

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Mayor Pro Tem Petty

OPEN MEETING

Roll Call taken by Mayor Pro Tem Petty

Ben Lord PRESENT, Tim Cooke PRESENT, Kelly Petty PRESENT, Mark Stewart PRESENT, Franklin Hodges PRESENT, Ben McMains PRESENT

Call to order at: 6:31 p.m.

APPROVE AGENDA.

Motion by Lord to approve agenda. Seconded by Hodges

Cooke – Hold on. I'd like to make an amendment to the agenda...

Hodges – I'll pull it back.

Cooke – Calling for an emergency closed session referencing 610.021 (3) hiring, firing, disciplining or promoting particular employees and (13) individually identifiable personnel records, performance ratings or records.

Petty – Where did you want that in the agenda?

Cooke – After old business, prior to new.

Petty – We do have a motion on the floor for approving the agenda. Franklin pulled back his second so that motion dies for lack of second. We also have a motion on the floor for adding a closed session.

Motion by Cooke to amend the agenda to include a closed session pursuant to 610.021 RSMo (3) and (13). Seconded by Stewart

Lord NO, Cooke AYE, Petty AYE, Stewart AYE, Hodges AYE, McMains AYE

Motion by Stewart to approve amended agenda. Seconded by Cooke

Lord NO, Cooke AYE, Petty AYE, Stewart AYE, Hodges AYE, McMains AYE

PUBLIC FORUM – May speak on any item on the agenda.

Old Business

DISCUSS AND/OR APPROVE AUDIO VISUAL EQUIPMENT BIDS

Discussion

Stewart – What did we decide on this? Are we going to push it out to include the new information we have about visual stuff

Petty – Yes.

Stewart – and livestreaming?

Petty – Yes. So we received bids from two different companies for only audio equipment for speakers and microphones and there was one for project and TV on a rollie cart. What we need though is the capability to livestream our meetings so none of the quotes has cameras in them. We would need to make a motion to ask Sara to put out for audio/visual bid. I think we might need to be more detailed in what we ask for with the audio as well as the display and the livestreaming camera functionality.

Stewart – Yeah, we want some type of display where the audience can see it and we can also see it sitting up here and be able to livestream it so that people that can't make the meetings can be there.

McMains – I think instead of a pulldown screen, we should do TV's, 2 TV's.

Stewart – Yeah, something like that. One individual that we talked to even talked about having individual ones for us and one for the audience. Just a few different options.

McMains – That might be overkill, but I'm pretty sure you guys can see this one and we can see that one over there.

Hodges – We just need a widescreen over there.

McMains – Did anybody talk to Mark about the email he sent about his friend?

Stewart – That's actually the guy that...

McMains – Okay.

Stewart - ... mentioned.

McMains – I was pretty sure somebody would have got to him.

Petty – So putting this out to bid, letting these two companies know that we have changed the bid with something different and then of course if there are new vendors who would like to participate, but still giving everybody an equal opportunity to make a bid for our business.

Stewart – And that will need to be closed bids.

Petty – Correct. Closed. Sealed.

Stewart – Sealed, sorry.

Motion by Stewart to put out a new bid request for sealed bids to include all of the above that we just mentioned. Seconded by Cooke

Public Comment Open

Public Comment Closed

Lord AYE, Cooke AYE, Petty AYE, Stewart AYE, Hodges AYE, McMains AYE

DISCUSS AND/OR APPROVE VACATION POLICY

Discussion

Stewart – This is just to expand it to all employees beyond the police. I mean, I’m obviously game for it. I think everybody is.

Motion by Stewart to approve vacation policy for all city employees. Seconded by McMains

Public Comment Open

Public Comment Closed

Lord AYE, Cooke AYE, Petty AYE, Stewart AYE, Hodges AYE, McMains AYE

Closed Session

Motion by Cooke to go into closed session pursuant to RSMo 610.021 3 and 13 at 6:42 p.m.

Seconded by Stewart

Lord NO, Cooke AYE, Petty AYE, Stewart AYE, Hodges AYE, McMains AYE

Motion by McMains to return to open session at 7:02 p.m. Seconded by Petty

Lord AYE, Cooke AYE, Petty AYE, Stewart AYE, Hodges AYE, McMains AYE

New Business

BILL NO. 25-10 AN ORDINANCE APPOINTING SARA DAVIS AS CITY CLERK FOR THE CITY OF FAIR GROVE, MISSOURI FOR THE TERM JULY 1, 2025 TO JUNE 30, 2026. Posted 6/3/2025

Discussion

Motion by Stewart to have the first reading of Bill No. 25-10 by title only. Second Lord

Public Comment Open

Public Comment Closed

Lord AYE, Cooke AYE, Petty AYE, Stewart AYE,

Hodges – We’re voting on that Bill right now?

Petty – Yes.

Hodges NO, McMains NO

MAYOR PRO TEM READ 25-10 BY TITLE ONLY

Motion by Stewart to approve the first reading and have the second reading of Bill No. 25-10 by title only. Second Lord
Lord AYE, Cooke AYE, Petty AYE, Stewart AYE, Hodges NO, McMains NO

MAYOR PRO TEM READ 25-10 BY TITLE ONLY

Motion by Stewart to approve the second reading of Bill No. 25-10 by title only and assign it Ordinance No. 277. Second Lord
Lord AYE, Cooke AYE, Petty AYE, Stewart AYE,

Hodges – Got lost there.

