

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN
September 21, 2010

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Warson Woods was held on Tuesday, September 21, 2010 at the City Hall, 10015 Manchester Road. The following members of the Board were present:

Mayor Laurance M. Howe
Mark Thompson
Judith Pohl
David Aitken
Gordon Gosh
Mark Wittich
Mike Dell'Orco
Mike Andrews
George Bruenning

Absent:

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC HEARING-Establishing the 2010 Real Estate and Commercial Tax Rate and Amending Section 415 by Adding a new Article III "Special Events" to the City Code. Mayor Howe opened the Public Hearing at 7:00 p.m. He asked the audience if anyone had a comment on the 2010 Real Estate and Commercial Tax Rate or Amending Section 415 by adding a new Article III "Special Events" to the City Code. The City Attorney then gave a short explanation why there is a need for the addition of Article III "Special Events." Hearing no public questions or comments the Mayor closed the Public Hearing at 7:03 p.m.

At this time Mayor Howe introduced Mr. Randy Jotte. Mr. Jotte is a former Webster Groves Council member and he is running for St. Louis County Council in the 5th District. Next, Alderman Wittich introduced Ethan Trevor. Ethan is a resident and lives at 1033 North Drive, he invited Ethan to sit in his seat during the meeting. Ethan will earn a Merritt badge for attending the meeting.

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MINUTES

REGULAR BOARD MEETING—August 17, 2010

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION—August 17, 2010

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

P&Z MEETING—August 24, 2010

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

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT—September 7, 2010

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

TREASURER'S REPORT—August 2010

Alderman Gosh moved, seconded by Alderman Bruenning 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 Wittich, that the Bills with the Addendum be approved as submitted. A short discussion was held and Alderman Andrews moved, seconded by Alderman Wittich that the bills and recurring disbursements with the addendum be paid with the modification of \$575.50 reimbursement for Gordon Gosh. 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.

COLLECTOR—Kathy Mahany, nothing to report.

BUILDING COMMISSIONER—Dan Wilson reported that three permits were issued during the month and there was one denial. There will be a Board of Adjustment meeting in October for 1548 Renderer a set back issue. 840 Renderer was denied a variance in September and will reapply for a variance in October, and Wasabi Sushi Bar, 9983 Manchester Rd. is applying for a signage variance.

At this time Mayor Howe informed the Board that Dan has submitted a letter of resignation. He said he will stay on until a replacement is found.

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PARK COMMISSIONER—Gordon Gosh submitted the attached report. He also stated that he would like input from the Board regarding the comments the Mo. Department of Conservation made regarding foliage in the creek. Lastly, he discussed purchasing a new message center for Memorial Park.

Alderman Aitken moved, seconded by Alderwoman Pohl to purchase a new message center for Memorial Park. On Voice Vote, the motion was unanimously approved.

TENNIS COMMISSIONER—Mark Boland discussed options for regulations for Court No. 1, the play court. At this time Alderman Andrews updated the Board on the status of applying for the grant to repair the tennis courts. Alderman Wittich moved, seconded by Alderman Bruenning to hire a consultant to help with the application. On Voice Vote, the motion was unanimously approved.

CITY ENGINEER—Ken Lichtenheld reported on several items. First he stated that MSD agreed with the Mo. Department of Conservation regarding letting the trees in the creek continue to grow. It will help keep the walls from deteriorating. Next he stated he is waiting for a bid from B&D for the joint sealing. Then he said he read the letter from Paul Gund and looked at the areas he addressed and did not see a problem. He went on to address the letters MSD sent regarding the condition of the creek. The letters say there is no problem with the walls but when MSD came out they told the City Engineer that they should be repaired but MSD does not have the money to repair them. He went on to tell the Board that he contacted both MSD and AT&T regarding the sink hole on Flanders and Warson Oaks and he had no response about closing the hole. After a discussion it was decided that the City would put better barricades around the hole. Next a discussion regarding utilities not getting excavation permits took place. Alderman Wittich and the City Attorney will get together and discuss this problem. Alderman Dell'Orco then asked what was going to happen to the concrete slabs in front of Ste. Genevieve that need replacing. Ken told him they were replaced with others that need work and they will be replaced next year. Alderwoman Pohl asked how many of the slabs had the quick fix that has chips in them. Ken answered about 25%. Lastly Alderman Thompson asked the City Engineer to take under advisement that the street work bidding be done earlier in the spring so the construction will be done in the summer while school is not in session.

CITY ATTORNEY—Paul Rost, nothing to report

TREASURER—Bill O'Neil, nothing to report

MAYOR— Larry Howe, nothing to report.

