

City of Warson Woods

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN

January 15, 2013

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Warson Woods was held on Tuesday, January 15, 2013 at the City Hall, 10015 Manchester Road. The following members of the Board were present:

Judith Pohl
George Bruenning
David Aitken
Gordon Gosh
Mike Andrews
Mike Dell'Orco
Mark Wittich

Absent: Alderman Thompson

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA, Alderwoman Pohl moved, seconded by Alderman Wittich, that the Agenda remain as submitted. On Voice Vote the motion was unanimously approved.

MINUTES

REGULAR BOARD MEETING—December 18, 2012

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

SPECIAL (WORKSESSION) BOARD MEETING---January 8, 2013

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

TREASURER'S REPORT—December 2012

Alderman Gosh moved, seconded by Alderwoman Pohl, that the Treasurer's report be received as submitted. Alderman Andrews asked what PD Assessment was. The Police Chief answered it is the psychological assessment for potential police officers. On Voice Vote, the motion was unanimously approved.

BILLS AND RECURRING DISBURSEMENTS WITH THE ADDENDUM TO BE APPROVED

Alderman Bruenning 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, submitted the attached report. He then informed the Board that there is a Board of Adjustment hearing scheduled for February 5, 2013. The request is for an encroachment into the 30 ft. set back. The Mayor then asked him if he has heard anything further from 5th/3rd Bank regarding their building starting date. He replied that he has not but he will contact them.

PARK COMMISSIONER—Gordon Gosh submitted the attached report. He explained that the reason he added the paragraph about the tree in Royal Oaks Park was because the tree falling on the house on Warson Woods drive. He wants to reassure everyone that the tree in the park is not growing from a swale with standing water. The roots are deep and sound. Mr. Gosh then mentioned that Warson Woods is participating in the Deer Creek Watershed Alliance rebate program.

TENNIS COMMISSIONER—Mark Boland was absent.

ACTING CITY ENGINEER—Mike Dell'Orco had no report at this time.

CITY ATTORNEY—Paul Rost reported that the Public Service Commission has recently decided to allow Ameren a 10% rate increase. When a utility raises rates by 10% or more the City may roll back its tax rate to balance out the amount of taxes collected to what they were prior to the rate increase. Warson Woods passed an ordinance a few years ago stating our rate can remain at .9% even if the utility goes up by 10% or more. After a discussion it was the Board's consensus to leave the rate as it is.

TREASURER—Bill O'Neil submitted the attached Audit Response letter. It is his recommendation to send it to both HB & Co. and to file it along with our audit with the state. The Board agreed.

MAYOR—Larry Howe stated he received an e-mail from a resident at 433 Mark Dr. regarding the trash service. He said he called the resident and left a message but has not heard back from him.

MAYOR Cont.

Next he said he called Tim Fishesser with the St. Louis County Municipal League regarding the availability of funds for ADA compliance but has not heard back from him. At this time he said he is looking into the possibility of purchasing insurance to cover the loss of sales tax in the case of a disaster. He hopes to have more information next month. At this time he said he read in the Webster/Kirkwood Times that U Gas wanted to put a gas station on Kirkwood Rd. but Kirkwood has a planned development or special use in place. With this in mind he thought we might think of something like that to limit charitable businesses since he was told they do not collect sales tax. Alderman Gosh and the City Clerk both said they do collect sales tax. The business itself is tax exempt but they do collect sales tax. Lastly he said he has had several complaints about commercial vehicles being parked in the neighborhood. He's working with Paul on a definition of commercial vehicles.

OLD BUSINESS

MISC OLD BUSINESS

Alderman Andrews reported that he has been speaking with the St. Louis County Municipal League regarding another park grant. He said it was explained to him that Warson Woods scores high; we have received approximately \$91.00 per capita in park grant money from two previous grants. He said we could possibly team with one of the schools on a project or try to do some type of matching funds project. The tennis court project was then brought up. It would cost approximately \$225,000.00 to completely remove and construct new tennis courts. After some discussion it was decided to get some hard bids for the project and submit another application to the Municipal League for this project. He will have to work fast as the first round begins in February.

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance Entering into a Contract with Kuhlman Design for ADA Compliance. Alderman Dell'Orco moved, seconded by Alderman Andrews, that Bill 1567 was read two times. Bill No 1567 becomes Ordinance No. 1510.

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>
Aitken	<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> 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.

Resolution 01152013 Authorizing a User Agreement for Subscriber Radios with St. Louis County Emergency Communications Commission. Alderman Gosh moved, seconded by Alderman Wittich to accept the resolution. The Mayor asked if we have to buy the radios. The Chief answered no, this is part of the voter passed 911 proposition which ensures St. Louis County and all the municipalities will have the same communication equipment. They will supply the radios. There is no value for the old equipment as it will be swapped out to the County for the new equipment. On Voice Vote, the motion was unanimously approved.

Misc. New Business

Alderman Bruenning informed the Board of a problem between our solid waste provider, IESI, and the resident at 556 Beaucaire. He said the resident says his trash is not being picked up and IESI says he has not paid his bills. After a short discussion it was decided that the City Attorney, Police Chief and Alderman Bruenning will handle the matter.

Adjournment

Alderman Wittich moved, seconded by Alderman Dell'Orco, the meeting is adjourned. On Voice Vote, the motion was unanimously approved. The meeting closed at 7:47 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Mahany, City Clerk

Laurance M. Howe, Mayor