Hodges NO, McMains NO

BILL NO. 25-11 AN ORDINANCE APPOINTING LARRY BROWN AS CITY TREASURER FOR THE CITY OF FAIR GROVE, MISSOURI FOR TERM JULY 1, 2025 TO JUNE 30, 2026. Posted 6/3/2025

Discussion

Public Comment Open

Public Comment Closed

Motion by Stewart to have the first reading of Bill No. 25-11 by title only. Second Cooke
Lord AYE, Cooke AYE, Petty AYE, Stewart AYE, Hodges YES, McMains YES

MAYOR PRO TEM READ BILL NO. 25-11 BY TITLE ONLY

Motion by Stewart to approve the first reading and have the second reading of Bill No. 25-11 by title only. Second Cooke
Lord AYE, Cooke AYE, Petty AYE, Stewart AYE, Hodges AYE, McMains AYE

MAYOR PRO TEM READ BILL NO. 25-11 BY TITLE ONLY

Motion by Stewart to approve the second reading of Bill No. 25-11 by title only and assign it Ordinance No. 278. Second Lord
Lord AYE, Cooke AYE, Petty AYE, Stewart AYE, Hodges AYE, McMains AYE

BILL NO. 25-12 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 96-05-02 CITY ZONING MAP TO REFLECT THE ZONING OF, OWNER EVAN FULLERTON, 10 WEST CHERRY STREET, FAIR GROVE, MO FROM R-1 SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL TO R-2 TWO FAMILY RESIDENTIAL. Posted 6/9/2025

Discussion

Public Comment Open

Public Comment Closed

Motion by Stewart to have the first reading of Bill No. 25-12 by title only. Second Lord
Lord AYE, Cooke AYE, Petty AYE, Stewart AYE, Hodges AYE, McMains AYE

MAYOR PRO TEM READ BILL NO. 25-12 BY TITLE ONLY

Motion by Stewart to approve the first reading and have the second reading of Bill No. 25-12 by
title only. Second Lord
Lord AYE, Cooke AYE, Petty AYE, Stewart AYE, Hodges AYE, McMains AYE

MAYOR PRO TEM READ BILL NO. 25-12 BY TITLE ONLY

Motion by Stewart to approve the second reading of Bill No. 25-12 by title only and assign it
Ordinance No. 279. Second Hodges
Lord AYE, Cooke AYE, Petty AYE, Stewart AYE, Hodges AYE, McMains AYE

**BILL NO. 25-14 AN ORDINANCE APPOINTING THE FAIR GROVE CITY
ATTORNEY KUTAK ROCK FOR THE TERM JULY 1, 2025 TO JUNE 30, 2026. Posted
6/16/2025**

Discussion

Stewart – I do want to comment that we reached out to them today and they were very fast to
respond.

Petty – So fast.

Stewart – It was great. Really good.

Petty – The City did go into a contract with an attorney that was effective last Friday...

Davis – I believe it was Monday. Sorry, Saturday.

Petty – Saturday. They were incredibly professional. I think they are going to represent the city
really well. I'm excited to work with them.

Stewart – Technically their contract comes up so we've got to renew it now, even though we just
hired them so that's what we're doing.

Public Comment Open

Public Comment Closed

Motion by Stewart to have the first reading of Bill No. 25-14 by title only. Second Cooke
Lord AYE, Cooke AYE, Petty AYE, Stewart AYE, Hodges AYE, McMains AYE

MAYOR PRO TEM READ BILL NO. 25-14 BY TITLE ONLY

Motion by Cooke to approve the first reading and have the second reading of Bill No. 25-14 by title only. Second Stewart

Lord AYE, Cooke AYE, Petty AYE, Stewart AYE, Hodges AYE, McMains AYE
MAYOR PRO TEM READ BILL NO. 25-14 BY TITLE ONLY

Motion by Cooke to approve the second reading of Bill No. 25-14 by title only and assign it Ordinance No. 280. Second Stewart

Lord AYE, Cooke AYE, Petty AYE, Stewart AYE, Hodges AYE, McMains AYE

BILL NO. 25-15 AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AN ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF FAIR GROVE, MISSOURI FOR FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING ON JULY 1, 2025 AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS PURSUANT THERETO. Posted 6/16/2025

Discussion

Davis – I'd like to comment on this if possible.

Petty – Sure.

Davis – So Larry asked me, Larry is our Treasurer and he asked me to transfer some money out of the streets restricted fund for 2023, 2024 and 2025, which I don't believe we can legally do because that has been closed out. It's been audited and been approved, that budget has been approved. So, before I did that, I would like the Board's approval or tell me not to, whatever you guys want to do. Also today he asked me to transfer money from capital improvements, close to \$23,000 but the General Fund still owes \$60,000 to the Capital Improvements fund.

Petty – So, for the prior year, streets I think those budgets have passed, I don't want to, I don't think it would be good practice, especially because we've already been audited for those years, to change how it moves.

Davis – Right.

Petty – Moving forward, it has been standard practice, it's all cash in one fund, the City, because of how the money comes into the account through taxes, it builds up and depletes, builds up then depletes. Because of that, the capital improvements fund is used as kind of a loan within the City's own finance account so when the city's operating fund gets low, we use the capital improvements fund as our operating budget and as our funds come in through the taxes, then we are able to move the money back into the capital improvements fund to the operating budget. So that has been something that this Board has approved for many, many years and Sara is letting us know that we do still have an outstanding debt within our own cash accounts to make sure that we balance that appropriately. I think as long as we, and what this Board has done, when we accept budgets, we make the statement that we do intend over the next year to be even as far as where we are with the operating budget and what's due to the capital improvements budget and those will be balanced or we will make every effort to make sure that those are balanced by the end of this fiscal year.

Davis – The current one we're in or the one coming up?

Petty – The one coming up. FY 26.

Stewart – Yep, I agree.

Hodges – I have a question. The bond money. Does it go into the general fund or where does it go?

Petty – The bond money is basically a loan that will get deposited into the city account that we will then use for the projects that the city approved that we use them on specific to the wastewater treatment plant and stormwater drainage.

