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### **OPEN MEETING**

Roll Call taken by Mayor Pro Tem Kelly Petty  
Tim Cooke PRESENT, Franklin Hodges PRESENT, Mark Stewart PRESENT, Ben Lord PRESENT, Kelly Petty PRESENT, Ben McMains ABSENT

Call to order at: 5:03 p.m.

**Approve Agenda.** Motion by Lord to approve agenda. Seconded by Cooke  
Cooke AYE, Hodges AYE, Stewart AYE, Lord AYE, Petty AYE

### **New Business**

#### **APPROVE MAYOR'S RESIGNATION EFFECTIVE MAY 13, 2025**

Motion by Stewart to accept Mayor Thomas Voorhis verbal resignation effective May 13, 2025.  
Seconded by Cooke

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

#### **APPOINT NEW CHECK SIGNERS TO O'BANNON BANK ACCOUNT**

Lord – Who's on there?

Davis – Right now it's Ben Lord, Kelly Petty, Mark Stewart and Tommy Voorhis.

Lord – Do we have to have another one on there?

Stewart – Do we have to have four? Can we just move it to three?

Davis – Yes.

Lord – That's fine with me.

Stewart – I'm good with that if everybody else is.

Hodges – Yeah.

Davis – I'll need it in the form of a motion.

Motion by Stewart to appoint Ben Lord, Kelly Petty, Mark Stewart as check signers and remove Thomas Voorhis. Seconded by Lord

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

#### **APPOINT NEW SAFETY DEPOSIT BOX SIGNERS**

Lord – Who do we have on there?

Davis – No one's gone up there yet but it's going to be Tim Cooke,

Petty – Ben McMains

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Cooke – Ben Lord

Davis – Ben McMains

Petty – Franklin Hodges

Davis – and Franklin.

Stewart – Yeah, I was going to say the other three...

Lord – Is it fine just leaving it with those three?

Davis – It was three before.

Cooke – And I dropped the ball on that because everything's been crazy but Sara did inform me that we need to go to Central Bank and give them our drivers license and get put on the account.

Davis – Yeah, but you will need to make it as a motion to just have the three on.

Stewart – Oh, cause Tommy's on there currently?

Davis – The minutes I have signed have Tommy's name on it.

Stewart – Got you!

Petty – And the original motion had to remove Ben Lord, Richard Icenhower and Dennis Roe. So we need a new motion to remove them and replace with the three.

Motion by Lord to remove Ben Lord, Richard Icenhower and Dennis Roe from the safety deposit box and add Tim Cooke, Ben McMains, Franklin Hodges Seconded by Stewart  
Cooke AYE, Hodges AYE, Stewart AYE, Lord AYE, Petty AYE

#### **REMOVE MAYOR FROM ANY AND ALL CITY AFFILIATED ACCOUNTS**

Petty – Those accounts are Southwest Missouri Council of Governments, Missouri Municipal League, Greene County Mayor's Association, POST and any other city affiliated accounts or contacts.

Stewart – Is it okay to leave it broad as it is on the agenda? Any and all city affiliated accounts or does it need to be specific?

Petty – I think you can do a broad general.

Stewart – Okay.

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Motion by Stewart to remove Mayor Thomas Voorhis from any and all city affiliated accounts or contacts. Seconded by Lord  
Cooke AYE, Hodges AYE, Stewart AYE, Lord AYE, Petty AYE

**DISCUSS AND/OR APPROVE SOLICITATION FOR LEGAL COUNSEL**

Petty - Would like that Sara send a request to Municipal legal firms to have them come present to us at our next meeting on April 27<sup>th</sup>.

Lord – Yeah, I talked with her already about several...

Cooke – May 27<sup>th</sup>.

Lord - ...that I think are good options but she said she can't talk to them unless we make a motion for her to do that.

Stewart – Does that have to be a vote or a consensus?

Davis – Can you make it a motion?

Stewart – Sure.

**Motion by Stewart to have City Clerk contact municipal attorney's and invite them to the Board of Aldermen meeting on May 27, 2025. Seconded by Cooke**

Lord – I gave Sara my opinions and my ideas on several of them. If you guys have any ideas that you want her to reach out, I'd let her know. The more the merrier on this deal.

Stewart – That's something that Chief Riggin is looking at to get some ideas on the prosecution side of things. Just throwing that in there.

Petty – Awesome. I will also follow-up with Ben McMains and let him know that this is an open offer if he has any contacts that he would like to share with you.

Davis – Great, thank you!

**Cooke AYE, Hodges AYE, Stewart AYE, Lord AYE, Petty AYE**

**DISCUSS AND/OR APPROVE COMMITTEE LIST**

Petty – We have a revised committee list for our Board of Aldermen Committees. These are our standing lists.

**Public Works Committee:**

Chairman Kelly Petty, Tim Cooke, Franklin Hodges

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**Emergency Services Committee:**

Chairman Ben Lord for the Police Department, Chairman Mark Stewart for Emergency Management

**Human Resources Committee:**

Chairman Mark Stewart, Kelly Petty

**Park Advisory Committee:**

Chairman Tim Cooke, Mark Stewart

**Public Relations Committee:**

Chairman Tim Cooke, Kelly Petty

**Planning and Zoning Commission Representative:**

Ben McMains

**Finance Committee:**

Kelly Petty and Mark Stewart

Cooke – I would like to request an adjustment to the committees. I would like for Mark Stewart to be named Chairman of the Park Advisory Committee with Tim Cooke.

Petty – Okay.

Stewart – I am good with that. Kailey and I have a good working relationship.

Petty – Do either Mark or I need to be designated as the Chairman on the finance committee?

Davis – I don't believe so.

Petty – I'll need a motion to approve these committee appointments with the one adjustment of Mark Stewart being the Chairman of the Park Advisory Committee.

Motion by Lord to approve Mayor Pro Tem's recommendation and adopt the 2025-2026 Board of Aldermen Committee list with the adjustment of Mark Stewart being Chairman of the Park Advisory Committee. Seconded by Stewart  
Cooke AYE, Hodges AYE, Stewart AYE, Lord AYE, Petty AYE

**Adjournment**

Motion by Lord to Adjourn at 5:14 p.m. Seconded by Cooke  
Cooke AYE, Hodges AYE, Stewart AYE, Lord AYE, Petty AYE

  
Sara Davis, City Clerk