendment to the contract. Councilperson Hunt made the motion Councilperson Moss seconding. Mayor Beckmann took a roll call vote with the Council voting as follows:

Councilperson Walter Moss- Aye	Councilperson Yolonda Campbell- Aye
Councilperson Tony Evans- Aye	Councilperson Lawanda Smith- Aye
Councilperson Maurice Hunt- Aye	Councilperson Rick Nelson- Aye

Councilperson Erma Ratlif- Aye

The motion carried.

Councilperson Nelson asked for the floor and Mayor Beckmann granted him the floor. Councilperson Nelson asked for a paper copy of the budget. Mayor Beckmann stated that if he comes to City Hall, he can give him a paper copy.

Emergency Contract with Waste Management

Mayor Beckmann explained that the last working trash truck broke down. Mayor Beckmann stated that he had to enter into an emergency one-time agreement with Waste Management to pick up the trash last Monday. He reported that the one-time pick-up cost \$3,200. Mayor Beckmann expressed that he was pleased with the services Waste Management provided with such short notice and asked the council for approval to enter into a six-week service agreement and Waste Management until the bidding process for a long-term solution is completed.

Councilperson Hunt asked what the total amount of the six-week agreement would be. Mayor Beckmann stated that depending on multiple factors it would be in the neighborhood of \$20,000 for six weeks. Councilperson Hunt stated that the City has an agreement with L&R leasing to lease a trash truck when trucks breakdown and asked why the Mayor did not pursue that option. Mayor Beckmann expressed that he was not interested in that option for several reasons and thought contracting out was a better option. Councilperson Moss stated that it seems like contracting it out seems to be a cheaper option and that he was okay with a short-term agreement. Councilperson Hunt asked about services for disabled residents. Mayor Beckmann stated they did provide that service and Josh Johnson from Waste Management stated that they will continue that service. Other Councilmembers had questions about specifics about the pick-up which Mayor Beckmann and Josh Johnson from Waste Management clarified.

Councilperson Hunt expressed displeasure with the temporary agreement and wanted to know the cost difference between repairing the sanitation department's current equipment and contracting out.

Mayor Beckmann asked for a motion to enter into a six-week service agreement with Waste Management. Councilperson Evans made the motion with Councilperson Moss seconding. Mayor Beckmann took a roll call vote with the Council voting as follows:

Councilperson Walter Moss- Aye Councilperson Yolonda Campbell- Aye

Councilperson Tony Evans- Aye Councilperson Lawanda Smith- Aye

Councilperson Maurice Hunt- Nay Councilperson Rick Nelson- Aye

Councilperson Erma Ratlif- Aye

The motion carried.

Councilwoman Ratlif asked if the chat can be controlled because she was not pleased with the behavior of people in the chat and stated that it was not conducive to the meetings.

Closed Session

Mayor Beckmann asked for a motion to enter into closed session to deal with a matter related to personnel. Councilperson Evans and Councilperson Campbell seconding. Mayor Beckmann took a roll call vote with the Council voting as follows:

Councilperson Walter Moss- Aye	Councilperson Yolonda Campbell- Aye
Councilperson Tony Evans- Aye	Councilperson Lawanda Smith- Aye
Councilperson Maurice Hunt- Nay	Councilperson Rick Nelson- Aye
Councilperson Erma Ratlif- Aye	

The motion carried.

The Council entered into closed session to deal with a matter related to personnel.

Adjournment

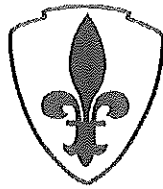
The meeting was adjourned immediately after the end of the closed session.

Minutes approved by the City Council on this **1st** day of **March, 2022**.

Honorable Mark Beckmann, Mayor

Acting City Clerk, Samuel Johnson

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Minutes for the Meeting of the Normandy City Council

Tuesday, November 2, 2021, 6:30pm

BE IT REMEMBERED that the City Council of the City of Normandy held a meeting in person and on Zoom on Tuesday, November 2, 2021.

