



## CITY OF NORMANDY

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### Minutes for the Meeting of the Normandy City Council

Tuesday, February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022, 6:30pm

**BE IT REMEMBERED** that the City Council of the City of Normandy held a meeting in person and on Zoom on Tuesday, February 1st, 2022

#### Call to order

Mayor Mark Beckmann (present) called the meeting to order at 6:30pm

#### Roll call

Mayor Mark Beckmann took roll call with the following Councilmembers attending:

Councilwoman Lelia Martin- Present

Councilman Walter Moss- Present

Councilman Tony Evans- Present

Councilwoman LaWanda Smith- Present

Councilman Rick Nelson- Present

Councilman Maurice Hunt- Present

Councilwoman Erma Ratlif- Present

Councilwoman Yolanda Campbell- Present

Mayor Beckmann stated that with 8 councilmembers present there was a quorum, and the meeting could proceed.

#### Pledge of Allegiance

The pledge was given.

#### Approval of the February 1, 2022, Agenda

Councilman Hunt made a motion to amend the agenda to switch **item IV** (Citizen Comment) and **item IX** (report of officers). Councilman Nelson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with the Council voting as follows:

Councilwoman Martin- Aye

Councilman Moss- Aye

Councilman Evans- Nay

Councilwoman Smith- Aye

Councilman Nelson- Aye

Councilman Hunt- Aye

Councilwoman Ratlif- Aye

Councilwoman Campbell- Nay

The motion carried.

Councilman Hunt made a motion to remove **item X., a.** (Council Bill #22-02) from the agenda. Councilwoman Ratlif seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with the Council voting as follows:

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|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| Councilwoman Martin- Aye | Councilman Moss- Aye       |
| Councilman Evans- Nay    | Councilwoman Smith- Aye    |
| Councilman Nelson- Aye   | Councilman Hunt- Aye       |
| Councilwoman Ratlif- Aye | Councilwoman Campbell- Nay |

The motion carried.

Councilman Hunt made a motion to remove **item X., c.** (Council Bill #22-04) from the agenda. Councilwoman Ratlif seconded. A debate on the issue of penalties for absence from Council meetings was had by the Council. A roll call vote was taken with the Council voting as follows:

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|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| Councilwoman Martin- Aye | Councilman Moss- Aye       |
| Councilman Evans- Nay    | Councilwoman Smith- Aye    |
| Councilman Nelson- Aye   | Councilman Hunt- Aye       |
| Councilwoman Ratlif- Aye | Councilwoman Campbell- Nay |

The motion carried.

Councilman Hunt made a motion to remove **item XI., e.** (A resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into a special council agreement) from the agenda. Councilwoman Ratlif seconded the motion. A brief debate was had about if it is fair or not for the City not to pay the Mayors legal expenses in the impending impeachment trial. A roll call vote was taken with the Council voting as follows:

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|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| Councilwoman Martin- Aye | Councilman Moss- Aye       |
| Councilman Evans- Nay    | Councilwoman Smith- Aye    |
| Councilman Nelson- Aye   | Councilman Hunt- Aye       |
| Councilwoman Ratlif- Aye | Councilwoman Campbell- Nay |

The motion carried.

Councilman Hunt made a motion to remove **item V., a.** (Approval of the September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021, City Council Meeting Minutes). Councilman Nelson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with the Council voting as follows:

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|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Councilwoman Martin- Abstain | Councilman Moss- Aye        |
| Councilman Evans- Nay        | Councilwoman Smith- Abstain |
| Councilman Nelson- Aye       | Councilman Hunt- Aye        |
| Councilwoman Ratlif- Aye     | Councilwoman Campbell- Nay  |

The motion carried.

Councilman Hunt made a motion to remove **item V., b.** (Approval of the November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021, City Council Meeting Minutes). Councilman Nelson seconded the motion. Councilwoman Campbell stated that she disagreed with not passing minutes and thought that the Council has had plenty of time to review the minutes and that they need to amend or approve them. A roll call vote was taken with the Council voting as follows:

Councilwoman Martin- Abstain

Councilman Moss- Aye

Councilman Evans- Nay

Councilwoman Smith- Aye

Councilman Nelson- Aye

Councilman Hunt- Aye

Councilwoman Ratlif- Aye

Councilwoman Campbell- Nay

The motion carried.

Councilman Hunt made a motion to remove **item V., c.** (Approval of the November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2021, City Council Meeting Minutes) and **item V., d.** (Approval of the December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021, City Council Meeting Minutes). Councilman Nelson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with the Council voting as follows:

Councilwoman Martin- Abstain

Councilman Moss- Aye

Councilman Evans- Nay

Councilwoman Smith- Aye

Councilman Nelson- Aye

Councilman Hunt- Aye

Councilwoman Ratlif- Aye

Councilwoman Campbell- Nay

The motion carried.

Councilman Hunt made a motion to approve the February 1<sup>st</sup> Agenda as amended with Councilwoman Smith seconding. The motion carried upon a majority of the Council voting Aye upon voice vote and only Councilwoman Campbell voting nay.

