

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN
February 17, 2009

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Warson Woods was held on Tuesday, February 17, 2009 at the City Hall, 10015 Manchester Road. The following members of the Board were present:

Mayor E. William Bergfeld, Jr.
George Bruenning
Mike Dell'Orco
Gordon Gosh
Mark Wittich
Larry Howe
Mike Andrews
David Aitken

Absent: Judith Pohl

Also present were Treasurer, Bill O'Neil, Chief, Robert Stanczak, City Clerk/Collector, Kathy Mahany, Building Commissioner, Dan Wilson, and City Engineer, Ken Lichtenheld. The Mayor called the Meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. City Attorney, Paul Rost arrived at 7:02 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MINUTES

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Alderman Wittich moved, seconded by Alderman Howe, that the Minutes be accepted as submitted. On Voice Vote, the motion was unanimously approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT—January 2009

Alderman Gosh moved, seconded by Alderman Howe that the Treasurer's report be received as submitted. On Voice Vote, the motion was unanimously approved.

BILLS AND RECURRING DISBURSEMENTS TO BE APPROVED

Alderman Aitken moved, seconded by Alderman Gosh, that the Bills with the Addendum be approved as submitted. On Voice Vote, the motion was unanimously approved.

GLENDALE FIRE REPORT—No action required

WARSON WOODS POLICE REPORT—No action required.

PETITIONS, REQUESTS AND COMPLAINTS-No action required

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COLLECTOR—Kathy Mahany, nothing to report.

BUILDING COMMISSIONER—Dan Wilson reported that one permit closed and another issued. There is still a chance for another to request a Board of Adjustment hearing. He then stated there are 46 older open permits some having had some inspections and others not having any. After a discussion it was decided to send a letter to the home owners of the open permits requesting the have inspections done to close out the permit and refund the deposit.

PARK COMMISSIONER—No one appointed at this time.

CITY ENGINEER—Ken Lichtenheld reported that the swim club flooded during the latest rain last Tuesday night. He said it did not appear to be flooded from the creek but rather from the run off down the hill in the Park and from Renderer Dr. After a lengthy discussion Alderman Andrews moved seconded by Alderman Howe to recommend to the Swim Club they install curbing at the top of the hill to help prevent the flow of water down into the pool area. On Voice Vote the motion was unanimously approved.

CITY ATTORNEY—Paul Rost, discussed the article he submitted for the next newsletter regarding the request of the City to raise the Lateral Sewer fee from \$28.00 per household annually to \$50.00 per household annually.

TREASURER—Bill O'Neil, nothing to report

MAYOR— E. William Bergfeld, Jr. discussed appointing Alderman Gosh as the new Park Commissioner. Alderman Dell'Orco moved, seconded by Alderman Howe to appoint Alderman Gosh the new Park Commissioner. On voice Vote, the motion was unanimously approved.

Next he asked the Board if they had any interest in speaking to surrounding communities regarding the letter he received form a Kirkwood resident, Michele McDonald, regarding a ban on smoking. No interest was expressed.

OLD BUSINESS

Ordinance Entering into a Contract with ADT to Initiate a Select Link Alert System. Alderman Wittich moved, seconded by Alderman Howe, that Bill 1491 was read two times, after a discussion it was decided that the City Attorney would add additional language to the contract that any information ADT receives from residents is confidential and cannot be solicited and ADT will furnish usage reports when requested by the City. Bill No. 1491 becomes Ordinance No. 1436.

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OLD BUSINESS Cont.

Bill No. 1491

By Roll Call the Vote was as follows:

	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Not Present
Dell’Orco	<u> X </u>	_____	_____	_____
Andrews	<u> X </u>	_____	_____	_____
Gosh	<u> X </u>	_____	_____	_____
Bruenning	<u> X </u>	_____	_____	_____
Pohl	_____	_____	_____	<u> X </u>
Howe	<u> X </u>	_____	_____	_____
Wittich	<u> X </u>	_____	_____	_____
Aitken	<u> X </u>	_____	_____	_____

The Ordinance was announced passed. 7-0

MISC. OLD BUSINESS—Nothing to report.

NEW BUSINESS

Request from the City Clerk to attend the Spring Seminar.

Alderman Gosh moved, seconded by Alderman Dell’Orco to allow the City Clerk to attend the Spring Seminar March 9, 2009 – March 12, 2009 at the Lodge of the Four Seasons. On Voice Vote, the motion was unanimously approved.

Ordinance Amending Section 300.040 Relating to Operation of Motor Vehicles.

Alderman Gosh moved, seconded by Alderman Howe, that Bill 1490 was read two times, after a discussion Bill No. 1490 becomes Ordinance No. 1435.

By Roll Call the Vote was as follows:

	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Not Present
Dell’Orco	<u> X </u>	_____	_____	_____
Andrews	<u> X </u>	_____	_____	_____
Gosh	<u> X </u>	_____	_____	_____
Bruenning	<u> X </u>	_____	_____	_____
Pohl	_____	_____	_____	<u> X </u>
Howe	<u> X </u>	_____	_____	_____
Wittich	<u> X </u>	_____	_____	_____
Aitken	<u> X </u>	_____	_____	_____

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MISC. NEW BUSINESS

Alderman Andrews advised the Board that the total income is down by approximately \$105,000.00 and the expenses are up by approximately \$123,000.00.

Alderman Gosh discussed the implementation of an estimated real estate tax rate. The City Clerk stated that she has been in contact with the City's accounting firm and they are aware that they will handle submitting the estimated real estate tax rate on the City's behalf. Next he stated that he would like to contact the owner(s) of the parking lot to have the pot holes repaired.

Chief Stanczak explained the reason the DARE program was discontinued. He stated the state findings were the program did not live up to the expectations. He stated that several surrounding Cities have also discontinued the program. The program could be restarted but it would be a considerable cost to be recertified. After a short discussion it was decided that the Police Department would look into some other type of community involvement with the Schools.

Adjournment

Alderman Dell'Orco, seconded by Alderman Howe, the meeting is adjourned. On Voice Vote, the motion was unanimously approved. The meeting closed at 7:48 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Mahany, City Clerk

E. William Bergfeld, Jr., Mayor