Hodges – I was told that we can't use it for anything else except what it was voted for.

Petty – Correct.

Hodges – Okay. So we won't ever take money out of there to do something we shouldn't.

Petty – Never.

Hodges – Okay. I just want to make sure.

Petty – That is a completely separate thing that is not even in consideration with this.

Public Comment Open

Public Comment Closed

Motion by Stewart to have the first reading of Bill No. 25-15 by title only. Second Cooke
Lord AYE, Cooke AYE, Petty AYE, Stewart AYE, Hodges AYE, McMains AYE

MAYOR PRO TEM READ BILL NO. 25-15 BY TITLE ONLY

Motion by Cooke to approve the first reading and have the second reading of Bill No. 25-15 by title only. Second Stewart
Lord AYE, Cooke AYE, Petty AYE, Stewart AYE, Hodges AYE, McMains AYE

MAYOR PRO TEM READ BILL NO. 25-15 BY TITLE ONLY

Motion by Stewart to approve the second reading of Bill No. 25-15 by title only and assign it Ordinance No. 281. Second Cooke
Lord AYE, Cooke AYE, Petty AYE, Stewart AYE, Hodges AYE, McMains AYE

BILL NO. 25-16 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 400 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF FAIR GROVE, MISSOURI, FOR THE PURPOSE OF CLARIFYING THE MEMBERSHIP AND APPOINTMENT PROCESS TO THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION. Posted 6/16/2025

Discussion

Petty – This in reference to recommendations made by the Chair of the Planning and Zoning Commission to help clarify some of the recent appointment issues that arose to simplify that appointment process and to ensure that we don't have expired members on that Board.

Public Comment Open

Public Comment Closed

Motion by Stewart to have the first reading of Bill No. 25-16 by title only. Second Cooke
Lord AYE, Cooke AYE, Petty AYE, Stewart AYE, Hodges AYE, McMains AYE

Hodges – Mark, I'm glad you're doing this tonight. I'm real proud of ya. I think everybody else on the Board is too.

MAYOR PRO TEM READ BILL NO. 25-16 BY TITLE ONLY

Motion by Stewart to approve the first reading and have the second reading of Bill No. 25-16 by title only. Second Cooke
Lord AYE, Cooke AYE, Petty AYE, Stewart AYE, Hodges AYE, McMains AYE

MAYOR PRO TEM READ BILL NO. 25-16 BY TITLE ONLY

Motion by Stewart to approve the second reading of Bill No. 25-16 by title only and assign it Ordinance No. 282. Second Cooke
Lord AYE, Cooke AYE, Petty AYE, Stewart AYE, Hodges AYE, McMains AYE

BILL NO. 25-17 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 405 ARTICLE III OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF FAIR GROVE, MISSOURI FOR THE PURPOSE OF UPDATING THE BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Discussion

Stewart – Who wrote this update?

Davis – The attorney.

Stewart – Kutak Rock? The new one?

Davis – Yes. What's happening?

Petty – Mark is in thought.

Davis – Oh, okay.

Stewart – I am in thought. Do we want to vote on this tonight or does anyone need more time to let this one stew or are we good?

McMains – I think we're good.

Lord – What's changed with this?

Petty – We updated the Ordinance to align more with the RSMo. There were some sections of it that were a little, I want to say loosey goosey but I'm trying to be a professional Mayor, that were a little...

Davis – More laxed?

Petty - ...more laxed, thank you, Sara. That were a little more laxed comparatively and there were some other sections that were more strict so we asked the attorney to amend that and get it more in line. One of those was leaving this section open to interpretation that the Board of Adjustment had overall authority over any decision made by a city official so we narrowed that focus to be just for Planning and Zoning related, anything in the Planning and Zoning Chapter of Ordinances. The second thing was the standard for granting of variances, what ours had was different than what was in the RSMo so we have modified that to exactly what is in the RSMo.

Cooke – So this does now fall in line with what's in the RSMo?

Petty – Yes. Any other discussion from the Board? Mark?

Public Comment Open

Public Comment Closed

Motion by Stewart to have first reading of Bill 25-17 by title only. Seconded by Hodges
Lord AYE, Cooke AYE, Petty AYE, Stewart AYE, Hodges YES, McMains AYE

MAYOR PRO TEM READ BILL NO. 25-17 BY TITLE ONLY

Motion by Stewart to approve the first reading and have the second reading of Bill No. 25-17 by title only. Seconded by Lord
Lord AYE, Cooke AYE, Petty AYE, Stewart AYE, Hodges AYE, McMains AYE

MAYOR PRO TEM READ BILL NO. 25-17 BY TITLE ONLY

Motion by Cooke to approve the second reading of Bill No. 25-17 by title only and assign it Ordinance No. 283 Seconded by Stewart
Lord AYE, Cooke AYE, Petty AYE, Stewart AYE, Hodges AYE, McMains AYE

**DISCUSS AND/OR APPROVE AMENDMENT OF 2024-2025 BUDGET APPROVED ON
JUNE 11, 2024 TO ACTUAL ENDING ON JUNE 30, 2025**

Discussion

Hodges – Is that what Sara gave us?

Davis – No. That's the financial statement. What this does it just amends it to where, like our attorney fees, you are agreeing to amend it to what the actual expense was versus what we budgeted.

Public Comment Open

Public Comment Closed

Motion by Stewart to approve amendment of 2024-2025 budget approved on June 11, 2024 to actual ending on June 30, 2025. Second Lord
Lord AYE, Cooke AYE, Petty AYE, Stewart AYE, Hodges AYE, McMains AYE

APPOINT EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR

Discussion

Public Comment Open

Lord – You do a good job, Greg. Thank you.

