

## **CITY OF NORMANDY**

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### **Minutes of the Normandy City Council Meeting Tuesday, August 10, 2021 6:30 p.m.**

**BE IT REMEMBERED** that the city Council of the City of Normandy held a board meeting on Tuesday, August 10, 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:**

Request by Mayor Beckmann for a motion to approve the consent agenda for August 10, 2021.

Motion made by Councilperson Hunt to not approve the agenda stating all the minutes were previously approved. Councilperson Hunt states he wants all the old minutes stricken from the record.

Anthony Gray advised the meeting from July 26, 2021, needed to be closed by a roll call vote first. Motion is made by Councilperson Campbell make the motion:

A roll call vote was made as follows:

Councilperson Moss	YES
Councilperson Martin	YES
Councilperson Evans	YES
Councilperson Hunt	YES
Councilperson Campbell	YES
Councilperson Ratliff	YES
Councilperson Smith	YES
Councilperson Nelson	YES

The motion to formerly close the meeting from July 26, 2021 carries by unanimous roll call vote.

Mayor Beckmann advised minutes were provided to the entire council and asks if there are proposed amendments to those minutes. Mayor Beckmann, hearing none, requests a motion to approve the minutes from the regular session meetings.

Attorney Gray advised the agenda needed to be approved before the motion to approve the minutes.

A motion is made to approve the agenda and seconded by Councilperson Campbell.

Councilperson Hunt again makes a motion to have the previous minutes stricken from the record, stating they were previously approved. Councilperson Ratliff seconds this motion.

Attorney Gray advised that Councilperson Hunt is making a motion to amend the agenda by removing the section calling for approval of the minutes, section 3B. By a voice vote the motion is carried.

Councilperson Hunt makes a motion to remove citizen comments, item 3. The motion is seconded by Councilperson Nelson. By a voice vote the motion was carried.

A request is made for a motion to approve the agenda as amended, Councilperson Hunt makes a motion to approve the August 10, 2021, agenda and the motion is seconded by Councilperson Martin. By a voice vote the motion was carried.

## **REPORTS OF THE OFFICERS**

### **MAYOR BECKMANN:**

- Beyond Housing - Beyond the backpack event, free school supplies and haircuts.
- American rescue plan funds which he and Councilperson Campbell secured for the city.

**COUNCILPERSON MAURICE HUNT:**

- Accused Mayor Beckmann of making a disparaging comment about the members of the city council and demands an apology.

**• COUNCILPERSON RICK NELSON:**

- Addresses the rumor of the Mayor Beckmann making a disparaging comment.
- Updates regarding the chess club.

**COUNCILPERSON WALTER MOSS:**

- Addresses the rumor of the Mayor Beckmann making a disparaging comment.

**COUNCILPERSON ERMA RATLIFF:**

- Addresses meeting decorum and requests professionalism.

**COUNCILPERSON TONY EVANS:**

- Addresses Redbird Rookies events and season.

**COUNCILPERSON YOLANDA CAMPBELL:**

- Spraying for mosquitoes
- Proposes solutions regarding the illegal dumping at Value Village property.
- Leaf pickup and garbage by Saint Mary's, including regular maintenance.
- Rental properties in need of maintenance between renters.
- Walking group in Pinelawn
- Free vaccinations for children at John C. Murphy

**COUNCILPERSON LAWANDA SMITH:**

- Requests updates on Sinclair gas station.
- Requests updates regarding previous relator for the projects.

There was then general discussion about missing contracts, minutes, appraisals, property documents, building sales and other missing documents.

## **CITY TREASURERS REPORT**

Discussed that the financial report for June was received late and there are disparities which will need to be addressed with the finance director by the next meeting.

