



CITY OF NORMANDY

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Minutes for the Meeting of the Normandy City Council

Tuesday, December 7, 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, December 7, 2021

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- Late (6:40pm)	Councilman Walter Moss- Present
Councilman Tony Evans- Present	Councilwoman LaWanda Smith- Present
Councilman Rick Nelson- Present	Councilman Maurice Hunt- Late (6:38pm)
Councilwoman Erma Ratlif- Present	Councilwoman Yolanda Campbell- Present

Mayor Beckmann stated that with 6 councilmembers present there was a quorum, and the meeting could proceed.

Pledge of Allegiance

The pledge was given.

Approval of the December 7th, 2021, agenda

Mayor Beckmann asked for a motion to approve the December 7th Agenda. Councilperson Evans made the motion with Councilperson Campbell seconding. Acting City Clerk Sam Johnson took roll call with the Council voting as follows:

Councilman Moss- Aye	Councilwoman Campbell- Aye
Councilman Evans- Aye	Councilwoman Smith- Aye
Councilman Nelson- Aye	Councilwoman Ratlif- Aye

The motion carried.

Citizen's Comments

Debbie Rosso, 7260 Normandy Place, expressed that she was grateful the agenda was passed. Rosso expressed that she was frustrated on how the previous City Council Meeting went and stated that she hoped that this meeting would be productive and keep Normandy moving forward in the right direction.

Kimberly Moore, 7832 Skyview, thanked the citizens for showing up and attending the meeting in large numbers. She stated that she was apprehensive about the trash pickup issue that is on the agenda. Moore expressed that she hoped that it would be a productive meeting.

Kevin Jackson, 7637 Bermuda Court, stated that Mark Beckmann is the Mayor and expressed that he hopes that the Council will work with the Mayor moving forward.

Consent Agenda

On the consent agenda were the Oct. 5 CDBG Hearing Minutes (item A), the Oct. 5 City Council Meeting Minutes (item B), and the Oct. 13 City Council Meeting Minutes (item C). Mayor Beckmann asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda. Councilperson Evans made a motion and Councilperson Campbell seconded.

Councilperson Ratliff stated that the draft minutes were not correct and that she did not have enough time to review the minutes. Councilperson Ratliff asked that the minutes be tabled until they can be corrected. Councilperson Hunt (now present) asked that items B & C be removed from the consent agenda so that they can be corrected and considered at the next Council Meeting. Mayor Beckmann explained that each item can be removed from the consent agenda and voted on individually.

Approval of the Oct. 5 CDBG Hearing Minutes

Mayor Beckmann asked for a motion to approve the Oct. 5 CDBG hearing minutes. Councilperson Evans made the motion and Councilperson Campbell seconded. A roll call vote was taken with the Council voting as follows:

Councilwoman Martin (now present)- Aye	Councilman Moss- Aye
Councilman Evans- Aye	Councilwoman Smith- Aye
Councilman Nelson- Aye	Councilman Hunt- Aye
Councilwoman Ratliff- Nay	Councilwoman Campbell- Aye

The motion carried.

Approval of the Oct. 5 City Council Meeting Minutes

Mayor Beckmann asked for a motion to approve the Oct. 5 City Council Meeting Minutes. Councilperson Campbell made the motion with Councilperson Evans seconding.

Councilperson Ratliff asked that the item be tabled until they can be corrected. Mayor Beckmann asked if there was something specific that could be amended. Councilperson Ratliff stated that there were several things wrong, particularly with how somethings that were said in the meeting were interpreted, and that she prefers the item be tabled. Councilperson Ratliff made of point of order asking City Attorney

Anthony Gray about the accuracy of the minutes and if they could be tabled. City Attorney Gray explained that tabling the item would be a proper motion, but that the minutes could also be amended and passed in the meeting per Robert's Rules of Order. Mayor Beckmann stated that the minutes were made from a recording of the council meeting taken from Zoom and that he would rather amend and vote on the minutes than table them. Councilperson Ratlif made a motion to amend the minutes to fix two typos and change the verbiage of a citizen comment. The motion lacked a second and failed.

