

City of Northmoor Board of Aldermen
March 4, 2021
Time: 6:30 P.M.
City Hall, 4907 Waukomis, Northmoor, MO 64151

Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Wilson called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Bennie Pate, Rick Medill, Isabel Stevens, Joe Harris, John Butner, Cari Murdock Absent: Cari Murdock

WELCOME: Mayor Wilson invited those in attendance to join her in the Pledge of Allegiance and a short Prayer.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Northmoor held its first “Virtual Court” in February. Chief Lorenson, Judge Ferguson and City Attorney Sullivan had seen it before but it was new to the rest in attendance. It went really great. Mayor Wilson sees it as a positive addition to our court.

CITY NEWS / CITIZENS COMMENTS:

There has been a 2003, possibly 2006, red Dodge truck which is very loud in our community of late. The truck has been involved in resident thefts/destruction. A vehicle was broken into via the side window, they attempted to steal a tool box out of another vehicle, they attempted to break into a boat but they couldn't get anything. The citing was reported 12:21 a.m. Officer Sartin did not get notified until 12:26 a.m. The issue seems to be that Riverside was using all the airwaves and the dispatcher could only notify Northmoor when the airwaves were open. All officers are aware of this vehicle. The Mayor asks our residents to please call 911 if the vehicle is seen in our community.

Chief Lorenson and Alderman Butner traveled to Jefferson City to look at power generators after the citywide 5 ½ hour power outage. Mayor Wilson decided to look into the purchase for City Hall and the Police Department which are already wired and the gas lines are nearby. We could have used the City Hall as a warming center for our residents. The generator needs to be a natural gas generator and directly wired into the breaker box.

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Alderman Butner and Chief Lorenson said if you get a chance go see the facility because it is hard to explain. Chief Lorenson, Mayor Wilson or Alderman Butner would need to accompany you if you plan to purchase anything. There are tools, paperclips, vehicle, boats, keyboards, filing cabinets, refrigerators, etc. you name it! The generators that were there run around \$500 - \$750. The generators available uses a gallon of fuel an hour and maintenance is required often so they are not feasible. Mayor Wilson said we need to do it right the 1st time. Alderman Butner's friend who knows a lot about generators said that natural gas is the only way to go. They do not have prices at this time but will work on getting the cost of a natural gas generator. Chief Lorenson said that all items at this facility would need to be bought through the city and the city has to keep records for a time. If anyone is interested in taking a trip let Chief Lorenson know.

Mayor Wilson has an issue with the duty phone not being answered by our officer that is on duty but their personal phones are answered. She has talked with the Chief and other officers about this and gets excuses, ie: on the charger, in the other vehicle, etc. Mayor Wilson emphasized that she wants it answered when someone is trying to contact them no excuses excepted.

Mayor Wilson would like to have a Codes meeting to discuss changes that need to be made on March 11th at 6:30. Virgil will be bringing pizza and drinks from MVP Pizzeria. All agreed to attend.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Approval of the February 4, 2021 Board of Aldermen Meeting Minutes as presented.
1st Alderman Harris 2nd Alderman Butner ROLL CALL: AYES 5 NAYS 0
2. Approval of the Treasurers Report for February 2021 as presented.
1st Alderman Medill 2nd Alderman Pate ROLL CALL: AYES 5 NAYS 0
3. Review of Invoice for the time period of January 16 through February 15 2021 from the Office of the Northmoor City Attorneys.

