

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN
June 16, 2009

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Warson Woods was held on Tuesday, June 16, 2009 at the City Hall, 10015 Manchester Road. The following members of the Board were present:

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

Absent: George Bruenning

Also present were City Attorney, Paul Rost, 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.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC HEARING

The Mayor opened the Public Hearing by asking if any one present had any comment about the City Amending the City's Comprehensive Sign Code, Title V, Chapter 545. With no comment from the audience, he went on to the second item under Public Hearing, Setting the 2009 – 2010 Fiscal Budget. He then asked if any one present had any comment about the City's Proposed 2009-2010 Fiscal Budget. With no comment from the audience, he closed the Public Hearing at 7:02 P.M.

MINUTES

REGULAR BOARD MEETING—May 19, 2009

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

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT MEETING—June 2, 2009

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

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PLANNING & ZONING MEETING—June 9, 2009

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

PUBLIC WORKS MEETING—June 15, 2009

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

TREASURER'S REPORT—May 2009

Alderman Gosh moved, seconded by Alderman Pohl 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 Andrews 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—Alderman Gosh asked who normally responds to a lock out call. Chief Stanczak answered that the Police do but this was most likely a home lock out.

WARSON WOODS POLICE REPORT—No action required.

PETITIONS, REQUESTS AND COMPLAINTS—Anthony Hassek, 1625 Dearborn Drive, thanked the Board for the work that the City did last fall to prevent the pool from flooding during heavy rains. He said with the heavy rain last night that the pool did not flood and the preventions taken appear to be doing their job. A short discussion followed with Aldermen Wittich, Dell'Orco and Andrews at the end of the discussion Alderman Andrews thanked the City Engineer, Ken Lichtenheld and Steve Arterbury of Public Works for their efforts.

Next Christina Kulcinzki, 1017 North Drive, asked the Board if the curb at Manchester and Andrew were included in the bid package for this year's street improvements. The City Engineer answered yes they are included. Next she asked about the curbs on Manchester in front of Taco Bell. the City Engineer said he did not think they belong to the City but that he would contact the state and find out.

COLLECTOR—Kathy Mahany nothing to report.

BUILDING COMMISSIONER—Dan Wilson reported that four more of the old permits have been closed out and there are still about 20 open. He said he would contact St. Louis County and see if they have any record of final inspections being done on any of the open permits. If the county has proof of final inspections, he will bring it back to the Board and ask what their recommendation would be to do with the open deposits.

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PARK COMMISSIONER—Alderman Gosh stated that he, Steve Arterbury and Tim Gamma walked through the parks and found five dead trees which need to be removed. Three are in Royal Oaks Park and two are in Memorial Park. There are also several dead limbs which need to be removed along Warson Woods Drive, in Sundial Park, in Dreher Park and along North and Ridgeline. the cost to remove the trees and limbs will be about \$5,800.00. Next he stated that there are two dead trees at Rear Drive. He will notify the owner of the property to remove them. Lastly he informed the Board of a possible hazardous tree in Royal Oaks Park. He said the tree is approximately 100 to 150 years old and is leaning directly over the playground area at an angle. He is afraid with its weight and all the wet ground it could possibly fall over. Alderman Pohl then stated some of the trees along Warson Woods Drive have exposed roots which need to be covered. Alderman Gosh said they have a plan to fix that problem.

CITY ENGINEER—Ken Lichtenheld apologized for missing the Public Works meeting on June 15th. He then said there were sixteen responses for this years street improvements bid package. Out of the sixteen, five contractors submitted bids. Out of the five bids Benz & Parks Inc. was the low bidder at \$76,717.00. It is his recommendation that the City award the contract to them. Alderman Wittich moved, seconded by Alderman Howe to award the street replacement project to Benz & Parks Inc. On Voice Vote, the motion was unanimously approved.

CITY ATTORNEY—Paul Rost, nothing to report.

TREASURER—Bill O’Neil, nothing to report

MAYOR— E. William Bergfeld, Jr., congratulated Steve Arterbury for 25 years of service to the City of Warson Woods. Next he congratulated Chief Stanczak for 20 years of service to the City of Warson Woods.