Mayor Beckmann asked for a roll call for the original motion to approve the Oct. 5 City Council Meeting Minutes. A roll call vote was taken with the Council voting as follows:

Councilwoman Martin- Abstain

Councilman Moss- Nay

Councilman Evans- Aye

Councilwoman Smith- Abstain

Councilman Nelson- Nay

Councilman Hunt- Nay

Councilwoman Ratlif- Nay

Councilwoman Campbell- Aye

The motion failed.

Approval of the Oct. 13 City Council Meeting Minutes

Mayor Beckmann asked for a motion to approve the Oct. 13 City Council Meeting Minutes. Councilperson Campbell made the motion with Councilperson Evans seconding. A roll call vote was taken with the Council voting as follows:

Councilwoman Martin- Aye

Councilman Moss- Abstain

Councilman Evans- Aye

Councilwoman Smith- Abstain

Councilman Nelson- Nay

Councilman Hunt- Nay

Councilwoman Ratlif- Nay

Councilwoman Campbell- Aye

With a 3-3 tie on the motion Mayor Beckmann voted Aye, breaking the tie.

The motion carried.

Appointment of a Code Compliance Officer

Mayor Beckmann explained that he originally intended to appoint Lt. Keith George to the position of Code Compliance Officer, but instead due to some reasonable objections from Lt. George the official appointment would not be made. However, Mayor Beckmann stated that he has assigned Lt. George some duties of code compliance without the title and full responsibilities of the position. Councilperson Hunt stated that the code compliance officer must be a civilian by city code. Councilperson Hunt also expressed concern about lawsuits arising out of police officers performing code compliance duties. Debate continued on the issue, with Police Chief Hall making some comment. Councilperson Hunt made a motion to table the issue. Mayor Beckmann explained that a table was not necessary because there was not an appointment being made.

Report of Officers

Mayor's Report

Mayor Beckmann made the public aware of two public hearings for derelict properties happening on Dec. 15.

Mayor Beckmann gave an update on the failing equipment at public works. Mayor Beckmann expressed that he would bring forth a budget amendment at a future meeting to invest in capital at public works.

Mayor Beckmann notified the Council that there are interested parties looking to purchase a property at 5401 Bermuda that is an empty lot that the city owns. Mayor Beckmann opened up the issue for debate about whether the property should be sold and, if so, how it should be sold. A debate ensued between the Council about whether it would best to use a sealed bid process, an appraisal, or an adopt-a-lot program. No motions were made on the subject. Mayor Beckmann stated that he would come up with a plan and bring it to a future meeting.

Councilmember Reports

Councilperson Hunt

Councilperson Hunt stated that he heard that 7733 Natural Bridge Road had been winterized. Councilperson Hunt expressed his concern about the damage that the lack of heating could do to the historic building. Mayor Beckmann addressed his concern by stating that the heat was being turned on and that he had received a bid of \$7,500-\$8,500 to winterize the building but did not accept the bid due to the cost. Mayor Beckmann asked that further discussion on the issue be brought up in new business.

Councilperson Hunt asked that the Mayor reach out to the City of Northwoods about using their salt truck. Mayor Beckmann stated that he would.

Councilperson Martin

Councilperson Martin asked for clarification about utility companies picking up tree waste that they create, trash pickup from Waste Management, and bulk pickup from Waste Management. Mayor Beckmann gave some clarification but asked that further questions be held until the consideration of the Waste Management Contract agenda item.

Councilperson Evans

Councilperson Evans inquired about the status of the limb chipper. Mayor Beckmann stated that the limb chipper was not operational and has been picking up yard waste.

Police Department Report

Police Chief Col. Mark Hall gave an update on the quantity of police reports in the City of Normandy and notable crime events. Chief Hall also made the Council of how short staffed the police department is and that the Council please consider the item later on the agenda regarding police raises.

IT Update

IT Administrator Tom Moore gave an update on several ongoing projects to improve the city's information technologies and provide cost savings. Councilmembers had several inquiries into the cost savings and other issues, which Moore addressed.

Treasurer's Report

City Treasurer Charles Ellis informed the Council that the city was behind, as far back as July, on its financial reporting and that he has been in contact with the city's third-party CPA, Angela Dorn, about the challenges of catching up in the financial reporting.

