



Minutes of the Special City Board Meeting May 30, 2024

The Special Meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Cool Valley was held Thursday, May 30th, 2024, at 2:13 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
Don Johnson –Present
Floyd Blackwell - Present
Ms. Earline Jones Collins– Late Arrive 2:36 pm
City Attorney – Mr. Craig Smith

Approval of the Agenda

The motion for approval of the agenda made by Alderman D. Johnson was seconded by Alderman A. Robinson the board approved the agenda for the board meeting on May 30, 2024. The vote was polled as follows: A. Robinson -Yes, E. Jones Collins – Absent, F. Blackwell- Yes, D. Johnson-Yes, Motion Carried.

Approval of the minutes from the Regular Meeting

The motion for approval of the April 24, 2024, meeting minutes made by Alderman F. Blackwell was seconded by Alderman A. Robinson the board approved the regular meeting minutes of April 24, 2024. The vote was polled as follows: A. Robinson -Yes, E. Jones Collins – Absent, F. Blackwell-Yes, D. Johnson- Yes, Motion Carried.

RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENT

The motion for approval to pay receipts and disbursement made by Alderman A. Robinson was seconded by Alderman A. Blackwell. The vote was polled as follows: A. Robinson -Yes, E. Jones Collins – Absent, F. Blackwell- Yes, D. Johnson- Yes, Motion Carried.

Police Department Report

Detective Beekman reported 265 service calls, 13 summons and/or tickets, and 24 reports and 3 arrests. There were no major crime incidents in the month of April. Officer Jordan participated in the Police Unity Tour which is a 200-mile bicycle ride from New Jersey to Washington, DC honoring fallen police officers. Officer Hubble graduated from the Jefferson College Police Academy and recently started with the agency.

MAYOR REPORT

Mayor Matthew has events within the community of Cool Valley. The first event is on May 17, 2024, at 201 Evans from 12 pm-1:30 pm. Please watch the website or call City Hall for other upcoming events with Mayor Matthew.



BOARD MEMBER REPORT

OLD BUSINESS

1. Modification of Section 400.200

The motion for the first reading made by Aldermen A. Robinson was seconded by Alderman F. Blackwell for bill #24-06. Craig did the first reading of the ordinance.

On the motion made by Aldermen A. Robinson, seconded by Alderman F. Blackwell for the second reading, Craig did the second reading of the ordinance.

Ordinance 1-522-24 by the following roll call vote of the alderpersons. The vote was polled as follows: A. Robinson -Yes, E. Jones Collins – Absent, F. Blackwell- Yes, D. Johnson-Yes, Motion Carried.

2. Approval Code Enforcement with the City of Normandy

Motion for approval of the Code Enforcement Agreement with the City of Normandy providing enforcement of the City of Cool Valley codes for the City was made by Alderman D. Johnson and was seconded by Alderman F. Blackwell. The vote was polled as follows: A. Robinson -No, E. Jones Collins – Absent, F. Blackwell- No, D. Johnson-No, Motion Carried.

3. Grant Boutique, LLC

The motion for approval of Grant Boutique, LLC for providing grant writing services for the City was made by Alderman A. Robinson and was seconded by Alderman D. Johnson. Approval of cost not to exceed \$3600 before needing board approval. The vote was polled as follows: A. Robinson -Yes, E. Jones Collins – Yes, F. Blackwell- Yes, D. Johnson-Yes, Motion Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Approval of Business Chicago Fish and Chicken Grill/ Sign Variance

The motion for approval of Chicago Fish and Chicken Grill to open a business at 1604 S. Florissant Rd. within the City was made by Alderman A. Robinson and was seconded by Alderman D. Johnson. The vote was polled as follows: A. Robinson -Yes, E. Jones Collins – Yes, F. Blackwell- Yes, D. Johnson-Yes, Motion Carried.

The motion for the approval of the Sign Variance at 1604 S. Florissant Rd the plans call for a 3 x 10 (30 SF) sign on a 1,430 SF building. The City Code (415.200 B.2) states an attached sign cannot be larger than 1% of the building's square feet. In this case, the maximum sign size would be 1,430 SF X 1% = 14.3 SF. The motion was made by Alderman A. Robinson and was seconded by Alderman F. Blackwell. The vote was polled as follows: A. Robinson -Yes, E. Jones Collins – Yes, F. Blackwell- Yes, D. Johnson-Yes, Motion Carried.



2. Approval of Business All Star Tire LLC

The motion for approval of All Star Tire LLC to open a business at 1605 S. Florissant Rd. within the City was made by Alderman A. Robinson and was seconded by Alderman F. Blackwell. The vote was polled as follows: A. Robinson -Yes, E. Jones Collins – Yes, F. Blackwell- Yes, D. Johnson-Yes, Motion Carried.

3. Approval of 2023-2024 Financial Budget

The motion for approval of the 2023-2024 financial budget was made by Alderman A. Robinson and was seconded by Alderwoman E. Collins. The vote was polled as follows: A. Robinson -Yes, E. Jones Collins – Yes, F. Blackwell- Yes, D. Johnson-Yes, Motion Carried

4. Approval of Hiring 2 part-time employees

The motion for approval of hiring 2 part-time employees was made by Alderman A. Robinson and was seconded by Alderwoman E. Collins. The vote was polled as follows: A. Robinson -Yes, E. Jones Collins – Yes, F. Blackwell- Yes, D. Johnson-Yes, Motion Carried

WARRANTS

1. Approval of monthly bills for payments

The motion for approval to pay monthly city bills made by Alderman A. Robinson was seconded by Alderman D. Johnson. The vote was polled as follows: A. Robinson -Yes, E. Jones Collins – Yes, F. Blackwell- Yes, D. Johnson-Yes, Motion Carried.

Adjournment

Alderman D. Johnson made a motion to adjourn the Board Meeting and Alderman A. Robinson seconded the motion. The motion was carried upon a unanimous voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 5:02 p.m.

Approved: _____

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jermaine Matthew", written over a horizontal line.

Jermaine Matthew, Mayor

Attest: _____

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Dianna Drake", written over a horizontal line.

Dianna Drake, City Clerk