

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN
February 16, 2010

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Warson Woods was held on Tuesday, February 16, 2010 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

Absent: Judith Pohl

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

At this time guest speaker Debbie Erickson from Metro Transit addressed the Board regarding "Moving Metro Forward". She gave a short presentation and a question and answer period followed.

MINUTES

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

TREASURER'S REPORT—January 2010

Alderman Gosh moved, seconded by Alderman Andrews 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 Wittich moved, seconded by Alderman Aitken, 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.

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PETITIONS, REQUESTS AND COMPLAINTS—No action required
COLLECTOR—Kathy Mahany, nothing to report.

BUILDING COMMISSIONER—Dan Wilson reported that he would make his comments later on the agenda.

PARK COMMISSIONER—Alderman Gosh stated he is in the process of pruning dead and broken branches in Memorial Park and he is looking for a ground cover for Warson Woods Dr. and the creek. He wants something that will protect the tree roots and prevent soil erosion. Some possibilities are Mondo grass or perhaps Liriope grass.

CITY ENGINEER—Ken Lichtenheld, absent

CITY ATTORNEY—Paul Rost, absent

TREASURER—Bill O’Neil, reported that in response to the Audit report he has made three minor changes to our written investment policy. Although the City had already put the changes into practice he put them in writing.

MAYOR— E. William Bergfeld, Jr. stated that he will have a written recommendation regarding the \$.0030 real estate tax overage.

OLD BUSINESS

Solid Waste Collection Services and Recycling Cart Grant.

Alderman Andrews began the discussion by informing the Board that the City has received a \$30,000.00 grant from the St. Louis-Jefferson Solid Waste Management District to purchase recycle carts for the residents. The City will have to add approximately \$5,000.00 or 15% to the grant money to purchase enough carts for all the residents. The next step will be to enter into a contract with St. Louis-Jefferson Solid Waste Management District and then for the City to purchase the carts and be reimbursed \$30,000.00. He said this will take several months and we will possibly have the carts by July. He then gave a short background of discussions with our current Solid Waste Hauler, Veolia. Next Al Heinemann of Veolia addressed the Board. They discussed several options for the city regarding our solid waste. Roger Speth, 1475 Dearborn Dr. and Christina Kulczycki, 1017 North Dr. also joined the discussion. After discussing several options, Alderman Howe moved, seconded by Alderman Wittich to extend the City’s option to renew the current contract by 6 months to December 31, 2010 allowing the City the time to decide what type of services the residents of the City would like. On Voice Vote, the motion was unanimously approved.

MISC. OLD BUSINESS—Nothing to report.

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NEW BUSINESS

Request from the City Clerk to attend the Spring Conference March 7 – March 11, 2010. Alderman Gosh moved, seconded by Alderman Howe to send the City Clerk to the Conference. On Voice Vote the motion was unanimously approved.

Employee Health Insurance

Alderman Howe informed the Board that he has met with the City's insurance broker. The employee health insurance premium is going up by 6%. He said that this is a good rate considering the insurance climate at this time. He was expecting the increase to be closer to 20%. It is his recommendation at this time to keep the current plan with the 6% increase and split the increase with the employees, each taking a 3% raise in the policy rate. After a short discussion, Alderman Howe moved, seconded by Alderman Andrews to accept his recommendation. On Voice Vote, the motion was unanimously approved.

Closing out Old Building Permits and Refunding Deposits.

The Building Commissioner, Dan Wilson explained the problems that have come up in trying to close out the attached list of old permits and that he would like to make a final inspection on the attached list and refund any deposits that have been made by the homeowner. After a short discussion, Alderman Aitken moved, seconded by Alderman Andrews to allow the Building Commissioner to close out the attached list. On Voice Vote, the motion was unanimously approved.

Resolution 2162010.

Alderman Aitken read Resolution 2162010 which will allow the City to pay the Building Commissioner \$1,500.00 for all his extra work in trying to close out the old permits. Alderman Aitken moved, seconded by Alderman Andrews to accept Resolution 2162010. On Voice Vote, the motion was unanimously approved.

MISC. NEW BUSINESS

Alderman Gosh stated the hole on Rear Drive which AT&T made still needs paving. It was decided to have the City Attorney cite AT&T.

Alderman Howe commended Alderman Gosh on the good job he did with the CPR class. He then asked if there will be more classes open to the residents. Alderman Gosh said yes he will schedule more classes.

He then commended Chief Stanczak and the Police Department on the very good and professional job they did handling a very delicate case a few weeks ago.

Chief Stanczak brought the need to change the current solid waste ordinance to the Board's attention.

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Adjournment

Alderman Andrews, seconded by Alderman Gosh, the meeting is adjourned. On Voice Vote, the motion was unanimously approved. The meeting closed at 8:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Mahany, City Clerk

E. William Bergfeld, Jr., Mayor