Stewart – You guys do great.

Public Comment Closed

Motion by Lord to appoint Greg Porter as Emergency Management Director effective July 1, 2025 thru June 30, 2026. Second Cooke
Lord AYE, Cooke AYE, Petty AYE, Stewart AYE, Hodges AYE, McMains AYE

APPOINT ASSISTANT EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR

Discussion

Public Comment Open

Lord – You do a good job, Tom. I appreciate you.

Public Comment Closed

Motion by Cooke to appoint Tom Faulkner as Assistant Emergency Management Director effective July 1, 2025 thru June 30, 2026. Second Lord
Lord AYE, Cooke AYE, Petty AYE, Stewart AYE, Hodges AYE, McMains AYE

APPOINT MARK RIGGIN AS CHIEF OF POLICE

Discussion

Public Comment Open

Petty – You do a good job, Mark. We appreciate you. I think you've been a real blessing to the community. I'm real glad you're here. I'm happy to second this nomination for appointment.

Public Comment Closed

Motion by Cooke to appoint Mark Riggin as Chief of Police for term July 1, 2025 thru June 30, 2026. Second Petty
Lord AYE, Cooke AYE, Petty AYE, Stewart AYE, Hodges AYE, McMains AYE

DISCUSS AND/OR APPROVE TITLE SEARCH ON PINE BLUFF STREET

Discussion

Davis – Oh, me?

Cooke – Yes, this is you.

Davis – So Seregi, he's here, he purchased the old concrete plant and the property right across Pine Bluff and he would like to purchase the street since it's a dead end and I think the first step would be to do a title search to see what the city owns exactly so that we can discuss that.

McMains – It's right at the city limits, isn't it?

Davis – It is.

Hodges – Which one is it? I've never met you, I'm Franklin Hodges, good to meet you.

Seregi – Yes, sir.

Hodges – You bought the cement company too?

Seregi – Yes, sir.

Hodges – I knew you bought the old Terry place and stuff.

Petty – So he owns this whole triangle?

Davis – Correct.

Petty – And he wants this road?

Davis – Correct.

Petty – That goes to nowhere?

Davis – Correct.

Petty – That is in the middle of his property?

Davis – Correct.

Stewart – Does he own both?

Davis – Yes.

Cooke – Oh, he does own both?

Petty – He owns the whole triangle.

Davis – He owns this and this. That's why I gave you two property assessments because he's purchased both of these.

Stewart – Gotcha. Yeah, let's see what we need to do.

Public Comment Open

Stewart – And that's the starting point to see what we need to do to then...

Petty – Sell it.

Stewart – Okay.

Hodges – Years ago that ground was indexed into Fair Grove

Public Comment Closed

Motion by Stewart to approve title search and have City Clerk reach out to the appropriate Title Company. Seconded by Lord

Lord AYE, Cooke AYE, Petty AYE, Stewart AYE, Hodges AYE, McMains AYE

**RESOLUTION 25-04 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF FAIR GROVE, MISSOURI
DECLARING THE ANNUAL MAIN STREET CHRISTMAS WILL BE HELD ON
DECEMBER 6, 2025, AND MAIN STREET FROM EAST WALNUT TO OLD MILL
ROAD SHALL BE CLOSED FOR SAID CELEBRATION**

Discussion

Cooke – What is the time frame of which it will be closed?

Davis – It's in the Resolution.

Petty – 8:00a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Cooke – I'm good with it.

Public Comment Open

Public Comment Closed

Motion by Stewart to approve Resolution No. 25-04. Seconded by Lord

Lord AYE, Cooke AYE, Petty AYE, Stewart AYE, Hodges AYE, McMains AYE

**RESOLUTION 25-05 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF FAIR GROVE, MISSOURI
DECLARING THAT THE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARADE WILL BE HELD ON
DECEMBER 6, 2025, AND THAT MAIN STREET FROM EAST WALNUT TO NORTH
ORCHARD BOULEVARD SHALL BE CLOSED FOR SAID CELEBRATION**

Discussion

Public Comment Open

Public Comment Closed

Motion by Stewart to approve Resolution No. 25-05. Seconded by Cooke
Lord AYE, Cooke AYE, Petty AYE, Stewart AYE, Hodges AYE, McMains AYE

DISCUSS AND/OR APPROVE JANITORIAL QUOTE

Discussion

Hodges – Is this the place that we're using now?

Davis – No. These people just reached out and wanted to bid.

Petty – Do we have our current in here?

Davis – We don't.

Petty – To compare the rates?

Davis - \$450 is their monthly rate.

Hodges – And \$250 is what their quoting?

Davis - \$425

Petty - \$435

Lord – I'm sorry, Sara. What are we paying now?

Davis - \$450

Petty – And this falls under professional services?

Davis – Mmm-hmm.

Petty – We feel our current services are, who's our current service through?

Davis – Grime Scrubbers and she does fine.

McMains – When is the last time they came here?

Davis – Monday.

McMains – Have we had anything in this room since then?

Davis – Yeah. The library has held a few things.

McMains – There's a toenail sitting over here on the floor, so I was just wondering.

Petty – That does, if it's an approved meeting, it's plausible a toenail could have ended up, but that does speak to your comment about having to schedule events through City Hall to have access. I have come through and seen somebody just lounging. It's a topic for another discussion but it's a reminder that maybe we should create a calendar.

Davis – We have one.

Petty – And share it.

Davis – Okay.

Hodges – Do we have to put this out for bid or can we just keep the other company?

Petty – Because it's a professional service, we do not have to put this out for bid. But if somebody expresses interest and wishes to come to us and offer their services, then we consider. Do you have any complaints about our current?

Davis – Not really. I wish they did more dusting but that's every cleaning company that we have come through here.