Old Business

Council Bill 09-07-007 (Second Reading)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF NORMANDY, MISSOURI to divest and discontinue solid waste collection and disposal services throughout the City in lieu of granting an exclusive license agreement to a private service provider for the same and to establish the rules and governance thereof.

Mayor Beckmann asked for a motion to have the second reading of Council Bill 09-07-007.

Councilperson Campbell made the motion with Councilperson Evans seconding. A roll call vote was taken with the Council voting as follows:

Councilwoman Martin- Aye

Councilman Moss- Aye

Councilman Evans- Aye

Councilwoman Smith- Aye

Councilman Nelson- Aye

Councilman Hunt- Nay

Councilwoman Ratliff- Aye

Councilwoman Campbell- Aye

The motion carried.

Mayor Beckmann gave a second reading of Council Bill 09-07-007 by title and asked for a motion to approve the bill. Councilperson Evans made the motion to approve Council Bill 09-07-007 with Councilwoman Campbell seconding. Mayor Beckmann opened up to the floor to discussion and asked City Attorney Gray to explain what the bill being considered does. City Attorney Gray explained that it divests the city's trash services and turns it over to a private sector service provider. Mayor Beckmann opened up the floor to Joshua Johnson from Waste Management to answer any questions the council may have. Topics that were debated and discussed by various council members were missed pickups, bulk pick up, pros and cons of the city operating its own trash services, the cost of the new services, direct billing of residents by Waste Management, economics of the city operating its own trash services, recycling services, yard waste services, valet services, the driving force for the increase of cost of the contract each year, replacement of trash containers, and various other matters related to the collection of trash.

Following the Discussion Mayor Beckmann asked for a roll call vote to approve Council Bill 09-07-007. A roll call vote was taken with the Council voting as follows:

Councilwoman Martin- Aye	Councilman Moss- Aye
Councilman Evans- Aye	Councilwoman Smith- Aye
Councilman Nelson- Abstain	Councilman Hunt- Nay
Councilwoman Ratlif- Nay	Councilwoman Campbell- Aye

The motion carried. Council Bill 09-07-007 was assigned ordinance number 2021-004

Council Bill 09-07-008 (Second Reading)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF NORMANDY, MISSOURI authorizing and directing the Mayor to execute an exclusive license agreement with Waste Management of Missouri, INC. For the collection and disposal of waste, recyclables, and bulk items throughout the city

Mayor Beckmann explained that since the first reading the definition of valet services and yard/green waste were added to the contract. Mayor Beckmann asked for a motion to have a second reading of Council Bill 09-07-008. Councilperson Campbell made the motion with Councilperson Evans seconding.

Councilperson Evans and Campbell had further questions for Josh Johnson with Waste Management regarding specifics of the contract. Councilperson Hunt made a comment that the sanitation services of Normandy had been successful for a long time and that he did not approve of the change to Waste Management. Councilperson Martin had a question about the cost and life expectancy of trash bins.

With a motion and a second for the second reading of Council Bill 09-07-008 still on the floor, Mayor Beckmann asked for a roll call vote. A roll call vote was taken with the Council voting as follows:

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

The motion carried.

Mayor Beckmann gave a second reading of Council Bill 09-07-008. Mayor Beckmann asked for a motion to approve Council Bill 09-07-008, Councilperson Campbell made the motion with Councilperson Evans seconding. A roll call vote was taken with the Council voting as follows:

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

The motion carried. Council Bill 09-07-008 was assigned ordinance number 2021-005.

Council Bill 09-07-005 (Second Reading)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF NORMANDY, MISSOURI amending the City of Normandy Personnel Policy Manual to include a sick leave sharing program

Councilperson Hunt made a point of order about whether or not this was the second reading or if the bill was voted on or not approved at the previous regular City Council meeting. Mayor Beckmann stated that the bill had a first reading at the previous council meeting and had a vote for a second reading at the same meeting. However, the vote was not unanimous so the motion for the second reading did not carry, pushing the second reading to the next meeting.

Mayor Beckmann asked for a motion to have the second reading of Council Bill 09-07-005, Councilperson Campbell made the motion with Councilperson Evans seconding. A roll call vote was taken with the Council voting as follows:

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

The motion carried and Mayor Beckmann gave a second reading of Council Bill 09-07-005.

