

**City of Northmoor Board of Aldermen**  
**April 8, 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.

City Clerk, Julie Rowden swore in Mayor Lynda Wilson, Alderman Joe Harris, Alderman Rick Medill and Alderman, Isabel Stevens.

Mayor Wilson stated that she is retaining all appointed employees i.e., Chief of Police-Andy Lorenson, City Clerk-Julie Rowden, Judge-Mark Ferguson and Assistant Court Clerk-Elizabeth Roberson

Mayor Wilson stated that she will be addressing the position of President later in the meeting.

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

**WELCOME:** Mayor Wilson welcomed City Attorney, Scott Sullivan to the meeting and asked those in attendance to join her in the Pledge of Allegiance and Prayer.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**CITY NEWS / CITIZENS COMMENTS:**

1. The City is advertising for a part-time maintenance person approximately 20 hrs. per week at \$10.00/hr. A notice has been put on our Facebook page and Website. Mayor Wilson has an interview next week but has not had many interested people.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Discussion and approval of a business license for Agave Azul (formerly Adelitas).

Mayor Wilson asked Attorney Sullivan to begin the discussion regarding the application of a business license from Agave Azul. Attorney Sullivan stated that his thought would be to consider the business license with some requirements and that all fees and licenses are in place. Alderman Murdock asked Sandra if she is going to continue with the food truck. Sandra answered in the affirmative. Alderman Murdock asked what type of alcohol the new management intends to offer. They will be offering regular bar menu including margaritas, beer, wine, etc. There will be changes to the menu and a name change from Adelitas to Agave Azul. Al stated that Sandra is still on the lease along with Cynthia and two other partners. Al Richie also stated that the addendum for the lease will be done next week. Sandra stated that she spoke with Officer Cassidy from the MO Tobacco and Liquor Control

regarding her intact lease. The new Management has 15 days to apply for a new Liquor License, until then Sandra's is active. Mayor Wilson asked for Officer Cassidy's response in writing and to direct the response to Julie. It was agreed that the restaurant can stay open doing business under the old name until all paperwork is complete. Alderman Murdock asked when they will be open for business. The response was 11:00 a.m. to 10 p.m. Sunday through Saturday. Open seven days a week. Mayor Wilson asked for a motion to approve.  
1<sup>st</sup> Alderman Medill 2<sup>nd</sup> Alderman Stevens ROLL CALL AYES 5 NAYS 0

2. Mayor Wilson opened discussion to changes for Chapter 110. She is interested in having all Aldermen experience the position of President. She requested this term be changed to a 2 year position. Attorney Sullivan responded that it could not be changed.

Chapter 110. Mayor and Board of Aldermen

Article I. Mayor and Board of Aldermen — Generally  
Section 110.030. Board to Select an Acting President — Term.

*The Board shall elect one (1) of their own number who shall be styled "Acting President of the Board of Aldermen" and who shall serve for a term of one (1) year.*

Section 110.040. Acting President to Perform Duties of Mayor — When.

*When any vacancy shall happen in the office of Mayor by death, resignation, removal from the City, removal from office, refusal to qualify, or from any other cause whatever, the Acting President of the Board of Aldermen shall, for the time being, perform the duties of Mayor, with all the rights, privileges, powers and jurisdiction of the Mayor, until such vacancy be filled or such disability be removed; or, in case of temporary absence, until the Mayor's return.*

3. Discussion on Park restroom repairs that are needed and rental of 2 port-a-potties.

Mayor Wilson stated that she had made calls today for pricing on rental of the units. She would like for the Board to consider this option. The restrooms are damaged every year and the commodes are made for outdoors and extremely expensive at approximately \$1200.00. An alternative would be to use standard commodes and maintain for the winter months. They would cost approximately \$300.00 to replace when needed. She asked the Board to consider putting 1 port a potty on the old drive way where the house was torn down. The restrooms would be opened only when the park is rented for an event. Mayor Wilson will have more prices at the next meeting and a vote will be taken at the next meeting. She has a quote for delivery of 2 port a potties and the cost would be \$407.82 for the 1<sup>st</sup> month and the remaining summer months rental would be \$367.00. This includes 1 clean out and all paper products. Alderman Murdock asked if the regular restrooms would be locked after the rental events. It was agreed that the officer on duty would see to this.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Discussion and motion for action addressing violations regarding Permit #2020-007 dated 10/01/20 for the property located at 1836 NW 50<sup>th</sup> Street owned by Annie Duff Katosh. This permit was issued for deck construction. To give Ms. Duff the opportunity to attend the Board meeting this evening she was given written notice on 4/6/21 and contacted personally on 4/7/21.

