

# *City of Warson Woods*

## RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

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### REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN

September 16, 2014

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Warson Woods was held on Tuesday, September 16, 2014, at the City Hall, 10015 Manchester Road. Upon roll call, the following members of the Board were reported present:

Mayor Larry Howe  
George Bruening  
Gordon Gosh  
Mike Dell'Orco  
Mark Thompson  
Jim Newman  
Debbie Pentland  
Mark Wittich

Also present were Police Chief Robert Stanczak, City Clerk Kathy Mahany, Treasurer Bill O'Neil, City Attorney Paul Rost and Tennis Commissioner, Mark Boland. Mayor Howe called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC HEARING-Establishing the 2014 Real Estate and Commercial Tax Rates.

Mayor Howe opened the Public Hearing. He asked the City Clerk to explain how the rates are calculated. The City Clerk explained that the valuation numbers are furnished by St. Louis County. The valuations numbers are sent to the Accountants to do the calculations. When they are finished they send the results to the State Auditor's Office for approval. When the approval comes back they relay the rates back to the City for passage (by Ordinance) and the City then submits them to St. Louis County to generate the tax bills. He then asked if there were any questions or comments from the audience. Mark Boland, 823 Garland Place, asked what the proposed rates are for 2014. The Mayor answered \$0.3570-Residential and \$0.4410-Commercial. The residential rate has not changed since last year and the commercial rate went up slightly from \$0.4380 to \$0.4410. Next, Frank Keavey, 1301 Geders Lane, asked (with regard to Hancock) how the rate could change without a vote of the residents. The City Attorney explained that the formula that is used to calculate the rates are the calculations that the Hancock rules provide. Lastly Dave Shilling, 1665 Calais Ct. asked if the account number for these taxes is No. 4000 on the Treasure's Report. The Treasure answered yes it is. Mayor Howe asked if there were any other comments or questions regarding this year's tax rates. Hearing none the Public Hearing closed at 7:12 p.m.

#### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Alderman Thompson moved, seconded by Alderwoman Pentland, that the Revised Agenda be approved. On Voice Vote the motion was unanimously approved.

#### MINUTES

##### REGULAR BOARD MEETING—August 19, 2014

Alderman Wittich moved, seconded by Alderman Dell'Orco that the Minutes of August 19th be accepted as submitted. On Voice Vote, the motion was unanimously approved.

##### EXECUTIVE SESSION-- August 19, 2014

Alderman Thompson moved, seconded by Alderman Wittich, that the Executive Session Minutes of August 19<sup>th</sup> be accepted as submitted. On Voice Vote, the motion was unanimously approved.

##### SPECIAL BOARD MEETING—September 2, 2014

Alderman Dell'Orco moved, seconded by Alderman Gosh, that the Special Board Meeting Minutes of September 4th be accepted as submitted. On Voice Vote, the motion was unanimously approved.

##### PUBLIC SAFETY MEETING—September 15, 2014

Alderman Thompson moved, seconded by Alderman Gosh, that the Public Safety Minutes of September 15<sup>th</sup> be accepted as submitted, with the change of the date to August. On Voice Vote the motion, with the change, was unanimously approved.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT—August 2014

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 & RECURRING DISBURSEMENTS WITH ADDENDUM TO BE APPROVED

Alderman Gosh, seconded by Alderman Wittich, that the Bills and Recurring Disbursements be approved as submitted. On Voice Vote, the motion was unanimously approved.

GLENDALE FIRE REPORT— Alderman Wittich noted the changes the format of the monthly report. He then mentioned that it contains a lot of useful information. No action required.

WARSON WOODS POLICE REPORT—No action required.

#### PETITIONS, REQUESTS AND COMPLAINTS—

Carl Schenck, 810 Rolfe, explained the need for passing Resolution No. 09162014-4. The Resolution Authorizes the submission of the Application for Grant for Improvements in Royal Oaks Park. He went on to explain that by passing the Resolution this evening the Park Grant Board will Award 2 points to the City's application, and every point is necessary if we hope to be approved.

#### PETITIONS, REQUESTS AND COMPLAINTS—Cont.

Patricia Flood, 402 Flanders, discussed the Comprehensive Plan the City is doing with Streiler Planning. She asked if this draft is the “final draft” or will the public have a chance partake in discussing the final plan. Mayor Howe said this is a draft and not the “final draft” but the City needs something to submit to the Park Grant Commission for consideration of being awarded a Park Grant. She then asked what was discussed during the last meeting with Streiler regarding the plan. Alderman Dell’Orco stated it was mostly the mechanics of the project and other potential projects, sidewalks etc. She then asked if a date has been set for the public meeting and she was answered no not yet.

Lastly, Dave Shilling, 1665 Calais Ct., asked if the residents will have input regarding the sale of St. Matt’s Church. The City Attorney answered depending if the property is sold to the City or someone else. If the City is the buyer the purchase will be done by and Ordinance and that will be discussed during a Regular Board Meeting.

#### MISC. REPORTS

COLLECTOR—Kathy Mahany, stated the 2014 tax bills will be mailed to the residents and commercial property owners during October.

BUILDING COMMISSIONER—Dan Wilson, excused.

PARK COMMISSIONER—Gordon Gosh, submitted the attached report.

TENNIS COMMISSIONER—Mark Boland, stated that the tennis courts are in good shape and the repairs which were done earlier this year are holding up well. He then urged the Board to pass the resolution for the Park Improvement Grant.

CITY ENGINEER (ACTING)—Mike Dell’Orco, said the street work is moving along well. The final slabs should be finished by next week. He went on to say there are cones placed in several areas where they are protecting edges where there are gaps where the new concrete has been poured and where another pad has to be poured. He then said there are utility projects that are ongoing. He is trying to limit the contractors to work between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. to minimize the traffic problems. He stated Mark Dr. has several places that the Utility contractors will have to repair driveways, lawns etc. Lastly he stated the tennis court report should be here tomorrow.