Petty – Do they also clean the library?

Whitney Austin, Fair Grove Branch Library Manager – No. We contract through a different company.

Petty – What company?

Austin – Brokate Janitorial currently has the contract for all of the libraries.

Petty – Oh. Unless there is a request from our city hall employees for changing janitorial services...

Stewart – I say we stay where we're at if there's no complaint.

Petty – Yeah. Chan?

Chandra Scott – They're okay.

Chief Riggins – I clean my own space, so.

Petty – Because you don't allow others in there to clean?

Riggins – I just like the way I clean. I can clean and vacuum and dust on my own so I know it gets done every time. And yes, I don't like people in my office.

Hodges – What's it cost now for what we do?

Petty - \$450 a month.

Hodges – I was trying to break those down like here, so much for carpet shampooing...

Stewart – Look on the very last page there Franklin. It has a monthly fee of \$435.

Petty - \$435.

Hodges – But anyways, I couldn't really tell what we was paying you know.

Lord – Do we need a motion on this?

Stewart – Not unless we're going to accept it. Otherwise, we just move on.

Hodges – If you're happy with it, I'm happy.

Public Comment Open

McMains – Is this somebody's fingernail, or toenail?

Cooke – Boy, he wasn't playing, was he?

Stewart – That's a hell of a toenail.

Petty – That is not a toenail.

McMains – It's a thumbnail then.

Stewart – It's a fake one.

Petty – It's a fake nail.

Whitney Austin – Oh, that's probably mine from this morning.

Petty – Does it have a blue swivel line down the middle?

Austin – Yeah, that's mine.

Petty – We found your nail.

Hodges – Come get it.

McMains – We found your thumbnail.

Austin – You're going to make me do a walk of shame.

Petty – No, I'm just kidding. You don't have to come up here. But now you can put it back on.

Austin – No, they're on. My purse just spilled this morning when we were using the council chambers. Part of what fell out was my box of nails.

Petty – Oh, so it's not even been used?

Austin – No.

Petty – And it was this morning?

Austin – Yes.

Petty – So it does not speak to the quality of our janitorial services.

Austin – No. I am very sorry. I did not realize I did not get everything when my purse dumped.

Petty – How long did you sit back there thinking 'Oh my God, it's mine'?

Austin – I didn't think it was mine since he said it was a toenail.

Petty – Okay, moving on.

Cooke – Did you get all of that, Sara?

Davis – Uh-huh.

Petty – It will be a fun little tidbit for the community to read in our minutes.

Public Comment Closed

DISCUSS AND/OR APPROVE PRINTER LEASE

Discussion

Davis – Again, not something I reached out for but something that they provided because our lease is up in September.

McMains – Same company?

Davis – Yes.

Petty – Do they take back their printer?

Davis – They either take back their printer or we keep their printer.

Petty – How does this compare to what we pay now?

Davis – Currently we pay \$185 I believe. The \$175 is for us to keep the current printer and get a new printer. So this would buy us the old printer and we would give it to the police department and we would get City Hall a new one for that price.

Petty – So we're buying out what we have and continuing our lease to obtain a new printer for the City? This has already been, it's in the budget.

Davis – Correct.

Petty – Are there other options?

Davis – So the different one on the back, is it \$165? Yeah, that one is for us to strictly get a new printer and give them back the old one.

Petty – So we can keep the one that we have...

McMains – For \$9 more.

Petty - ...for \$9 more a month and get a new one versus leave the police department without a printer and save \$9 a month.

McMains – I like your new printer.

Riggin – We have one but I think it was made at the same time Moses made...

McMains – As the rolling press.

Cooke – You hate paper though, don't you?

Riggin – I know. But we do print periodically. The scanner is the big thing and the scanner on the one that I have is marginal at best. It's sufficient. If we didn't do this, I would be like okay, but better is better.

Petty – You guys seem really excited about the facilities and I love it.

Public Comment Open

Public Comment Closed

Petty – Do we want the new printer?

Cooke – Yes, I think we do.

Petty – Do you feel like you want to make a motion about that?

Motion by Cooke to accept the bid for a new printer for \$175.41 a month. Seconded by Stewart Lord AYE, Cooke AYE, Petty AYE, Stewart AYE, Hodges AYE, McMains AYE

DISCUSS LEASE WITH SPRINGFIELD-GREENE COUNTY LIBRARY

Petty – Sara brought this to me. I know you guys have been in discussions about building and knowing that your lease with us is coming up in October...

Davis – December.

Petty – December, we want to talk options. Basically, what's your timeline for building? Do you want to move out? Do you want to renew for another year or do you want to talk about something different? Month to month? Whatever works for you guys so you aren't stuck in a lease that you have to continue to pay for when you have a new building?

Whitney Austin – I'm going to turn it over to the Director of Libraries.

Petty – Welcome. Introduce yourself.

Dr. Edward Walton – Good evening. Thank you for allowing me to speak. I am the Executive Director of the Springfield-Greene County Library and a 22 year resident of Fair Grove. So, I've been here for a long time. In our strategic planning process, we took a look at a master planning schedule that we're developing over the next year and in that schedule is to build 3 branch libraries. One here in Fair Grove and two in Springfield and the outside edges of the city. All of that is contingent upon funding. So right now we're in a project where we just spent \$24M to build the Midtown Carnegie Branch which is downtown, to build an auditorium Building C, which is the southside of Springfield and build a brand new building in Republic. That's \$24M total so we're at a point where we've expended the capacity for us to build right now. In our strategic plan, we anticipate in year two of the plan, so 26, 27, that we will begin funding or seeking funding to build a Fair Grove library. We will be in the planning phase in 26 or 27 which means that we will probably be building in the 27-28 budget here in Fair Grove.