Ms. Duff was not present. The Board reviewed the packet of information provided and pictures. Of note, Inspector Mixon stated in a report that the 16' railing is 18' and does not meet code along with many issues. Mayor Wilson asked Attorney Sullivan if the City could issue a Cease and Desist. Attorney Sullivan agreed to look in to this. Mayor Wilson will discuss with Attorney Sullivan before the scheduled May meeting. Topic was tabled.

## 2. Discussion in regards to allowing smoking at the Runaway Lounge

Al Richie stated that he and Michael Gunn had talked about the situation. Al said that Michael asked him to relay his feelings on the subject. They feel the Runaway is essential to the center. It appeals to blue collar workers who tend to shop at other stores at the Center. They get haircuts, buy guns, shop at the survival store, attend the auction, have signs made, buy food from the restaurants, use the laundromat, get tattoos, etc. They feel the other businesses will suffer, as well as the Runaway, if we don't allow smoking at the Runaway. The Runaway poses little, if any, problems to the community. The new owner, Dee Boyer, has gone to great lengths to brighten it up and is doing a beautiful job. The issue of smoke creeping into the other businesses was discussed. Fact is the businesses that are close to the Runaway receive a good rental rate and there are very few complaints. The stores support each other.

Attorney Sullivan invited the Board to discuss the purpose of a No Smoking Ordinance. He will take that information and draft an ordinance. The question is, does the City really want a no smoking ordinance? Platte County only has one in corporate areas and the State does not have one. Attorney John Roe was in attendance representing The Runaway and Dee Boyer. He previously requested documents from Julie following guidelines of the Sunshine act. He thanked her for her promptness in providing the documents. He added that the issue is also one of personal rights as well as public health. In brief, some of the discussion points were:

- Complications of writing the ordinance
- Why would the City be involved
- City involvement (intervention) in Landlord – Tenant business
- Defining choice – Smokers vs. Non-smokers rights
- Grandfathering an existing ordinance and retaining the provisions
- Developing gradual changes to the existing Ordinance
- Success of Northmoor Businesses
- Board present to Attorney Sullivan a sense of they want
- Define “Noxious” Odor
- Non-Smoking Ordinance vs. Nuisance Ordinance
- Board Decisions would be carried out throughout the entire city

## 3. Approval for Mayor Wilson to hire Rob Wilson CPA, who is with Accounting Solutions, to provide the City of Northmoor with a complete audit

Mayor Wilson stated that this audit is necessary for the City to apply for grants. He has agreed to perform the audit for 2020-2019 for a fee of \$7,000.00. This seems high, and is high, but finding someone to audit the City records has been a challenge. Rob is with the same company that Bruce Culley is associated with. Bruce Culley, who is familiar with the City books only does taxes now, Rob does audits. This is a good chance to apply for grants for the

City. Alderman Medill asked what the fee would be for a 2021 audit. Mayor Wilson responded that this is a good question and she will ask Mr. Wilson. Mayor Wilson asked for a motion to approve.

1<sup>st</sup> Alderman Harris 2<sup>nd</sup> Alderman Butner ROLL CALL AYES 5 NAYS 0

4. Discussion – Water Services agreement for Frontier Street owners connected to Northmoor water

To give Mr. Meyers the opportunity to attend the Board meeting for this discussion, as requested, he was contacted personally by telephone on 4/7/21. He declined attending at this time. Mayor Wilson stated that as the City is billed for increases they need to be recouped. The rates in the agreement cover these increases. Alderman Medill stated he doesn't think it needs to be discussed any further as requested at the last meeting. He understands the situation.

### ACTION ITEMS:

1. Approval of the March 4, 2021 Board of Aldermen Meeting Minutes as presented.

1<sup>st</sup> Alderman Butner 2<sup>nd</sup> Alderman Stevens ROLL CALL AYES 4 NAYS 0  
Abstain 1 (was not in attendance)

2. Approval of the March 11, 2021 SPECIAL Board of Aldermen Meeting Minutes as presented.

1<sup>st</sup> Alderman Butner 2<sup>nd</sup> Alderman Stevens ROLL CALL AYES 4 NAYS 0  
Abstain 1 (not in attendance)

3. Approval of the Treasurers Report for March 2021 as presented.

Some on the Board asked if the cost of the Audit would come out of the General account. Mayor Wilson responded that she believes it would. Alderman Murdock suggested that the audits be included in the budget from now on. The Board members agreed. Mayor Wilson said that the Police Department is included in the budget now.

1<sup>st</sup> Alderman Butner 2<sup>nd</sup> Alderman Harris ROLL CALL 5 AYES 0 NAYS

4. Review of Invoice for the time period of February 16 through March 15, 2021 from the Office of the Northmoor City Attorneys.

5. Discussion and approval of Ordinance No. 2021-001 "2021 Adopting Ordinance" Revised Statutes of Missouri and codification of certain ordinances.