## **POLICE REPORT**

- Courtyard bar issues
- Business Burglaries
- Reduction in calls at 6020 Bermuda
- Hiring of officers
- Obtaining information regarding barrier purchasing
- Viking Athletic league update

## **PUBLIC WORKS REPORT**

- Attempting to hire more employees
- Applying for trim grant through Beyond Housing
- City waiting for bids for trash cans
- City waiting one contractor bid for grass abatement services

## **ATTORNEY REPORT**

- Addresses the TRO which was granted in part by the Saint Louis County judge concerning the legality of the termination of Sgt. Sanders and the appointment of Attorney Gray as the City Attorney.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- Received RFP for architects which requires new deadlines TBA.
- The termination of Sgt. Stuber and appeal process is determined to be a closed session item.
- The potential sale of vacant lots and properties owned by the city, requests for appraisals.
- Consideration regarding the city collecting funds for parking at public works.
- MOPERM insurance premium increases due to procedures and work practices.
- Handicap placard request will require additional documentation.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- Request for consideration of approval of change of owner application for Diamond Kutz

A roll call vote was made as follows:

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

The motion to approve the new owners license is carried by the roll call vote 6-2.

- There is discussion regarding the impending retirement of current council, Judge Kevin Kelly and the proposed appointment of Chris Dulley as Judge for the City of Normandy.

There is a motion made by Councilperson Nelson to appoint Chris Dulley as interim judge for a period of 120 days and this motion is seconded by Councilperson Tony Evans. Upon a verbal vote the motion is passed.

- Councilperson Hunt discusses the impeachment of Mayor Beckmann based upon allegations of bouncing checks, unpaid taxes, and signing paperwork improperly during the election thereby committing perjury.

Attorney Gray states the council will need to move forward with a vote deciding to draft the articles of impeachment to move forward with the process. Mayor Beckmann refutes all allegations.

Councilperson Hunt makes the motion to move forward with drafting the articles of impeachment against Mayor Beckmann; which is seconded by Councilperson Nelson.

A roll call vote was made as follows:

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

The motion to move forward with drafting the articles of impeachment against Mayor Beckmann is carried by the roll call vote 6-2.

## COMMENTS OF CITIZENS

Larry Harris 7405 Wallingford - As a resident of 30+ years is appalled by the behavior in the meeting and wants the city to come together.

Steve Englemeyer - Wants to become more involved and states he was at the town hall meeting and that Mayor Beckmann never called the council any disparaging names, because he was sitting next to the citizen that did make the comment.

Steve Sachsenheimer 7827 Blandford Drive - also attended the town hall meeting and also contends he heard the disparaging comment made by a citizen and not by Mayor Beckmann. The council always met during local elections unless they were held in the building and there should be no excuses regarding attendance.

Becky Harrington 7714 Augusta - Imploring the council to hire a city administrator with experience; although they voted to hire the Chief of police and Director of Public works without any experience. The firing of Sgt. Sanders after she was publicly attacked by Councilperson Hunt, crime is rising, officers patrolling, rezoning residential properties, and overthrowing the Mayor.

Chuck Rosso 7216 Normandy Place - frustrated by the councils attempts to obtain power to usurp Mayor Beckmann and asks for them to reconsider their tactics.

Debbie Rosso 7216 Normandy Place - ward 2 meeting concerns, bickering and self serving acts instead of serving the people. The residents will continues to build engagement and the city need to come together for the people,

Margaret Brown - resident of over 40 years, wants the council to work together for the people, and that people need to stop trying to win an election thats been decided.

Seth Hurd 7272 Country Club Hills - Is a national journalist who intends to utilize his platform to gain national attention regarding the disfunction of the city council.

A motion is made to adjourn and go into closed session by Councilperson Evan and is seconded by Councilperson Campbell.

A roll call vote was made as follows:

Councilperson Moss	YES
Councilperson Martin	YES
Councilperson Evans	YES
Councilperson Hunt	YES
Councilperson Campbell	YES
Councilperson Ratliff	YES
Councilperson Smith	YES
Councilperson Nelson	YES


The motion to adjourn to closed session is carried.

Open meeting is reconvened.

Meeting adjourned at 9:46 P.M.

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:**