



## **CITY OF NORMANDY**

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### **Minutes of the Normandy City Council Meeting Tuesday, July 13, 2021 6:30 p.m.**

**BE IT REMEMBERED** that the city Council of the City of Normandy held a board meeting on Tuesday, July 13, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. at Normandy City Hall, 7700 Natural Bridge Road, Normandy, MO 63121.

Upon rolls call being taken, the following members were in attendance:

Mayor Mark Beckmann	Present
Councilperson Walter Moss	Present
Councilperson Lelia Martin	Present
Councilperson Tony Evans	Present
Councilperson Maurice Hunt	Present
Councilperson Yolanda Campbell	Present
Councilperson Erma Ratliff	Present
Councilperson Lawanda Smith	Present
Councilperson Rick Nelson	Present

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion to approve the July 13, 2021, by Councilperson Campbell, seconded by Councilperson Evans. Upon a voice vote the motion carried.

COMMENTS OF THE CITIZENS:

Mike Sappington 7725 Circle Drive - expressed concern with the upkeep of the medians, trees and trash accumulated along Natural Bridge Corridor. Sappington admonished the hiring of the police Chief Mark Hall considering his background and requested his removal.

Debbie Rosso 7216 Normandy Place - stressed that the council should make decision which represent the community and encouraged the remainder of the council to support Mayor Beckmann.

Chuck Rosso 7216 Normandy Place - expressed concern regarding the hiring of the police Chief Mark Hall, requesting the removal of Chief Mark Hall.

Karen Cleveland 7813 Dartmoor Drive - made complaint about Public Works, Regina Fitzgerald, director creating conflict within the neighborhoods between neighbors. Cleveland also complained about overgrown city trees which line Dartmoor and proper recycling.

Norm Muelleman 3605 Oakmount Ave. - expressed his displeasure with the city council for hiring Chief Mark Hall without the required background checks, requests his removal.

Steve Sachsenheimer 7827 Blandford Drive - discussed his displeasure with the hiring of Chief Mark Hall without a background check and requested his removal.

Ted Peterson - 3826 Waco Drive - addressed being involved, spoke about professionalism and allegations made over ten years ago, with reference to Chief Mark Hall.

Mrs. Henson 3505 Arcola - spoke about the dangers and disturbance caused by the bar located behind her property. She addressed the clean-up and maintenance of public spaces including Tear Drop Park.

Mr. Houston 7707 Natural Bridge Road - spoke about both housing and health and safety issues at the apartment complex and possible condemnation.

Aaron Turner 5511 Horizon Drive - made complaints about declining neighborhoods, trash, slumlords, and the city getting out of hand.

Barbara Scales 5510 Winchelsea Drive - spoke about people leaving trash cans out for weeks, windblown trash and mold on homes in her area. She expressed concern about drug activity at Winchelsea and Holborn.

#### REPORTS OF THE OFFICERS:

#### MAYOR BECKMANN:

- Boarding up of homes and potential future demolition of burned-out problem properties.
- Addressing storm damage and clean-up efforts.
- Cutting grass and maintenance of city owned properties.
- Condition of Natural Bridge planters, financial strain of maintenance, plans to adopt medians for citizens to help maintain the medians.

- Code compliance and possibly moving code enforcement back into a police function.
- Tree infestation and working with Beyond Housing arborer Doug Seely.

COUNCILPERSON TONY EVANS:

- Dilapidated home on Olene which needs consideration for demolition.
- Redbird Rookies progress.

COUNCILPERSON YOLANDA CAMPBELL:

Concern with the safety issues and disturbances with the Courtyard Bar.  
Code enforcement issues including derelict vehicles, trash, grass, and establishing accountability.  
Using tax dollars as intended.

COUNCILPERSON EVANS:

Trash Cans being left out beyond collection dates

MAYOR BECKMANN:

CODE Violations in trash cans left out for extended periods

COUNCILPERSON MOSS:

Determining the process to spray for mosquitos.

MAYOR BECKMANN:

The cost of spraying for mosquitos may not have been budgeted.

COUNCILPERSON ERMA RATLIFF:

How problems began in Normandy with the former Mayor Green  
Moving Normandy forward collectively  
Disrepair of her ward and engaging outside corporate entities to help fix Normandy

CITY TREASURERS REPORT

Discussed comparison of financial reports from the months of April and May. Motion to approve financial reports for April and May made by Councilman Moss, seconded by Councilperson Campbell. Motion passes by voice vote.

POLICE REPORT:

Discussed moving code enforcement under the law enforcement duties

Vehicle break-ins

Bel-Ridge Contract

Shooting incident at Church's Chicken

Issues at Natural Bridge Bar and the effect on the neighboring community

CITY ATTORNEY: No Report.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mayor Beckmann discussed the CARES ACT money and the progress made in re-establishing the city's SAM.gov account status.

Mayor Beckmann requests the council set up automatic payments for the city owned property at 7733 Natural Bridge, after 8 previous payments were late and the city was assessed late fees prior to his election.

Councilperson Moss addressed making the payments from the restricted funds and suggests a separate meeting to address it.

Councilman Hunt addressed making the payments from the restricted funds was initially agreed upon and suggest a separate meeting to determine why this has not happened before approving the motion.

Councilperson Campbell addressed the bond rating and interest rates which are in jeopardy because of late payments.