## **Report of Officers**

### *Mayor's Report*

Mayor Beckmann announced that the City Council would be interviewing a Public Works Director tomorrow. Mayor Beckmann announced that the newsletter titled the "grassroots political special" is a piece of campaign literature and is not something that was issued by the City of Normandy even though it does have some branding on it that could make someone think that it was.

Mayor Beckmann made the public aware that he had discovered there was a gentleman living in a City owned property rent free. Mayor Beckmann stated that he discovered that the gentleman had been issued an occupancy permit by the previous administration and has stated that he was told in the past by City Hall that he could live there. Mayor Beckmann stated that he was beginning the eviction process.

Mayor Beckmann made the public aware that there is a forecasted winter weather event tomorrow and urged residents to park on the street.

Mayor Beckmann announced that he would be hosting a Coffee With the Mayor Event.

*Councilman Hunt*

Councilman Hunt stated that he did not think the newsletter that went out was campaign literature. Councilman Hunt stated that he disagreed with the other newsletter that was sent out with Councilwoman Campbell.

*Councilwoman Campbell*

Councilwoman Campbell asked when the Christmas decorations would be taken down and asked that people please bring in their pets in the cold weather.

*Councilman Nelson*

Councilman Nelson stated that he disagreed with the newsletter that was sent out by Councilwoman Campbell.

Councilwoman Campbell responded saying that anyone who puts a newsletter out should put their name on it and that she sticks by what she said.

*Councilman Evans*

Councilman Evans raised a complaint about abandoned vehicles in Ward II.

*Councilwoman Ratlif*

Councilwoman Ratlif shared that she did not appreciate the newsletter that was disseminated by Councilwoman Campbell.

*Councilman Moss*

Councilman Moss asked if the police could put the speed trailer on Bermuda to prevent speeding.

*Chief of Police Colonel Mark Hall*

Colonel Hall reported that in January the Police Department had 258 calls for service, wrote 22 tickets, and issued 24 police reports and gave a breakdown of the various crimes. Colonel Hall stated that the department was getting over the wave of COVID. He reported that one officer was leaving due to personal reasons but that three new officers were about to start. Colonel Hall stated that the speed trailer was inoperable but that the Police Department would look into fixing it or pursuing a reasonable alternative. Colonel Hall also answered several questions from various councilmembers.

*City Treasurer Charles Ellis*

Ellis reported that Angela Dorn has still not been able to provide FY21 fourth quarter reports.

## **Appointments**

Mayor Beckmann stated that he was having trouble finding volunteers for the parks board. Mayor Beckmann announced that he was appointing Kevin Jackson and Rick Sampson to the Economic Development Committee. Both Jackson and Sampson spoke before the Council introducing themselves, sharing how long they have been in the City of Normandy, and why they think they are qualified to

serve. Councilwoman Campbell made a motion to approve the appointments and Councilperson Evans Seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with the Council voting as follows:

Councilwoman Martin- Aye

Councilman Moss- Aye

Councilman Evans- Aye

Councilwoman Smith- Aye

Councilman Nelson- Aye

Councilman Hunt- Aye

Councilwoman Ratlif- Aye

Councilwoman Campbell- Aye

The motion carried.

## **New Business License**

The Council discussed a business license application that had been received from Larry Montgomery for a startup car dealership business who would like to use office space at 7314 Natural Bridge Road to do paperwork to get his dealership license and potentially conduct sales of cars at the location.

Montgomery spoke before the Council. After discussion Mayor Beckmann stated that he would have to check City Ordinances to see if an Auto Dealership would even be allowed to exist in that location and that he would get back with the business owner.

## **Liquor License Renewal**

Councilman Evans made a motion to approve the renewal of the St. Ann Men's Club Liquor License. Councilman Moss seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote the motion carried with a majority of the Council voting Aye and none voting Nay.

## **Citizen Comment**

Mike Sappington, 7725 Circle Drive, stated that he liked the newsletter that was distributed in Ward IV. Sappington expressed frustration with the Council. Sappington expressed frustration with the amount of closed session meetings, the city attorney not attending the meetings in person, and other general frustration

Kevin Jackson, 7627 Bermuda, stated that he thinks an attendance policy is a good idea and that he is against the impeachment and thinks the mayor should be provided an attorney. Jackson voiced general frustrations with Council and the previous administrations.

Steve Sachsenheimer, 7827 Blanford, stated that he supports the Councilmember attendance policy and that he agrees with the newsletter disseminated by Councilwoman Campbell.

Teresa Beel-Dunkin, 7809 Brand, introduced herself as the daughter of the late Lee Beel a former Councilman. Beel-Dunkin stated that her late father was proud of the City of Normandy but that he would be disappointed with the current politics and infighting. Beel-Dunkin called on the community to come together and make the City of Normandy better and what the citizens of Normandy deserve.

