

MINUTES FOR THE APRIL 16, 2020 REGULAR SESSION OF THE BOARD OF  
ALDERMEN MEETING FOR THE CITY OF BILLINGS, MISSOURI  
Via ZOOM AT 7:00 P.M.

**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

Roll Call

Cloud	Aye via Zoom Technology in City Hall
Fender	Aye via Zoom Technology
Brown	Aye via Zoom Technology
Gold	Aye via Zoom Technology
Kucera	Aye via Zoom Technology

Present in City Hall were: Lt. Bruce Belin, Police Dept., Water/Sewer Supt. Randy Poindexter and City Clerk/City Treasurer Chris M. Hopkins.

City Attorney, Bill Petrus was in attendance via Zoom technology.

Citizens and guests present were: There were no visitors in person for this meeting.

Mayor Rauch asked everyone to stand in their homes for the Pledge of Allegiance that was displayed on the screen from the City Boardroom.

Mayor's Comments. Mayor Rauch mentioned that two culverts were replaced and the crew was going to clean out some others. He is planning to meet with a MoDOT representative on Monday regarding culverts on the Highway 14 and 60 right of way to see what they are willing to do to maintain them. He also mentioned that Chief Taylor continues to convalesce, continues to rehab and may require another surgery. If he requires another surgery, it is unlikely that he will return before his planned retirement in August. Mayor Rauch also mentioned some work may be done at the sewer plant replacing lines going into the clarifiers that keep getting clogged.

**2. CITIZEN INPUT:**

No comments were made at this time.

**3. UNFINISHED BUSINESS.**

- a. Mayor Rauch mentioned the process of moving Municipal Court to Christian County Circuit Court is still ongoing. City Attorney Petrus told everyone the OR# has been ordered and that he is unsure if the May 21, 2020 Christian County Circuit Court date will be held due to the Supreme Court not in session at this time.
- b. Aldermen Brown made a motion, seconded by Aldermen Fender to place 2 STOP signs with Flags on Republic Street and Mt. Vernon Street and then in four weeks place 4 STOP signs on Pine Street and Hamilton Street with Flags and then four weeks later place 4 STOP signs with Flags at Pine Street and Purdy Street. Voting "Aye" Cloud, Fender, Brown, Gold and Kucera. Voting "Nay" None. No abstentions.
- c. Mayor Rauch told the Board that the Show Me Christian County Presentation is on hold at this point in time.

- d. Mayor Rauch told the Board that the 2019 Comprehensive Plan presentation to Planning & Zoning and the Board of Aldermen is also on hold at this point in time.
- e. Mayor Rauch told the Board that the 2019 Audit is complete and the presentation will be scheduled as soon as we meet in the City Hall Boardroom.

#### **4. NEW BUSINESS, MEMORIALS, PROCLAMATIONS AND ORDINANCES:**

Motion to accept the Consent Agenda made by Aldermen Kucera, seconded by Aldermen Gold. Voting “Aye” Cloud, Fender, Brown, Gold and Kucera. Voting “Nay” None. No abstentions.

- a. Motion made by Aldermen Brown, seconded by Aldermen Gold to approve the decision to not assess late fees on utility accounts for March 2020 due in April and for April 2020 utility bills due in May. Voting “Aye” Cloud, Fender, Brown, Gold and Kucera. Voting “Nay” None. No abstentions.
- b. In the absence of Building Inspector Terry Danley Mayor Rauch said the Fire Extinguishers are in place and the invoice was paid. Motion made Aldermen Gold seconded by Aldermen Cloud to accept the payment of this invoice. Discussion included looking for lesser cost for the Fire Extinguishers. Voting “Aye” Cloud, Fender, Brown, Gold and Kucera. Voting “Nay” None. No abstentions.
- c. Aldermen Brown made a motion, seconded by Aldermen Kucera to place bid proposal for nine months for City website and City Hall Cleaning. Bids to be turned in to City Clerk by Monday, May 18, 2020 5:00 p.m. to be placed on May Agenda. Discussion included having these bids solicited each year in November to be reflected in the upcoming budget. Voting, “Aye” Cloud, Fender, Brown, Gold and Kucera. Voting “Nay” None. No abstentions.
- d. Aldermen Brown made a motion, seconded by Aldermen Gold to accept the Resignation of Jack VanZandt, Ward I Aldermen effective April 10, 2020. Voting “Aye” Cloud, Fender, Brown, Gold and Kucera. Voting “Nay” None. No abstentions.
- e. Mayor Rauch made the recommendation to appoint Tricia Huffman-Bailey to the unexpired term of Ward I Aldermen vacated by Jack VanZandt. Motion to accept the recommendation made by Aldermen Brown, seconded by Aldermen Cloud.

Roll Call Vote taken:

Cloud: Aye

Fender: Nay

Brown: Aye

Gold: Aye

Kucera: Nay

Motion Carried.

- f. Motion made by Aldermen Fender, seconded by Aldermen Kucera to purchase a Hydro Pro Kit for the Public Works Department needed for use when flushing fire hydrants and to assisting in the measurement of the ISO rating for the city. Voting “Aye” Cloud, Fender, Brown, Gold and Kucera. Voting “Nay” None. No abstentions.
- g. Motion by Aldermen Brown, seconded by Aldermen Gold to purchase a Submersible Trash Pump for \$ 800.00 for the Public Works Department. Voting “Aye” Cloud, Fender, Brown, Gold and Kucera. Voting “Nay” None. No abstentions.

- h. Motion made by Aldermen Kucera seconded by Aldermen Cloud for work to be done by FARR Better Plumbing in replace existing 90 degree elbows with 45 degree elbows in the sewer line at the Sewer Plant while they are on site installing the splash guards. Voting “Aye” Cloud, Fender, Brown, Gold and Kucera. Voting “Nay” None. No abstentions.

**5. ADJOURN**

No further business.

Motion to adjourn at 8:20 p.m. made by Alderman Kucera, seconded by Alderman Fender. Voting “Aye” Cloud, Fender, Brown, Gold and Kucera. Voting “Nay” None. No abstentions.

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David L. Rauch, Mayor

**ATTEST**

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Chris M. Hopkins, City Clerk