OLD BUSINESS

An Ordinance Amending the City’s Comprehensive Sign Code Title V, Chapter 545 Alderman Wittich moved, seconded by Alderman Howe, that Bill 1499 was read two times, after a short discussion, Bill No. 1499 becomes Ordinance No. 1444.

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>	_____	_____	_____

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Bill No. 1499 Cont.

Howe	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Wittich	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Aitken	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

The Ordinance was announced passed 7-0.

At this time Mr. Pat Cunningham of Capitol Land and Mr. Keith Brand of Floor Trader addressed the Board requesting the Boards approval to install non conforming pole signs for Floor Trader and Miss Sherri’s. The Floor Trader sign would be 10 ft. in length not 8 ft. (sketches were provided to Board members) as shown in the sketch. They are also requesting changing the existing signage for Miss Sherri’s from a monument sign to a pole sign similar to the one for Floor Trader and including spaces for other tenants. In addition to street signage, Capitol Land requested a non-conforming recessed box sign (sketch provided) for the Floor Trader front. After a lengthy discussion, Alderman Howe moved seconded by Alderman Aitken that the signs for Floor Trader would be approved in accordance the preceding amendment to the City’s sign code with the condition that the sign be removed if the tenant moves out. On Voice Vote, the motion was unanimously approved.

Alderman Howe moved seconded by Alderman Gosh to allow changing the existing signage to add more spaces for tenants and if there are any empty panels they will be filled in with background material so the shopping center does not appear to have empty spaces. On Voice Vote, the motion was unanimously approved.

MISC. OLD BUSINESS—Nothing to report.

NEW BUSINESS

An Ordinance Entering into a Contract with Hochschild Bloom & Company for Accounting and Auditing Services for the Fiscal Years 2008 -2009, 2009 – 2010 and 2010-2011 Alderman Andrews moved, seconded by Alderman Aitken, that Bill 1500 was read two times, after a short discussion, Bill No. 1500 becomes Ordinance No. 1445.

By Roll Call the Vote was as follows:

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

The Ordinance was announced passed. 7-0

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Setting the Lateral Sewer Rate for 2009

Alderman Wittich informed the Board that it is the recommendation of the Public Works Committee to raise the Lateral Sewer Tax to \$50.00 per household per year and to keep the reimbursement at 90%.

Alderman Wittich moved, seconded by Alderman Aitken to raise the Lateral Sewer Tax to \$50.00 per household per year and to keep the reimbursement at 90%. After discussion, the motion was withdrawn and the topic will be added to the July 21, 2009 Regular Board meeting agenda.

At this time a discussion was held regarding the ADT Select Link program. Alderwoman Pohl stated she would like to see the residents continue to be encouraged to sign up for the system and that she would like to know how it will be utilized and who will initialize it? After more discussion it was decided to set up an ADHOC Committee to set the policy of the program and to set up a chain of command for its use.

CERT Program

Alderman Pohl thanked Alderman Gosh and the Glendale Fire Department for their work on this program. she stated that Warson Woods is on the forefront for this kind of citizen training and encourages all the residents to join the program.

An Ordinance Setting the 2009 - 20010 Fiscal Budget Alderman Andrews moved, seconded by Alderman Pohl that Bill 1501 was read two times. Bill No. 1497 becomes Ordinance No. 1446

By Roll Call the Vote was as follows:

	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Not Present
Gosh	<u> X </u>	_____	_____	_____
Andrews	<u> X </u>	_____	_____	_____
Dell'Orco	<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

At this time a short discussion was held regarding the increase of traffic during the summer months. No action was taken.

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MISC. NEW BUSINESS

Alderman Gosh informed the Board that there is a missing manhole cover at Bennett and Rear Drive. Chief Stanczak said it belongs to AT&T and that it is a fiber optic line. He said he called AT&T several times with no response. He then said he would find out who owns the property and have them make sure the problem is fixed.

Adjournment

Alderman Andrews, seconded by Alderman Wittich, the meeting is adjourned. On Voice Vote, the motion was unanimously approved. The meeting closed at 8:25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Mahany, City Clerk

E. William Bergfeld, Jr., Mayor