POLICE REPORT: Chief Andy Lorenson

Chief Lorenson – February 2021 Report – Docket Review

1. Chief Lorenson stated that they had a busy month. Reviewing his report he touched on a few topics. All reports are available in the City Clerk's office.
 - They were able to locate a suspect regarding some stolen cars at Silver Eagle. They got 2 back and also have a suspect. They are waiting on camera footage. When the footage is reviewed, and suspect confirmed, a stop order will be issued for felony tampering.
 - A large container was reported stolen/misplaced by Red Box+ of the Northland. It was entered into REGIS in an attempt to locate.
 - Officers inspected 3 open door reports on night shift
 - Northmoor made the news, Channel 5. A person who had a court date came to report and parked at the police station to wait until it began. The party proceeded to drink in the car and eventually went to sleep. Party missed court and when our officer checked, the party blew twice the limit and was arrested.
 - The State is working on changing the law regarding stolen catalytic convertor. The theft may not be a misdemeanor anymore but a felony if passed.
 - Chief Lorenson plans to attend a virtual 911 MARC meeting on the 18th.
 - Officer training classes have been cancelled and will be rescheduled
 - Discussed changing the reporting system. Chief Lorenson wants more reports/logs, even if they are only informational, since all officers are part time. This should help keep all officers up to date.

2. Update on contract negotiations with Lake Waukomis and the City of Northmoor to provide Police Coverage

Mayor Wilson said that the Mayor of Waukomis was presented with a contract a few weeks ago. She was informed that they want to move forward but will hold off until after their April meeting when a new Mayor will be elected. The basics of the contract are: year 1 - \$121,000 and the 2016 patrol car, year 2 - \$137,000 and year 3 - \$141,000 after that there would be a 2 year negotiated contract with an escape clauses for both parties. Northmoor would be responsible for the maintenance on the patrol car. Mayor Wilson does not feel that it is a negative that Waukomis is not jumping on this issue. They are having many problems with water and sewer line breaks. They cannot automatically fix the issues due to an ordinance that is in place. They have to have a meeting to approve the repairs. At present there are 5 driveways cut up because there are sewer lines under all 5. Chief Lorenson will be handling negotiations and he will bring all the stats to the Board. Chief Lorenson will also attend their meeting.

Part of the contract states that 1 officer has to work 40 hours a week. Mayor Wilson feels the natural progression would be to put Chief Lorenson on full time if the contract goes through. This makes sense to the Mayor and she hopes it does to the Board. Mayor Wilson reviewed what the Police Department is costing the city. Payroll alone is running a little over \$100,000. This does not include maintenance, gas, equipment, uniforms, etc. A closer estimate may be around \$150,000. Alderman Harris thinks that's low and it may be around \$170,000 to \$180,000. Mayor Wilson inquired about health insurance for Chief Lorenson only. She was told coverage for a full time officer (single coverage) would run approximately \$400 month.

Mayor Wilson said that they need to look into updating the Body Cameras. Chief Lorenson said that Officer Sartin is wearing a test model right now.

Mayor Wilson asked for a motion to approve a raise for Chief Lorenson. She stated that his wage is the same as most all of the other officers which is \$15.00 per hour. Alderman Harris stated he would like to increase his salary to \$17.00 per hour. Motion was made.

1st Alderman Harris 2nd Alderman Medill ROLL CALL: AYES 5
NAYS 0

CODES ENFORCEMENT: Deputy Chief Schuettenberg

ITEMS NOTED:

- Deputy Chief Schuettenberg stated that, regardless of the warning letters, Craig Baker, 2020 NW 50th St. has done nothing to date to clean up his property. He suggested that maybe someone be hired to clean it up. He said he would need to refer to the ordinances (codes) to see what can be done.
- A violation notice was given to Brandi Summers at 4910 NW Waukomis to clean around the house, under car port and yard.
- Deputy Chief Schuettenberg performed a building inspection on the Beacon property and they are in total compliance. He did note that there is no hazmat sign on the building.
- MVP Pizzeria and Pub had 4 minor things to correct but nothing to prevent them from opening.
- Annie Duff, 1836 NW 50th St. – suggest she be given a cease and desist order. She is still adding to the carport and is in violation of the permit. She will need to come back to the Board with an explanation and to apply for a new permit.
- It was suggested that an expiration date be put on Permits.
- It has been determined that the car seat for the Crown Vic was only made in 2006 and 2007. We can't put any other seat in without total modification. It was suggested that the seat area be reframed and redo the seat which would be more cost effective. The Board agreed. Calls have been made searching for the correct seat to Midway, Santa Fe, Pick N Pull, All Star and County Line. Alderman Butner may be able to find one.