Terry Gannon, 7620 August, stated that she thought using city funds to impeach the mayor is a waste of City money and encouraged the Council to not do it.

Sandra Kloepfer, 7703 Augusta Ave, stated that she thought impeachment was a waste of money.

William Washington, address not given, expressed frustration with the council and that he was embarrassed by the Council

Kimberly Moore, 7620 Skyview, expressed frustration that the Council has moved Citizen Comment later in the meeting several times. Moore expressed general frustrations with the Council and perceived corruption.

Bob Ried, 3601 Oakmount Ave, thanked the Beel family for showing up at the meeting. Reid stated that he was against the impeachment effort and was against the use of city funds to do so.

Patricia Ingram, address not given, expressed general frustrations with the Council.

Joyce Medwrath, 7727 Nacomis Drive, stated that her trash was picked up and was happy with the service

## Old Business

Councilwoman Campbell made a motion to have a second reading of Council Bill #22-03. Councilman Evans seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with the Council voting as follows:

Councilwoman Martin- Aye

Councilman Moss- Aye

Councilman Evans- Aye

Councilwoman Smith- Aye

Councilman Nelson- Aye

Councilman Hunt- Aye

Councilwoman Ratlif- Aye

Councilwoman Campbell- Aye

The motion carried.

Mayor Beckmann gave a second reading by title of **Council Bill #22-03: An ordinance of the City of Normandy, Missouri amending sections 6.3 and 6.5(a) of the City of Normandy Personnel Policy Manual.**

There was a brief discussion reviewing what the bill did, why it was necessary, and what is a fair way for overtime to be calculated.

Councilwoman Martin made a motion to approve Council Bill #22-03. Councilman Evans seconded the motion. Upon a voice vote the motion carried with a majority of the Council voting Aye and none voting Nay.

## New Business

*Council Bill #22-05*

Mayor Beckmann gave a first reading of a bill that was asked to be put on the agenda by Councilman Hunt, **Council Bill #22-05: an ordinance of the City of Normandy, Missouri requiring that all non-recurring indebtedness of the City be itemized and compiled into a bills list for review and approval by the City Council before disbursing payment of any such indebtedness for full satisfaction or any portion thereof, except in cases of emergency.**

### *Council Bill #22-06*

Mayor Beckman gave a first reading of **Council Bill #22-06: an ordinance of the City of Normandy, Missouri revising section 115.180 of the City's code to change the age and residency requirement for the position of City Administrator.**

### *Hoffman Brothers Bid*

Mayor Beckmann asked the Council for approval to accept a bid from Hoffmann Brother HVAC for the removal of the existing heater that was too large for the space and to install a new power burner that is properly fitted for the space. Mayor Beckmann stated that the bid amount for the job is \$2,750. Mayor Beckmann stated that the reason why he is bringing it to Council is because the previous installation was not done properly and that he was having trouble getting 3 bids, as is required by City purchasing policy, because at least 2 other vendors did not want to take on the liability that came with fixing the improperly installed heater. There was a debate and discussion between Councilmembers about what to do. There was a discussion of a possibility of having Councilman Hunt doing the work, but no motion was made. Councilwoman Campbell made a motion to authorize the Mayor to accept the bid. Councilman Evans seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, and the Council voted as follows:

Councilwoman Martin- Aye	Councilman Moss- Abstain
Councilman Evans- Aye	Councilwoman Smith- Abstain
Councilman Nelson- Nay	Councilman Hunt- Nay
Councilwoman Ratlif- Nay	Councilwoman Campbell- Aye

The Mayor voted Aye to break the tie.

The motion carried.

### *Sale of 5401 Bermuda*

Mayor Beckmann asked the council for a motion to sell the property in way that the Council sees fit. Councilwoman Campbell made a motion to have the property at 5401 Bermuda appraised and offered for sale to adjoining property owners. Councilman Evans seconded the motion. The motion carried upon a voice vote a majority of the Council voting Aye and only Councilman Hunt voting Nay.

### *Scheduling a Budget Workshop*

After discussion with the Council, Mayor Beckmann stated that a budget workshop to discuss the use of ARPA funds would be held on February 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30pm.

## **Closed Session**

Councilman Nelson made a motion to go into closed sessions to discuss personnel issues and contracts. Councilmember Hunt seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, and the Council voted as follows:

Councilwoman Martin- Aye	Councilman Moss- Aye
Councilman Evans- Nay	Councilwoman Smith- Aye

Councilman Nelson- Aye

Councilman Hunt- Aye

Councilwoman Ratlif- Aye

Councilwoman Campbell- Nay

The motion carried.

## **Adjournment**

Councilman Nelson made a motion to adjourn the meeting so that the Council can go into closed session. Councilman Hunt seconded the motion. The motion carried upon unanimous voice vote. The meeting was Adjourned at 8:47pm

Minutes approved by the City Council on this 1<sup>st</sup> day of **March, 2022**.



Honorable Mark Beckmann, Mayor



Acting City Clerk, Samuel Johnson

**SEAL:**