Petty – So we probably don't need to have this discussion for a couple of years is what I'm hearing.

Dr. Walton – A couple of years.

Petty – Okay.

Austin – I do have it on my calendar to submit the request for two additional years on our current lease.

Petty – Okay. Does that require any approval or discussion by the Board on approving moving forward with requesting a two year lease?

Austin – I have a copy of our lease. It's just written in there that as long as we give 90-days notice and we've been good tenants, we can request a two-year extension.

Dr. Walton – No. I'm sorry that is incorrect. The wording of this lease is that we have an option to request a two -year extension in December of 25 and we have an option for a one-year renewal for a 2-year lease. So in December of 27, this contract expires.

Austin – Yes. Sorry, I was not being...

Dr. Walton – That specific.

Austin – ...that specific. We have one chance basically, one additional two year extension and then we'll have to discuss...

Dr. Walton – No, that's not the way that the contract reads. The contract reads that our original lease ends in December of 25...

Austin – Yes and have the option to renew for one additional two-year term.

Dr. Walton – Which would make that 27, December of 27. So we have at least two years. So if we want to extend beyond that, it will require action.

Petty – Thank you so much. I look forward to continuing your contract for two years.

Public Comment Open

Petty – My son had a really good time this afternoon. He's really enjoying the summer projects.

Austin – Oh good.

Petty – I'm really glad. I'm really excited to hear that the Executive Director of the Greene County Library lives in Fair Grove.

Dr. Walton – My wife and my grandchildren were here today.

Austin – Yes, they were.

Petty – Oh awesome.

Austin – We had a visit.

Petty – Fantastic.
~~Public Comment Closed~~

DISCUSS AND/OR APPROVE PARTICIPATION IN MISSOURI GOOD NEIGHBOR WEEK

~~Discussion~~

Petty – September 28th through October 4th is Good Neighbor Week for Missouri. This is an organization that basically tries to provide resources for communities to connect and to build relationships with our neighbors and strengthen bonds with each other. I've actually received, separate from this, a presentation from them. It's pretty exciting but we could declare for Fair Grove that it's Good Neighbor Week for Fair Grove and I think it could be something that we maybe post on our brand new City of Fair Grove Facebook page and maybe present some opportunities to connect or volunteer. Any discussion from the Board or thoughts on moving forward with a Resolution to declare Good Neighbor Week for Fair Grove?

Hodges – Is this certain month?

Petty – September 28th through October 4th.

McMains – As long as we don't have to be good neighbors with Strafford.

Petty – It's just for Fair Grove. We don't go outside of our bounds. So we issue a Proclamation, promote engaged neighbor interactions, acts of neighboring and encourage local events and then we can report it to missourigoodneighborweek.com.

Cooke – So what, as a Board, do we need to do with this right now?

Petty – Consensus to move forward with drafting a Resolution to make this Proclamation.

Cooke – I'm in favor of it.

Hodges – Sounds good to me.

McMains – Do you need a first and a second?

Petty – No. Sara, could you please draft a Resolution.

Davis – Yes ma'am, I most certainly will.

Petty – We had thumbs up across the room.

~~Public Comment Open~~

~~Public Comment Closed~~

Business Meeting

SEWER AND PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

Discussion

Hokanson – Don't really have anything unless someone has questions.

Petty – You've been mowing.

Hokanson – Yeah.

Petty – You've been keeping the sewer running.

Hokanson – Yeah. I've been mowing and keeping the sewer plant running. What else? I've been doing a good job.

Petty – I agree.

Hodges – You gave me a tour the other day.

Hokanson – Yeah, I gave Franklin a tour the other day.

Cooke – How'd that go?

Hokanson – Tim, where was you?

Cooke- I was washing my hair.

Hokanson – Okay.

Cooke- Franklin, how did your tour with Kenny go?

Hodges – Well here's how it went. You're doing a great job, Kenny. I'm proud of you.

Hokanson – Thank you, Franklin.

Hodges – It was different from what I remember 20 years or so ago when you gave me my last tour.

Hokanson – Yep.

Hodges – Does anybody know where our sewer plant is? Nobody? Well anyways, it's northeast of here and it's out in the middle of nowhere but I was very impressed when I pulled in down there. Like I said, you guys, I think you did a great job down there.

Hokanson – I try to.

Hodges – You are.

Petty – How are we doing with all of the rain?

Hokanson – Oh, it's all back down now.

Petty – Okay. UV parts? You got a quote?

Hokanson – Yeah. They sent two of them and we needed three and my electrician's called and got the other one on the way. Do you know anything about that yet, Sara?

Davis – That wasn't the Trojan one?

Hokanson – Yes.

Davis – That was Trojan. I sent an email out today to Kelly, Franklin and Tim and that has the quote on it.

Hodges – Didn't get it.

Cooke – Yes you did.

Hodges – What happened, what's going on with the gear box on that one down there?

Hokanson – Gearbox?

Hodges – Yeah, you swapped one that went out and you swapped the gearbox with the other one.

Hokanson – Oh, the sand filter. Yeah we're still working on getting it....

Hodges – I mean, have you ordered, is it a gearbox with a motor? Is that what it is?

Hokanson – Yeah.

Hodges – I mean, have we ordered one for it or?

Hokanson – We're working on getting the quotes all lined out so we know how much it's going to cost.

Hodges – A lot of money.

Hokanson – Probably.

Petty – Thank you, Kenny.

Cooke – Thanks, Kenny.

Hokanson – No problem.

Hodges – I have one other thing I want to talk about on the sewer.

Petty – When we get to the Committee report, the committee reports out.

Hodges – Okay. He told me I could talk now. Thanks Tim. He’s wrong, wrong, wrong.