Councilperson Smith addressed the sale of 1018 Bermuda and other city owned properties.

Councilperson Yolanda Campbell made a motion for the restricted funds from the sale of the cell phone towers be allocated for automatic payments for the above property as originally intended.

Mayor Beckmann requests a second and there is none, Mayor Beckmann states that the motion dies.

Councilperson Moss addressed the importance payments being made on time and speaks about the sale of other city owned properties and removing liens from those properties.

Mayor Beckmann discussed an issue with a parking permit application TBA at the next meeting.

Mayor Beckmann discussed the RFPQ for soliciting and selection of an architect to submit plans for 7733 Natural Bridge Road building.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

Mayor Beckmann addresses the of the election of a President Pro-Tem of the Council and requests nominations.

Councilperson Moss nominates Councilperson Hunt, Councilperson Campbell nominates Councilperson Evans, and Councilperson Evans nominates Councilperson Ratliff.

Mayor Beckmann calls for roll call vote.

Councilperson Ratliff declines the nomination  
Councilperson Evans declines the nomination

Lacking any other nominations, Councilperson Hunt becomes the President Pro-Tem.

Mayor Beckmann addresses new business licenses and requests a motion to pass the application for the car wash owned by Sharon Sneed at 6114 Bermuda Road, Normandy, MO 63121.

A motion is made by Councilperson Moss, seconded by Councilperson Smith. By a voice vote of the motion passes.

Mayor Beckmann addresses raising the cost of police reports from \$6 to \$15. An ordinance will be drafted and presented at a future meeting.

Mayor Beckmann discusses but trash pickup schedule, adding additional dates and hiring of public works employees.

Mayor Beckmann discusses Bellerive Acres trustees' meetings at Normandy City Hall and issues concerning providing clerk services as opposed to only policing services.

Councilperson Nelson discusses the Chess Cops Camp to be held at 7733 Natural Bridge.

Councilperson Campbell discusses elected officials duties and compensation. A proposal is made for city council members to draft and ordinance which requires councilperson attendance at monthly meetings to be eligible for monthly wages.

Mayor Beckmann discusses consideration of a City Administrator in accordance with city ordinance. Mayor states three eligible applicants applied, and the final candidate presented for consideration is Collin Kincaid.

Reyna Spencer from Beyond Housing speaks on the importance of professional city government and encourages the city council to hire a professionally qualified city administrator.

Mayor Beckmann, after explaining Kincaid's professional credentials and experience, requests a motion to approve the appointment of Colin Kincade as City Administrator.

Motion made by Councilperson Campbell, seconded by Councilperson Evans.

A roll call vote was made as follows:

Councilperson Moss	NO
Councilperson Martin	NO
Councilperson Evans	YES
Councilperson Hunt	NO
Councilperson Campbell	YES
Councilperson Ratliff	YES
Councilperson Smith	NO
Councilperson Nelson	NO

The motion fails.

A motion by Councilperson Nelson is made to go into closed session, seconded by Councilperson Hunt. There is one dissenting vote from Councilperson Campbell and the motion passes.

Attorney Andrew Bramman advises that procedurally the agenda must be amended before going into closed session prior to going into closes session, and that a reason for closed session must be stated.

A motion is made to amend the agenda by Councilperson Hunt, seconded by Councilperson Nelson.

Mayor Beckmann opens discussion on the motion which would effectively eliminate citizen comments.

Councilman Hunt suggests the citizens comments wait until after the closed session meeting.

Mayor Beckmann requests a roll call vote on the motion to amend the agenda.

A roll call vote was made as follows:

Councilperson Moss	NO
Councilperson Martin	NO
Councilperson Evans	NO
Councilperson Hunt	NO
Councilperson Campbell	NO
Councilperson Ratliff	NO
Councilperson Smith	NO
Councilperson Nelson	NO

The motion to amend the agenda fails by roll call vote.

#### COMMENTS OF THE CITIZENS:

Mike Sappington 7725 Circle Drive - expressed anger of the council not hiring a professional city administrator, retention of Chief Mark Hall and the hiring process.

Becky Harrington 7714 Augusta - expressed concern regarding dozens of unanswered sunshine law requests, the council following ordinances and the hiring/retention of Chief Mark Hall

Terry Gannon 7620 Augusta - discussed attendance of city council members at meetings and frustration of the refusal to hire a city administrator.

Debbie Rosso 7216 Normandy Place - shared disappointment of city council refusing to hire a city administrator and the citizens are not going away until the council is replaced.

Sheana Peterson 3826 Waco Drive - concerned that council is not present and truant on the job, further asks city council to be removed.

Motion made by Councilman Hunt to go into closed session to discuss a personnel matter, seconded by Councilman Nelson.

Councilperson Moss	Yes
Councilperson Martin	Yes
Councilperson Evans	Yes
Councilperson Smith	Yes
Councilperson Nelson	Yes
Councilperson Hunt	Yes
Councilperson Ratliff	Yes
Councilperson Campbell	No

Motion carries by roll call vote.

The Council entered into closed session and the meeting was immediately following the end of the closed session.

Minutes approved by the City Council on this 18 day of January, 2022.

  
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Honorable Mark Beckmann, Mayor

  
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Acting City Clerk, Samuel Johnson

**SEAL:**