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OLD BUSINESS

Committee Member Review

Alderman Pohl stated that Joe Gunn and Kate Hagen want to be taken off the Personnel Committee and she recommends Cristina Kulczycki for the Solid Waste Committee. Alderman Andrews said he would ask Tom Young if he would like to join the Finance Committee. Alderman Gosh recommended appointing Joe Wrobel to the Board of Adjustment Commission. Alderman Gosh moved, seconded by Alderman Andrews to appoint Joe Wrobel to the Board of Adjustment Commission. On Voice Vote, the motion was unanimously approved.

Mayor Howe stated that this discussion will continue next month.

MISC. OLD BUSINESS

Alderman Pohl asked Alderman Andrews what the status is on the recycle containers. He said they are being manufactured right now and they should be distributed by the second week of October. She then stated that after speaking with Cristina Kulczycki she understands that Manchester Road is scheduled to be redone. Cristina got the information for MODOT.

Alderman Gosh asked Alderman Andrews if the recycle container was going to be separate from the trash container. He answered yes there will be 2 containers.

Alderman Wittich reminded everyone that the Fall Festival will be held next Friday, October 1, 2010.

NEW BUSINESS

An Ordinance Amending the 2009-2010 Fiscal Budget. Alderman Andrews moved, seconded by Alderman Pohl, that Bill 1523 was read two times, Bill No. 1523 becomes Ordinance No. 1467.

By Roll Call the Vote was as follows:

	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Not Present
Dell’Orco	<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>
Thompson	<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. 8-0

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An Ordinance Amending Section 415 Land Use by Adding Section III. Alderman Thompson moved, seconded by Alderman Andrews, that Bill 1524 was read two times, Bill No. 1524 becomes Ordinance No. 1468.

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>
Thompson	<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. 8-0

An Ordinance to Set the 2010 Real Estate and Commercial Tax Rates. Bill NO. 1525 Alderman Andrews moved, seconded by Alderman Wittich, that Bill 1525 was read two times, Bill No. 1518 becomes Ordinance No. 1469.

By Roll Call the Vote was as follows:

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

The Ordinance was announced passed. 8-0

Resolution to rename the unnamed tributary of Sebago Creek as “Warson Woods Creek”. Resolution No. 09212010-1. Alderwoman Pohl moved, seconded by Alderman Wittich to adopt Resolution No. 09212010-1. After a short discussion, on Voice Vote the motion was unanimously approved.

Request from Veolia Environmental Services to be sold to Reynolds/Allied. Mayor Howe explained that he spoke with George Devries of Veolia and he explained that the

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Request from Veolia Solid Waste Systems Cont.

St. Louis division of Veolia is being sold to Reynolds/Allied and because of our contract with Veolia, the City must agree to the sale.

Alderman Andrews moved, seconded by Alderman Gosh that the City agrees with the sale of Veolia Environmental Waste Services to Reynolds/Allied. On Voice Vote, the motion was unanimously approved.

A short discussion was held regarding the Solid Waste Bid package. It was decided that a Solid Waste Committee meeting will be held and any changes to the current bid package will be made at that time. The City will advertise for Solid Waste Services in October and we wish to have all bids back before the November Regular Board meeting so the Board may award the new contract at that time.

Resolution supporting Grant's Farm as a new unit of the National Park Service. Resolution No. 9212010-2. Alderman Gosh moved, seconded by Alderman Thompson to adopt Resolution No. 9212010-2. On Voice Vote, the motion was unanimously approved.

MISC. NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Howe discussed the following items. First he stated that the ACH fraud charges will be \$15.00 per month. Next he informed the Board that he met with Luz Brown, 562 Flanders Dr.; she has a problem with surface water on her property. He told her that the City will get involved and try to resolve the problem. A short discussion followed. He then discussed finding a solution to what to put around the base of the trees on the creek road other than rock. Alderman Gosh suggested a specific type of vegetation. He said it would be rather expensive but it would work. Lastly he said he received letters from the St. Louis County Municipal League regarding the cost of street lighting, a letter from Charter Communications regarding a new television channel and a letter from St. Louis County stating that a new area flood map will be available soon.

Chief Stanczak discussed a step increase for Det. Giacomelli. Alderman Pohl moved, seconded by Alderman Wittich to give Det. Giacomelli his step increase. On Voice Vote, the motion was unanimously approved.

Adjournment

Alderman Andrews moved, seconded by Alderman Gosh the meeting is adjourned. On Voice Vote, the motion was unanimously approved. The meeting closed at 8:53 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Mahany, City Clerk

Laurance M. Howe, Mayor