RIVERSIDE FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT: Gordon Fowlston – no report

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Discussion regarding the Northmoor Associates (Michael Gunn) contract with the City of Northmoor.

On March 2, 2010 the Board of Aldermen established the Northmoor Associates Community Improvement District (CID), reference:

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Ordinance 2010-002, for Northmoor Associates – Michael Gunn. In researching Appendix A of the contract, Mayor Wilson finds that nearly everything has been violated. Examples are: in 11 years, Northmoor Associates has received approximately \$209,000 from the 1% CID sales tax which is earmarked for improvements at Vivion West Shopping Center. Improvements have not been documented since the agreement was made. Mayor Wilson noted that she was aware of a flower bed being put in, a sprinkler system and a marquee erected. The Board is made of 5 members. She noted several stipulations have been violated. For instance, the Board member terms should have been 2 and 4 year. They are also required to present to the Board a yearly report on what they intend to do each year with the funds. Attorney Sullivan is sending a letter (allowed per the Sunshine Act) establishing who the Board members are and requesting all receipts of money spent on improvements.

2. Discussion and approval of a contract with Alex Plassmeyer to be the City's IT Technician.

The Mayor stated that the City needs an IT technician for various reasons. The computers and printers need to be installed in the patrol cars for ITI. We are waiting for the mounts at this time. The contract quotes \$129.00 for an emergency call, \$80.00 for a planned visit with the 2nd hour billed at \$55.00. If a problem is remedied remotely the charge is \$55.00. If he only spends a short amount of time on a problem he will build up the charges until he has worked 1 hour. Alex has experience working on police cars and the equipment. Other items such as the server at Police Department, Debbie's printer, Julie's computer/keyboard all need attention.

1st Alderman Medill 2nd Alderman Pate ROLL CALL 5 AYES 0 NAYS 0

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Approval for Mayor Wilson to hire an Auditor to provide the City of Northmoor with a complete Audit. As discussed before, this audit is necessary for the City to apply for grants. Bruce Cully has agreed to do the audit. Mayor Wilson wants to hire him to do a 2019-2020 audit. Mr. Cully is quite busy during tax season so we will request the audit after tax time. Mayor Wilson asked Bruce Cully what it

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would cost. It was decided to vote on the audit during the Thursday Special Meeting.

2. Vote to approve wording changes on the Frontier Street properties Water Contract.

Mayor Wilson said that anything to do with sewer charges has been deleted. There is a \$250.00 security deposit per meter, a shut off and a turn on are \$50.00 each. ON CUT – (Outside of Northmoor City Use Tax) is charged at 2.0%. Alderman Harris suggested to the Board that the charge be 3.0%. All present, with the exception of Alderman Medill, were in agreement. Mayor Wilson asked for a motion.

1st Alderman Butner 2nd Alderman Stevens ROLL CALL: AYE 4 NAYS 0 Abstain 1

3. Review and approval to hire a Missouri Rural Water Association (MRWA) representative to perform water and sewer mapping within the city limits. The Board reviewed the current contract that does not include sewer mapping. Alderman Harris and Alderman Stevens stated that the City has a good sewer map. Mayor Wilson asked for approval. Alderman Harris said if we join the service at MRWA (\$19) after mapping you can monitor what is happening on your computer. Alderman Harris said that MRWA will use Diamond Mapping Services.

1st Alderman Stevens 2nd Alderman Harris ROLL CALL
AYES 5 NAYS 0

4. Discussion in regards to allowing smoking at the Runaway Lounge following the Missouri Clean Air Act. NO VOTING TONIGHT

The owner of The Runaway, Dee Boyer was present. She distributed packets to the Board. The information supported her wanting to remain a smoking bar. The packet is filed in the City Clerk's office.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

1st Alderman Butner 2nd Alderman Medill ROLL CALL AYES 5
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ADJOURN

APPROVED:

Lynda Wilson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Julie Rowden, City Clerk

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