Public Comment Open

Public Comment Closed

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Discussion

Public Comment Open

Public Comment Closed

Petty – Do we have a motion to approve?

Cooke – Approve what?

Petty – Financial statement as submitted.

Motion by Lord to approve financial statement as submitted. Second Cooke
Lord AYE, Cooke AYE, Petty AYE, Stewart AYE, Hodges AYE, McMains AYE

PARK BOARD

Discussion

Public Comment Open

Stewart – The only thing I know is today they announced that they’re looking at officially doing the softball league for adults so that should be coming out soon. That will be fun.

Hodges – Could you imagine watching old men go out there and play? It would be pretty embarrassing.

Stewart – I can only imagine.

Cooke – They’ve been doing movies in the park too but I don’t know how this last one went.

Public Comment Closed

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Discussion

Petty – Greg Porter, you ready?

Porter – Yes. I don't have a whole lot this time. The weather has kind of calmed down for us a little bit. So the sewer is getting back to where it needs to be. The flood waters have receded, the sirens are working. This is the last month of our EMPG grant so I will be closing that out for this fiscal year then waiting the next grant process and get that all written up but for now, I'm going to grab some paperwork tonight so I can get that all closed out for Quarter 4. Other than that, we've got a SWMSO meeting coming up July 9th in Joplin that we'll be going to which is where all of the Emergency Managers meet. Chief if you want to come, both of you Chief's actually, they would like to see more leaders of other departments as opposed to emergency managers and just kind of discuss other safety stuff that is going on.

Chief Riggins – Can you send me something?

Porter – Yeah, I can do that. Outside of that, since he is here, I just want to recognize Chief Randall for the partnership with the fire department. It's going awesome. I appreciate them allowing us in and it's working out really, really good.

Chief Hoskins – We like having you there.

Porter – Absolutely. Outside of that, I don't have anything else.

Stewart – You already put in for the next grant and all of that I assume?

Porter – They haven't released it yet so I'm still waiting. It usually comes after they close this one. September or so. Just waiting on them to get it to us.

Petty – Do you expect that it will be...

Porter – As far as I know, yes. All of the stuff I talked about the last time about the freeze and all of the money, they've lifted all of that so things are looking good as long as we keep moving forward and keeping things status quo as we have.

Stewart – Perfect.

Petty – Thank you!

Public Comment Open

Public Comment Closed

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Discussion

Chief Riggins – Alright, not a ton either but a couple of things. My commitment for training, which answers the question, can we do police work. When you guys hired me, that was number one. Can we do police work? Sgt. Deckard is right now, currently, this week, at a major crime investigation class. That's what we would call it. Drury calls it something else and she's just

getting inundated with great ideas and thoughts. Office Brian Long is attending Midwest Tactical Law Enforcement instructor course so that will give us a firearms instructor for shotgun, rifle and handgun. It's not that I don't like relying on the help of Greene County and others but now we will be in a position to help when they are short or whatnot. I spent time with the new chief of Bolivar, the city of Bolivar, he's a friend of mine and we were even talking collaboration and what that looks like for us and them as well. So we've got Sgt. Deckard in training, Officer Long in training and then I will be attending the FBI Central States Law Enforcement Executive Development seminar. That's in September. That is by invitation only. So, I applied for it, you have to have references and such and I was accepted so I will be heading to the FBI training in Lawrence, Kansas. That is a three-part training, you don't have to attend the other two but once you attend this one, you will be invited to the other two. So that's important because there again, if you want your Chief's to be doing what they should be doing, I've been looking at the news and all of the indicted chiefs and fire chiefs and a lot of times it really is that they just don't know what they're doing and we want to make sure that is not the case in Fair Grove and it won't be. Recruiting, I've been getting a ton of wholly unqualified officers but I have at least two that I am currently looking at. I will work short before I work wrong and I have at least two that I'm looking at. I have a reserve, probably once I get her background back we will move forward with bringing her on as a reserve. 17 year veteran with the Greene County Sheriff's Department, she just wants to give back to her community because she lives here. Lastly, your crosswalk project that you gave me, we had MoDot come out and do a speeds study. We did one a few weeks ago and we're going to do another one in September when school starts. The engineer, it was very simple, his email said this "you guys are wildly compliant on that stretch of Old Mill". The speed limit is 35, their average after about 3,000 or 4,000 cars registered, their average in the 80%, which is their average for engineers, was 37. The crosswalks look great to them. It's built to their standards which is built to federal standards. So, we're still looking at moving forward with that and if there are any issues, we will find them. I think it's educational. We have to teach people what that means. Currently there is no law that says you have to stop when someone comes up to the crosswalk, they only have to stop when they're in the crosswalk on their side of the street. That's what your ordinance says here and that mirrors state law as well. Springfield is one of the only cities I know that has a 3 foot rule and it's only at uncontrolled intersections. What it's going to be is that the SRO at the school, I'm going to hook up with him when school comes up and say you need to educate your kids not to run across the crosswalk. Currently the track country team runs across Old Mill every single day, not in a crosswalk and they violate about 20 different laws. It's not the motorist I'm concerned about. They're doing their part. 37 average in 35 is remarkably and wildly compliant. I think we need to train the pedestrians. That's all I've got unless you've got questions.

Petty – No, I think that's fantastic. We asked you to do this two meetings ago and you've produced real tangible evidence...

Riggin – And we're not even done.

Petty - ...and we're not even done yet.

Riggin – Cause you're going to want to know what it looks like when school comes around.

Petty – Absolutely.

Riggin – It could be a totally different situation.

Petty – I think it's fantastic. I think it's a really good highlight of the caliber of Chief that we have here in Fair Grove and just appreciate you. Thank you for doing that. It means a lot to the residents to know.

Riggin – Yeah, no problem.