Call to order

Mayor Beckmann called the meeting to order at 6:32pm

Roll call

Mayor Beckmann (present) took roll call with the following Councilmembers attending:

Councilmember Lelia Martin- Absent

Councilmember Walter Moss- Present

Councilmember Tony Evans- Present

Councilmember Lawanda Smith- Absent

Councilmember Rick Nelson- Present

Councilmember Maurice Hunt- Present

Councilmember Erma Ratlif- Present

Councilmember Yolonda Campbell- Present

With six members present at the time of roll call the Mayor determined that there was a quorum and that the meeting could proceed.

Pledge of Allegiance

The pledge was given.

Approval of the November 2, 2021 Agenda

Councilmember Hunt made a motion to amend the agenda to remove item 4, the consent agenda containing meeting minutes from the 7/13/21, 08/10/21, 08/24/21, 09/07/21, 08/27/21, and 09/20/21 meetings, to allow more time for the Council to review the minutes. Councilmember Nelson seconded the motion with the Council voting as follows by roll call vote:

Councilmember Ratlif- Aye

Councilmember Moss- Aye

Councilmember Evans- Aye

Councilmember Campbell- Aye

Councilmember Nelson- Aye

Councilmember Hunt- Aye

The motion carried.

Councilmember Hunt made a motion to remove item 5 from the agenda, first citizens comment, and Councilmember Ratlif seconded the motion. The Council voted as follows upon a roll call vote:

Councilmember Ratlif- Aye

Councilmember Moss- Aye

Councilmember Evans- Nay

Councilmember Campbell- Nay

Councilmember Nelson- Aye

Councilmember Hunt- Aye

The motion carried.

Councilmember Evans made a motion to approve the agenda for the November 2, 2021, council meeting as amended. Councilmember Campbell seconded the motion with the Council voting as follows upon a roll call vote:

Councilmember Ratlif- Aye

Councilmember Moss- Aye

Councilmember Evans- Aye

Councilmember Campbell- Aye

Councilmember Nelson- Aye

Councilmember Hunt- Aye

The motion carried.

Report of Officers

Mayor Beckmann gave a report on the state of public works, the need for a salt truck, the disrepair of equipment, and need for an investment. Some discussion from other councilmembers followed on the matter.

Councilmember Evans said that there was a need for new speed bump on Belwood and Stanwood.

The Chief of Police gave an update on the status of the Police Department, the number of police reports, and notable crime incidents in the City of Normandy.

Old Business

Courtyard Bar and Grill Liquor License Renewal

Owner of the Courtyard Bar and Grill, Tameeka Renfro, was invited to speak on with the council about the renewal of her license and previous issues surrounding her business. The Council debated and discussed the renewal of the license. Councilmember Nelson made a motion to approve the license with Councilmember Hunt seconding. The Council voted as follows upon roll call vote:

Councilmember Ratlif- Aye

Councilmember Moss- Aye

Councilmember Evans- Nay

Councilmember Campbell- Nay

Councilmember Nelson- Aye

Councilmember Hunt- Aye

The motion carried.

Discussion of Spending

Councilmember Hunt brought up the question of the spending of the Mayor. A discussion and debate followed between the Mayor and Council about emergency spending, non-recurring spending, and discretionary spending. Councilmember Hunt, Councilmember Ratlif, and Councilmember Nelson all asked that an ordinance be brought forth at the next meeting regarding the issue.

Extension of the Waste Management Agreement

Mayor Beckmann explained that the current situation with the city's sanitation vehicles had not improved and that he was still in the process of putting out an RFP for trash service. There was discussion and debate regarding the trash services of the city and what to do going forward between the Mayor and the Council. Councilmember Hunt made a motion to extend the Waste Management interim agreement and the motion was seconded. The Council voted as follows upon a roll call vote:

Councilmember Ratlif- Aye

Councilmember Moss- Aye

Councilmember Evans- Aye

Councilmember Campbell- Aye

Councilmember Nelson- Aye

Councilmember Hunt- Aye

The motion carried.

IT Update

IT Administrator Tom Moore gave an IT update for the city, reporting that he was working on upgrading the out-of-date computers in the Police Department.