CITY ATTORNEY—Paul Rost, no report.

TREASURER—Bill O’Neil, stated that the large deficit in the PD is due to the Workers Comp insurance being paid during the month of August. It is the total premium for the year and is in line with the budget.

MAYOR—Larry Howe, informed everyone that Resolution No. 09162014-2 is for the sign for the Pet Supplies Plus which will occupy the Floor Traders space.

Misc. Reports, MAYOR-Cont.

Next he said he has been contacted by T-Mobile to erect a tower either on the parking lot behind City Hall or at the top of the hill in Royal Oaks Park. There have been changes in the state regulations on cell towers and they are waiting to hear from Jefferson City so they are waiting.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Update on St. Matthew's Property – The only thing to report at this time is we are in negotiations for the purchase of the property and to date, it has not been listed. There may be other offers on the property but we do not know who, about whether Rohan Woods continues to be interested in purchasing the property and, the City at this time had no information. The Mayor answered He does not know.
- B. Misc. Old Business—Alderman Wittich informed everyone that the lights at Manchester Rd. and Andrew Dr. are now working.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Bill 1597 AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL TAX RATES TO BE LEVIED AND COLLECTED FOR THE YEAR 2014.

The Board discussed the ordinance.

After being read two times by title only, Alderman Newman moved, seconded by Alderman Dell'Orco, that Bill 1597 be approved.

By Roll Call, the Vote was as follows:

	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Not Present
Dell'Orco	X			
Bruening	X			
Gosh	X			
Luisetti				X
Newman	X			
Pentland	X			
Thompson	X			
Wittich	X			

It was announced that the motion passed (7-0) and Bill No. 159 becomes Ordinance No. 1540.

B. Bill No. 1599 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 105.035 OF CHAPTER 105  
 “ELECTIONS” OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE.

After being read two times by title only, Alderman Gosh moved, seconded by Alderman Wittich, that Bill 1599 be approved.

The Board discussed the ordinance.

By Roll Call, the Vote was as follows:

	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Not Present
Wittich	X			
Bruenning	X			
Gosh	X			
Luisetti				X
Newman	X			
Pentland	X			
Thompson	X			
Dell’Orco	X			

It was announced that the motion passed (7-0) and Bill No. 1599 becomes Ordinance No. 1541.

C. Resolution No. 09162014-1 A Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into a Contract with Neopost USA, Inc. for a Postage Meter, Rental, Purchase or Related Equipment and Maintenance.

Alderman Gosh moved, seconded by Alderwoman Pentland, to approve the Postage Meter Agreement. On Voice Vote, the motion was unanimously approved.

D. Resolution No. 09162012 A Resolution Approving the Amendment to the Sign Plan for the Warson Woods Center Pursuant to Section 545.035.

Alderman Newman moved, seconded by Alderman Dell’Orco to approve the Amendment to Section 545.035. On Voice Vote, the motion was unanimously approved.

E. Resolution No. 09162014-3 Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into a Contract with American Banner Amusements, Inc. for Amusement Ride Services for the Fall Festival. Alderman Wittich moved, seconded by Alderwoman Pentland to approve the Contract with ABA for an Amusement Ride for the Fall Festival. On Voice Vote, the motion was unanimously approved.

NEW BUSINESS Cont.

- F. Resolution No. 09162014 Authorizing the Submission by the City of Warson Woods of an Application with the St. Louis County Municipal Park Grant Commission in October 2014 for a Grant for Park Improvements at Royal Oaks Park. Alderman Dell’Orco moved, seconded by Alderman Thompson to Authorize the Submission of an Application with the St. Louis County Municipal Park Grant Commission in October 2014 for a Grant for Park Improvements at Royal Oaks Park. On Voice Vote the motion was unanimously approved.
  
- G. Request from the Court Clerk to Attend a Fall Conference. Alderman Gosh moved, seconded by Alderman Dell’Orco to allow the Court Clerk to Attend a Fall Conference. On Voice Vote the motion was unanimously approved.
  
- H. Misc. New Business.—Alderman Wittich reminded everyone that the Fall Festival will be held on Friday October 3, 2014 from 6 to 10 p.m.

EXCUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION—Pertaining to the following: Legal actions, causes of action, litigation or privileged communications between the City’s representatives and its attorney (610.021(1)); leasing, purchasing or sale of real estate by a public governmental body where public knowledge of the transaction might adversely affect the legal consideration therefor (610.021(2)); hiring, firing, disciplining or promoting employees (610.021(3)).

Alderman Thompson made a motion to enter into closed session for the purposes of discussing legal actions, causes of action, litigation or privileged communications between the City’s representatives and its attorney (610.021(1)) and leasing, purchase or sale of real estate by a public governmental body where public knowledge of the transaction might adversely affect the legal consideration therefor (610.021(2)); hiring, firing disciplining or promoting employees ((610.021(3)).Alderman Bruenning seconded the motion.

By Roll Call, the Vote was as follows:

	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Not Present
Dell’Orco	X	_____	_____	_____
Bruenning	X	_____	_____	_____
Gosh	X	_____	_____	_____
Luisetti	_____	_____	_____	X
Newman	X	_____	_____	_____
Pentland	X	_____	_____	_____
Thompson	X	_____	_____	_____
Wittich	X	_____	_____	_____

## **Adjournment**

Alderman Bruenning moved, seconded by Alderman Newman, the meeting be adjourned. On Voice Vote, the motion was unanimously approved. The meeting closed at 9:19 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Mahany, City Clerk

Laurance M. Howe, Mayor