Stewart – Congratulations on being accepted into that training. It's a big deal.

Petty – Yeah. By invitation only.

Riggin – There were two of us in Southwest Missouri. Me and Joe Mahan who is the Chief of Walnut Grove, has tried for 7 years, so it's taken him a couple of tries.

Public Comment Open

Public Comment Closed

CITY CLERK

Discussion

Public Comment Open

Jeffrey Danderson – One thing. Thanks, you proved me wrong.

Cooke – You're welcome.

Public Comment Closed

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Discussion

Hodges – Can I talk?

Petty – First up is Public Works Committee. Franklin.

Cooke – You may speak.

Hodges – I don't know if you guys know or not but I've been pushing for us to hire another person that can help run the sewer plant and help mow and stuff and it's a big concern with me and it should cause all we've got is Kennie by himself. But I called another city the other day and here's one of the problems we're gonna be in one of these days if we don't hurry up and do something. Guess what. I don't know if the person got hurt or quit or what but this town I called, they ain't got nobody qualified to run their sewer plant right now and they regret it by not getting somebody else in there and we're going to be in the same boat someday too if we don't watch it.

But they had a great suggestion and we need to either find somebody that's qualified to help run the sewer plant or find somebody that wants to work here for the sewer or be trained on the sewer and will mow and will do whatever Kennie says because if we don't, we're going to be in trouble. But she had a good suggestion for us and we need to hurry up and find somebody or do something. There's a class in October DNR's putting on in Springfield. \$300 bucks. It's an intermediate class to get you help to run the sewer plant. If we don't get somebody by then, we're gonna have a big problem cause the next class is 3 hours away that someone would have to go. I recommended for us to start looking to find somebody that can work for the City of Fair Grove that can do the mowing and get qualified to run the sewer plant. I feel sorry for this town. *inaudible* But I'm just bringing it to the Board *inaudible* and I don't know what DNR would say that we have somebody running the sewer plant that's not qualified.

Petty – So, several meetings ago, this Board approved putting out for a part time employee. Right now it's seasonal with the opportunity to expand that position to train and be under Kennie's tutelage for the sewer department. We just approved the budget for FY26 and that position is included in it. So, absolutely agree, Franklin and we have already started the process of getting that position posted. We have a job description and Mark and I have reviewed it. Absolutely, I look forward for you to have to opportunity to train somebody new, Kennie, if that person is the right person for Fair Grove. To start growing and learning and expanding their skillset. I think this is a wonderful opportunity and the city is happy to invest in the skills and the training necessary to help that person be successful.

Hodges – What's a intermediate class, Kennie? Do you know? Would it be like a Class C if you pass it?

Hokanson – An intermediate class?

Hodges – That's what they called it.

Hokanson – I don't know. Maybe just what goes on. The class will tell you if you take the test for a C, D, E, B, A, whatever.

Hodges – It seems like they said C or D. I forgot what it was but I ain't for sure. But like I said, it's \$300 for the class, it's in Springfield in October and we need to keep that in mind and try to see if we can find somebody. Cause they ain't gonna want to go 3 hours away. That's all the way to St. Louis.

Petty – Yep. If we have the position filled by that time and if they're interested in attending, absolutely. I believe that the Public Works Committee would at least support requesting funds from the Board to send them.

Hodges – Okay. Sounds good.

Cooke – Which Kennie has been actively searching for a part time helper.

Petty – He brought a name to us today.

Hodges – Yep.

Stewart – Yeah, because we just talked about one a second ago.

Petty – Yep. Additionally from Public Works, I reported out that we as a brand new board and committee, we had been meeting weekly. We have now reduced that to monthly. We fill confident that our communication between Kennie and the Public Works Committee has streamlined to the point where we feel like we can sufficiently support him without having that face to face every single week. That has proven true. We've had wonderful communication and hopefully you have felt that support from us when needed.

Hokanson – Absolutely.

Petty – Great. That's all from Public Works. Oh, one more thing. Now that we've just approved the budget, we're going to bring forth a bid for the Titus Twister which is the aerator and o-zone defuser for the CC Lift Station to get rid of our grease and rags.

Stewart – Which is already in the budget.

Petty – Which is already in the budget. That's it for Public Works.

Public Relations Chairman Cooke – We haven't really established Public Relations yet. We haven't done anything. We were going to...

Petty – No, that's Facebook.

Cooke – Oh yeah, media. We have. We have got our Facebook up and running, she didn't call it what it is. We have got our Facebook up and running. We have, I don't know how many followers, last I checked it was in the 40s.

Petty – It's in the 50s.

Cooke – 50s now?

Petty – Yeah.

Cooke – That's about it.

Petty – It says Public Relations Committee.

Cooke – Well it can say what it wants to.

Human Resources Committee Member Petty – We have completed all of our annual evaluations.

Stewart – Yes.

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Finance Chairman Petty – We approved the budget.

Planning and Zoning Representative McMains – I got nothing.

Public Comment Open

Public Comment Closed

APPROVE BOARD OF ALDERMAN MINUTES

Discussion

Public Comment Open

Public Comment Closed

Motion by Lord to approve Board of Alderman Minutes for May 27, 2025, June 10, 2025, and June 11, 2025. Second Stewart

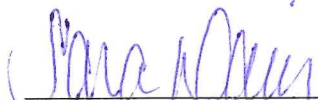
Lord AYE, Cooke AYE, Petty AYE, Stewart AYE, Hodges AYE, McMains AYE

Mayor Report

Adjournment

Motion by Lord to Adjourn at 8:24 p.m. Seconded by Stewart

Lord AYE, Cooke AYE, Petty AYE, Stewart AYE, Hodges AYE, McMains AYE



Sara Davis, City Clerk