

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 Wal

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- Ave

Councilmember Campbell- Aye

Councilmember Nelson- Aye

Councilmember Hunt- Ave

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 Renfroe, 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 the 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

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

Councilmember Ratlif- 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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