Mayor Beckmann asked for a motion to approve Council Bill 09-07-005. Councilperson Campbell made the motion and Councilperson Evans seconded. Councilperson Martin asked about the specifics of the ordinance and the anticipated cost of the program. Mayor Beckmann, City Attorney Gray, and Acting City Clerk Johnson clarified the specifics of the policy. Councilperson Hunt stated that there have been previous abuses of similar programs in the past, and that he thinks such a program should only be allowed in the police department. Councilperson Smith commented that she thought the program would be a great benefit for the city and gave recommendations for proper implementation for the program. Police Chief Col. Hall spoke on the issue stating it would be helpful for officers. Councilperson Smith raised a concern about lower paid employees donating to employees at a higher pay. A roll call vote was taken with the Council voting as follows:

Councilwoman Martin- Aye	Councilman Moss- Aye
Councilman Evans- Aye	Councilwoman Smith- Aye
Councilman Nelson- Aye	Councilman Hunt- Aye
Councilwoman Ratlif- Aye	Councilwoman Campbell- Aye

The motion carried. Council Bill 09-07-005 was assigned ordinance number 2021-006.

Council Bill 09-07-004 (Second Reading)

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF NORMANDY, MISSOURI 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 has to make a monthly payment on the mortgage for 7733 Natural Bridge Road and that there are currently not funds budgeted to cover the payments. Mayor Beckmann continuing stating that these funds were originally intended to pay for 7733 Natural Bridge Road and if Bill 09-07-004 was not approved than the city budget would be in the red roughly \$60,000. Mayor Beckmann asked for a motion to have the second reading of Bill 09-07-004. Councilmember Campbell made the motion with Councilmember Evans Seconding. Councilmember Hunt made a point of order as to why this was on the agenda, claiming that it was voted down at the previous meeting 6 to 2. Mayor Beckmann explained that it was not voted down and the 6 to 2 vote was to have the second reading, City Attorney Gray confirmed. A debate and discussion about how the cell tower funds should be used, primarily if they should be used as a lump sum payment to pay down the principle or to make payments overtime, was had by the Council and the Mayor. A roll call vote was taken with the Council voting as follows:

Councilwoman Martin- Aye

Councilman Moss- Aye

Councilman Evans- Aye

Councilwoman Smith- Aye

Councilman Nelson- Nay

Councilman Hunt- Nay

Councilwoman Ratlif- Nay

Councilwoman Campbell- Aye

The motion carried. Mayor Beckmann gave a second reading of Council Bill 09-07-004.

Councilmember Campbell made a motion to approve Council Bill 09-07-004 with Councilmember Evans seconding. A roll call vote was taken with the Council voting as follows:

Councilwoman Martin- Aye

Councilman Moss- Nay

Councilman Evans- Aye

Councilwoman Smith- Aye

Councilman Nelson- Nay

Councilman Hunt- Nay

Councilwoman Ratlif- Nay

Councilwoman Campbell- Aye

With a 4-4 tie, Mayor Beckmann voted Aye to break the tie.

The motion carried. Council Bill 09-07-004 was assigned ordinance number 2021-007.

New Business

Council Bill 09-07-009

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF NORMANDY, MISSOURI to amend the FY2022 budget of the City of Normandy to increase line items related to public safety salaries and payroll expenses and to authorize the use of ARPA funds to cover the cost

Mayor Beckmann gave a brief explanation as to what the ordinance does and how it works. Police Chief Hall gave a presentation about the need for the raises. Chief Hall explained that Normandy Police Department is one of the lowest paid departments in the north county area and that the proposed raise would make the department competitive again. Chief Hall stated that there has not been a department wide raise in six years and that the current starting salary was making recruiting difficult. Mayor

Beckmann asked the Council if they had any questions for Acting City Clerk Johnson on the ordinance. Councilmember Hunt asked if a raise for the Chief of Police could be added into this budget amendment. After discussion it was decided that the issue of a raise for the Chief of Police would be brought up in the January meeting.