New Business

Council Bill 09-07-006

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NORMANDY, MISSOURI TO EXECUTE A COOPERATION AGREEMENT WITH THE ST. LOUIS COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS WHEREBY THE CITY WILL TRANSFER CERTAIN RESPONSIBILITIES RELATED TO CANDIDATE FILING IN FUTURE ELECTIONS AS SET FORTH THEREIN

Mayor Beckmann gave a first reading of Council Bill 09-07-006 and asked for a motion for a second reading. Mayor Beckmann explained that a second reading was necessary to pass at the same meeting and that the deadline for the cooperation agreement with the St. Louis County Board of Elections was soon. Mayor Beckmann continued saying that if the Council wanted to approve Council Bill 09-07-006 they would need to approve the bill at this meeting. The motion for the second reading was made by Councilmember Campbell and seconded by Councilmember Evans. The motion for the second reading failed to get unanimous approval as is required by Normandy City Code Section 110.60 (E).

Council Bill 09-07-004

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE USE OF A PORTION OF THE REVENUES FROM THE SALE OF THE CELL TOWER TO BE EARMARKED FOR PAYMENT TO SATISFY A MONTHLY MORTGAGE OWED TO SIMMONS BANK FOR A LOAN SECURED BY A DEED OF TRUST ON 7700 NATURAL BRIDGE ROAD, NORMANDY, MO

Mayor Beckmann explained that he needed that Council approval by ordinance to spend any funds the city owned that were gained by the sale of the cell tower per city ordinance. Mayor Beckmann gave a first reading of Council Bill 09-07-004. Councilmember Campbell made a motion for the second reading and Councilmember Evans seconded. The motion for the second reading failed upon a vote to get unanimous approval as is required by Normandy City Code Section 110.60 (E).

Council Bill 09-07-005

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF NORMANDY, MISSOURI AMENDING THE CITY OF NORMANDY PERSONNEL POLICY MANUAL TO INCLUDE A SICK LEAVE SHARING PROGRAM

Mayor Beckmann gave Council Bill 09-07-005 a first reading. Mayor Beckmann explained that there was an officer in the police department that was low on sick time because he was new to the department and that his mother was sick with COVID. Mayor Beckmann continued saying that there were officers who wanted to donate their sick time to the officer but there was no written policy that allowed for such transfer. The Council and the Mayor debated the issue and specifics of the program. Councilmember Campbell made a motion for the second reading and Councilmember Evans seconded. The motion for the second reading failed upon a vote to get unanimous approval as is required by Normandy City Code Section 110.60 (E).

Citizen Comment

Mike Sappington gave a citizen comment.

Angie Jones gave a citizen comment.

Debbie Rosso, 7216 Normandy Place, gave a citizen comment.

Joanna Boyd, Kirkland Drive, gave a citizen comment.

Ed Jones, Waco Avenue, gave a citizen comment.

Kimberly Moore, Skyview Drive, gave a citizen comment

Tameeka Renfroe, from Courtyard Bar and Grill, made a comment.

Wayne Kearny, 7725 Augusta, gave a citizen comment

Kevin Jackson gave a citizen comment

Other New Business

Councilmember Hunt brought up that he had heard that the Mayor had hired an assistant. Councilmember Hunt stated that this was an illegal hiring because the position was not approved by the Council. There was debate and discussion about issue between the Mayor and the Council. Councilmember Hunt made a motion to terminate this new employee immediately. Mayor Beckmann refused to recognize the motion saying it was out of order.

Adjournment

There was a motion to adjourn the meeting and a second. Upon a roll call vote the Council voted as follows:

Councilmember Ratliff- Aye

Councilmember Moss- Aye

Councilmember Evans- Aye

Councilmember Campbell- Aye

Councilmember Nelson- Aye

Councilmember Hunt- Aye

The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 9:09pm

Minutes approved by the City Council on this 1st day of **March, 2022**.


Honorable Mark Beckmann, Mayor
Acting City Clerk, Samuel Johnson

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