1<sup>st</sup> Reading:

1<sup>st</sup> Alderman Murdock 2<sup>nd</sup> Alderman Butner ROLL CALL AYES 5 NAYS 0

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading:

1<sup>st</sup> Alderman Stevens 2<sup>nd</sup> Alderman Murdock ROLL CALL AYES 5 NAYS 0

**POLICE REPORT: Chief Lorenson & Mayor Wilson – March 2021**

## 1. Docket Review / Police Activity

MVA 1	CODES 3	MEDICAL 1	ALARMS 5	P11 HANG UP 1	CITIZEN CONTACT 2
DISTURBANCE 7	ASST OTH AGENCY 1	INFO REPORTS 2	WARRANTS 5	LARCENY 3	ATT SUICIDE 1
STOLEN AUTO2	REC STOLEN PROP 1	CHECK WELFARE 3	KEEP PEACE 2	MTR ASSIST 2	PED CHECK 2
FIRE CALLS 1	JULV ISSUE 1	VEHICLE STOPS 123	TICKETS 126	WARNINGS 32	TOTAL REPORTS 47

Detective Sergeant Williams is following up on the departments outstanding cases. There have been multiple drug arrests the past few months.

## 2. Approval for Officer Boyles to attend Detective training school

Due to the upcoming retirement of Detective Williams, Chief Lorenson requests that Officer Boyles be sent to Detective training. The City of Claycomo will pay for Officer Boyles to attend school and the City of Northmoor would be \$340.00 for the training. After the training the City of Claycomo will give him some detective cases and Detective Williams will work on further training and cases that may arise. Chief Lorenson has worked with Officer Boyles since 2011. He believes he would be the best choice.

1<sup>st</sup> Alderman Murdock 2<sup>nd</sup> Alderman Medill ROLL CALL AYES 5 NAYS 0

## 3. Vehicle Pursuits, Fresh Pursuits, Traffic Stops

Chief Lorenson and Deputy Chief Schuettenberg are working on updating the policies. There is a need for replacement of body cameras. The department only has 2 at this time. Deputy Chief Schuettenberg had purchased his own but it is also broken. Attorney Sullivan said that he would share social media drafts with them.

4. Approval to enroll in MPCA Legal Defense. Cost: \$500.00 annually

Northmoor Police Department is currently a member of the MPCA. The membership fee is \$100.00 annually. By joining the MPCA Legal Defense, if there is an issue with an officer, the MPCA attorney team would be called for guidance before calling our City Attorney. Attorney Sullivan stated that the City already has a budget and this item would already be approved. No vote was required.

## 5. Chief Lorenson informed the Board of a \$100.00 Court recoupment fee for tickets, related to drugs and alcohol, being established by the court. Attorney Sullivan said that this is informational only and there is no ordinance needed.

## 6. Pizza with a Cop

Mayor Wilson has talked to Virgil White regarding hosting "Pizza with a Cop" when Covid is not as prevalent. This will be an opportunity for the citizens to get to know our Officers. We all look forward to this.

7. Mayor Wilson informed the Board that the Crown Vic needs repairs totaling \$1,084.27. This estimate was by Silver Eagle. They are very reasonable with their pricing. There will be 1 addition estimate requested. The A/C air compressor is replaced but the condenser and evaporator need replaced as well. The seat in the car was repaired, thanks to Alderman Butner. The computers are ready to go. We are waiting on the mounts which may be 7 weeks out according to the order.

**CODES ENFORCEMENT:** Deputy Chief Schuettenberg

1. Alderman Murdock suggested the City hold another City Clean Up this Spring. Mayor Wilson says she intends to and they would discuss at the May meeting.
2. Deputy Chief Schuettenberg stated that he has followed up on 3 business inspections and all complied adding that these were basically Fire Inspection.
3. Deputy Chief Schuettenberg suggested that when issuing a Business License there should be a requirement for inspection of the business. He would like to see this added to the requirements and suggested an additional fee of \$50.00 for the inspection to the Business License fee. In addition, he suggested that a yearly inspection be made at all businesses for a fee of \$50.00.
4. Attorney Sullivan stated that the American Rescue Plan Act will offer approximately \$67,228.00 to the City. This is not certain as of yet and he does not know what we can spend it on yet. He will keep the Board and Mayor informed as additional information becomes available.

**RIVERSIDE FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT:**

1. Gordon Fowlston provided February and March 2021 Reports for the Board to review.

**MOTION TO MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION:** Reference 1, 3, 13

1<sup>st</sup> Alderman Murdock 2<sup>nd</sup> Alderman Medill ROLL CALL AYES 5 NAYS 0

**MOTION TO ADJOURN:**

1<sup>st</sup> Alderman Butner 2<sup>nd</sup> Alderman Harris ROLL CALL AYES 5 NAYS 0

**ADJOURN**

**APPROVED:**

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Lynda Wilson, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Julie Rowden, City Clerk