

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
September 20, 2011

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Warson Woods was held on Tuesday, September 20, 2011 at the City Hall, 10015 Manchester Road.

The following members of the Board were present:

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

Absent: Mark Wittich  
Mark Thompson

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Howe opened the Public Hearing at 7:01 p.m. Alderman Dell'Orco mentioned that the tax rates have gone up slightly. The City Attorney explained that the City is a revenue neutral entity. If the assessments go down the rate will rise to compensate and if the assessments go up the rate will go down. A short discussion followed. Mayor Howe asked if there were any other comments, with none, he closed the Public Hearing at 7:03 p.m.

MINUTES

REGULAR BOARD MEETING—August 16, 2011

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

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MINUTES

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT COMMITTEE—September 6, 2011

Alderman Andrews moved, seconded by Alderman Aitken, that the Minutes be accepted as submitted with the addition of Alderman Gosh being present. On Voice Vote, the motion was unanimously approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT—August 2011

Alderman Andrews moved, seconded by Alderman Gosh 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 Alderwoman Pohl, that the Bills and Recurring Disbursements 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

COLLECTOR—Kathy Mahany, nothing to report.

BUILDING COMMISSIONER—Dan Wilson, reported that in August 2 permits were closed and 8 more were issued with a value of approximately \$400,000.00. At this point there are not conflicts or complaints.

PARK COMMISSIONER—Gordon Gosh submitted the attached report.

TENNIS COMMISSIONER—Mark Boland reported that the cracks in the tennis courts are being sealed. He stated that it is just a temporary fix but it doesn't look bad. Alderman Andrews then stated that the applications for park grants are due in October. If the City wants to apply for something we must decide shortly. He went on to say that last, for completely new tennis courts the grant would cover approximately \$115,000.00 and the City would have to match about another 15%. After a short discussion it was decided that an ADHOC Committee meeting will be held next week to discuss this further.

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CITY ENGINEER—Ken Lichtenheld, reported after a bad start, the contractor, L.F. Krupp did a great job up until the beginning of September. He’s still trying to get them to finish the back filling and repair a spot on Forest View. He then went on to explain that he received 2 bids for the street sealing work. One was for \$17,000.00, B & D Pavement Maintenance and the other for \$14,000.00. It is his recommendation to go with B & D Pavement Maintenance bid because he is familiar with their work. After a discussion Alderman Andrews moved, seconded by Alderwoman Pohl to draw up a contract based on the bid which B & D Pavement Maintenance gave the City Engineer to do the street sealing work with the stipulation that B & D give a start and end date for this project. On Voice Vote, the motion was unanimously approved.

CITY ATTORNEY—Paul Rost, nothing to report

TREASURER—Bill O’Neil, submitted the attached report regarding the City’s investments.

MAYOR— Larry Howe, nothing to report

OLD BUSINESS

MISC. OLD BUSINESS

Alderman Andrews asked if the Dollar Tree had requested a Board of Adjustment hearing for their sign variance appeal. The Building Commissioner answered yes, Anchor Sign Company has requested the hearing and the date is October 4, 2011.

NEW BUSINESS

An Ordinance Setting the 2011-2012 Real Estate and Commercial Tax Rates. Alderman Andrews moved, seconded by Alderman Gosh, that Bill 1541 was read two times, Bill No. 1541 becomes Ordinance No. 1485.

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

The Ordinance was announced passed. 6-0

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At this time Mayor Howe stated he had received a recommendation for a replacement for Mr. Krekeler on the Planning & Zoning Commission, John Simon, and if there are no objections he will appoint John Simon as Mr. Krekeler’s replacement. No objections were made.

An Ordinance Amending the 2010-2011 Fiscal Budget. Alderman Andrews moved, seconded by Alderwoman Pohl, that Bill 1542 was read two times, Bill No. 1542 becomes Ordinance No. 1486.

By Roll Call the Vote was as follows:

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

The Ordinance was announced passed. 6-0

An Ordinance Reaffirming the Tax to be Imposed on the Gross Receipts of Water Service Utilities, Electric Utilities, and Natural and Artificial Gas Services in the City of Warson Woods , and Enacting New Sections of the municipal Code Related Thereto . Alderman Andrews moved, seconded by Alderwoman Pohl, that Bill 1543 was read two times, Bill No. 1543 becomes Ordinance No. 1487.

By Roll Call the Vote was as follows:

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

The Ordinance was announced passed. 6-0

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Resolution No. 09202011 Approving the GASB 54 Policy was read by Alderman Andrews. The City Treasurer, Bill O'Neil explained that the Government requires Cities to have a reserve of at least 17% of their expenditures in reserve and the City of Warson Woods has over 60% of this amount in reserve. Alderman Andrews moved, seconded by Alderwoman Pohl to approve Resolution No. 09202011. On Voice Vote the motion was unanimously approved.

#### MISC. NEW BUSINESS

Alderwoman Pohl thanked the Public Works Department for cleaning the foliage and brush out of the creek. She also thanked who ever was responsible for the maintenance of the memorial garden. She then asked the Mayor if the MSD signage would be coming down anytime soon. The mayor stated he will contact MSD and find out. She also asked about the old alert system coming down. It will be taken down by the end of this year. Alderman Gosh stated the St. Louis County Municipal League has a commission which is looking into annexations, as they do after each census year. Alderman Bruenning asked if the broken fire hydrant on Beaucaire had been fixed. The Chief of Police said yes it was the next day. At this time Sheri Gassaway, Editor of the Webster Groves Patch introduced herself and stated she will be attending our monthly meetings.

The meeting adjourned into Executive Session at 7:30 P.M.

The meeting re-opened at 8:00 P.M.

#### Adjournment

Alderman Aitken moved, seconded by Alderman Gosh, the meeting is adjourned. On Voice Vote, the motion was unanimously approved. The meeting closed at 8:01 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Mahany, City Clerk

Laurance M. Howe, Mayor