Mayor Beckmann gave a first reading of Council Bill 09-07-009

Councilmember Moss made a motion for a second reading and Councilmember Campbell seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with the Council voting as follows:

Councilwoman Martin- Aye	Councilman Moss- Aye
Councilman Evans- Aye	Councilwoman Smith- Aye
Councilman Nelson- Aye	Councilman Hunt- Aye
Councilwoman Ratliff- Aye	Councilwoman Campbell- Aye

The motion carried.

Mayor Beckmann gave a second reading of Council Bill 09-07-009.

Councilmember Campbell made a motion to approve Bill 09-07-009 with Councilmember Nelson and Martin Seconding. A roll call vote was taken with the Council voting as follows:

Councilwoman Martin- Aye	Councilman Moss- Aye
Councilman Evans- Aye	Councilwoman Smith- Aye
Councilman Nelson- Aye	Councilman Hunt- Aye
Councilwoman Ratliff- Aye	Councilwoman Campbell- Aye

The motion carried. Council Bill 09-07-009 was assigned ordinance number 2021-008.

Council Bill 09-07-010

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF NORMANDY, MISSOURI revising section 110.040 of the City's codebook to reflect a new start time of the City Council's Monthly Scheduled Public Meeting.

Mayor Beckmann gave a first reading of Bill 09-07-010. Councilmember made a motion to have a second reading and Councilmember Martin seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with the Council voting as follows:

Councilwoman Martin- Aye	Councilman Moss- Aye
Councilman Evans- Aye	Councilwoman Smith- Aye
Councilman Nelson- Aye	Councilman Hunt- Aye
Councilwoman Ratliff- Aye	Councilwoman Campbell- Aye

The motion carried.

Mayor Beckmann gave a second reading of Council Bill 09-07-010.

Councilmember Campbell made the motion with Councilmember Evans and Martin seconding. Acting A roll call vote was taken with the Council voting as follows:

Councilwoman Martin- Aye

Councilman Moss- Aye

Councilman Evans- Aye

Councilwoman Smith- Aye

Councilman Nelson- Aye

Councilman Hunt- Aye

Councilwoman Ratliff- Aye

Councilwoman Campbell- Aye

The motion carried. Council Bill 09-07-0010 was assigned ordinance number 2021-009.

Council Bill 09-07-011

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.

Mayor Beckmann gave a first reading of Council Bill 09-07-011. Councilmember Hunt asked City Attorney Gray about what the bill did and about a motion that was made at a previous meeting and Attorney Gray clarified. Mayor Beckmann expressed that he thought this bill was a bad idea and could potentially discourage vendors from wanting to do business with the City. There was further discussion and debate about the bill between the Mayor and the Council. Councilmember Ratliff made a motion to have a second reading and Councilmember Smith seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with the Council voting as follows:

Councilwoman Martin- Aye

Councilman Moss- Aye

Councilman Evans- Aye

Councilwoman Smith- Aye

Councilman Nelson- Aye

Councilman Hunt- Aye

Councilwoman Ratliff- Aye

Councilwoman Campbell- Nay

Lacking a unanimous vote the motion failed, moving the second reading to the January meeting.

Resolution 21-02

A resolution to move the regularly scheduled Council Meeting for January from January 4th to January 11th.

Councilmember Evans made a motion to adopt the resolution with Councilmember Campbell seconding. A roll call vote was taken with the Council voting as follows:

Councilwoman Martin- Aye

Councilman Moss- Aye

Councilman Evans- Aye

Councilwoman Smith- Aye

Councilman Nelson- Aye

Councilman Hunt- Aye

Councilwoman Ratliff- Aye

Councilwoman Campbell- Aye

The motion carried.

Other New Business

Councilmember Hunt made a motion to approve the Mayor's Assistant to the position of City Administrator. Mayor Beckmann stated he hasn't appointed anyone to the position of City Administrator and so the Council had no one to approve to the position. Councilmember Hunt inquired as to how long it would take to make an appointment and Mayor Beckmann stated that he is not sure how long but that he would have to talk to several people before he would be comfortable making an appointment.

Adjournment

Councilmember Evans made a motion to adjourn the meeting with members of the council seconding. The Council voted Aye, with none voting nay, via voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45pm.

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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