

# *CITY OF COOL VALLEY*

## **Minutes of the City Board Meeting May 24th, 2023**

The Meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Cool Valley was held on Wednesday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at 7:31 p.m. at the City Hall, 100 Signal Hill Drive. The following members of the Board of Aldermen were present:

**Mayor Jermaine Matthew-** Present  
**Board President Alvin Robinson-** Present  
**Floyd Blackwell -** Present  
**Ms. Earline Jones Collins–** Present  
**City Attorney Substitute –** Mr. Cronin

### **Approval of the Agenda**

#### **Approval of the minutes from the Regular Meeting of April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023.**

The motion for approval made by Jones Collins seconded by Robinson the board approved the minutes from the Regular meeting of April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023. All in favor: none opposed.

#### **Approval of the minutes from the Regular Meeting of May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023.**

The motion for approval made by Jones Collins seconded by Robinson the board approved the minutes from the Regular meeting of May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023. All in favor: none opposed.

### **Public Comments**

**Deborah Carter, 8311 Hawkesbury** stated that she would like to have signs put out for meetings. She is asking if the city will still place speed bumps on the first part of Hawkesbury. Mayor Matthews stated that we would like to use them, but it may be better to use stop signs. Mayor Matthews also stated that the Normandy Police Department was out-stopping speeders on Evans and Hawkesbury. Ms. Carter also asked about the bulldozer and rock on Evans. Mayor Matthews replied that construction on Barbara has been removed.

**Anita Howard, 132 Signal Hill** stated that her street has large potholes also dogs are roaming the streets. Ms. Howard also asked about property maintenance within the City. Mayor Matthews stated that he repaired some of them and worked on repairing the other potholes. Alderman stated that he has called human society about it if the black and white pit bull.

**Shirley Williams, 1240 Willingham** Thanks to the Board for the reports, and Family Dollars look better. Ms. Williams reports trash behind the gas station. If the City owns the property, can it be cleaned – up? Also, asked about the flags left on the poles along Florissant Rd. Mayor Matthews and Alderman Robinson stated that they will take care of it.

**Ron Moorehead, 159 Signal Hill** states that he has been asking for speed bumps for three years. He also stated that he will purchase them himself. Mayor Matthew responded that we are looking

into them. Please be patient as we are working on some things.

**Ms. Tilman, 101 Signal Hill** states that residents are barbequing in the front on the porch, and it makes the neighborhood look bad. There are also a lot of children living on Signal Hill. Items have been stolen from my property. When the school is dropping off and picking up the kids for school the bus turns around at the corner and damages the corner of her yard. She called the school district office and was told that the police should write a ticket, so she is asking for extra patrol during bus time. How can we check on who is living in these houses? There is a basketball hoop in the street, they should be pulling it out of the street when they are done. Alderman Blackwell stated that he would talk to the resident on the street. Mayor Matthew will check with the city attorney about the parking issues and the legality of some of these issues.

### **Police Department Report**

**Detective Beekman** reported recognizing Officer Blagojevich for his saving the life of a 7th-grade student.

### **BOARD REPORTS**

**ALDERMAN BLACKWELL** Stated that he visited El Poncho regarding fixing his driveway and the potholes. He also advises him of the city code about the number of cars that he has in the front, The owner stated that we will comply no date was given. Alderman Blackwell also visited Family Dollar, Dollar Tree, and Save a Lot about the code violation all the businesses will comply with.

**ALDERWOMEN JONE COLLINS** Stated that she calls MODOT regarding the Emerling and Florissant area they are supposed to get back to her by the Spring of this year. If any resident would like to call the phone number is 314-275-1500 for Kim with MODOT. Alderwomen Jones Collins also reported about the nuisance property at 4800 Barbara.

**ALDERMAN ROBINSON** Stated that he and Mayor Matthew to look at the drainage problem at Florissant and Emerling. He has contacted our State Representative, Rita Day's office for help. Alderman Robinson and Mr. Scott cleaned up the city hall and were about to take the scrap to be sold and received about \$300.00. On the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of June, the motorcycle club will be hosting a city cleanup. MODOT will pick up the yellow trash bags once we are done.

### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

**Mayor Matthew** Be patient with the cleanup in the City. It has been left for a long time; we are trying to put the City back together; it takes time.

### **Unfinished Business**

**1. Approval of the recommendation for the hire of Dianna Drake for the City Clerk position.** The motion for the acceptance of hiring Dianna Drake was made by Alderman Robinson and the second motion was made by Alderman Johnson. **All in favor: none opposed.**

**2. Approval for Business License For 1605 Florissant.**

The motion made by Alderman Blackwell was seconded by Alderman Johnson. **All in favor: none opposed.**

**NEW BUSINESS -**

**1. Spring Festival Event Table for Discussion.**

The motion made by Alderwomen Jones Collins was seconded by Alderman Johnson. **All in favor: none opposed.**

**2. Vector Control Contract Renewal**

The motion made by Alderwomen Blackwell was seconded by Alderwomen Jones Collins. **All in favor: none opposed.**

**3. Nominations Board President Alderman Alvin Robinson**

The motion made by Alderwomen Jones Collins was seconded by Alderman Johnson. **All in favor: none opposed. Roll Call vote**

**WARRANTS**

**1. MAYORS REIMBURSEMENT OF GAS RECEIPTS**

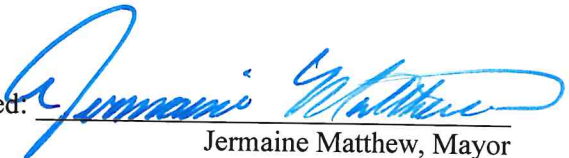
The motion made by Alderman Blackwell was seconded by Alderman Johnson. **All in favor: none opposed.**

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**Adjournment**

Alderman Johnson made a motion to adjourn the Board Meeting and Alderman Blackwell seconded the motion. The motion was carried upon a unanimous voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

  
Jermaine Matthew, Mayor

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

  
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City Clerk