

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN
September 15, 2015

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Warson Woods was held on Tuesday, September 15, 2015, at the City Hall, 10015 Manchester Road. Upon roll call, the following members of the Board were reported present:

Mayor Larry Howe
Gordon Gosh
Mike Dell'Orco
Charles Luisetti
Debbie Pentland
Jim Newman
George Bruenning

Also present were City Attorney Paul Rost, Treasurer Jim Malik, Building Commissioner Dan Wilson, Tennis Commissioner, Mark Boland, Police Chief Robert Stanczak, and City Clerk Kathy Mahany. Mayor Howe called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC HEARING—Establishing the Rate of Taxes to be Levied and Collected for the Year 2015 for the City of Warson Woods, St. Louis County, Missouri.

Mayor Howe opened the Public Hearing at 7:01 p.m. He explained to everyone that the numbers needed to calculate the Tax Rates were released from St. Louis County late this afternoon and the Accountants did not have enough time to calculate the rate and get approval for the calculations. There being no public comment tonight, instead of closing the Public Hearing, the Mayor asked for a motion to hold the Public Hearing open until the Special Meeting on September 22, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. for any public comment. Alderman Dell'Orco moved, seconded by Alderman Gosh to hold open the public comment until the special meeting on September 22, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. for any public comment. On Voice Vote, the motion was unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Alderman Gosh moved, seconded by Alderman Dell'Orco, that the Agenda be approved. On Voice Vote the motion was unanimously approved.

MINUTES

REGULAR BOARD MEETING—August 18, 2015

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING—September 14, 2015

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

TREASURER'S REPORT—August 2015

Alderman Gosh moved, seconded by Alderwoman Pentland, that the Treasurer's report be received as submitted. Alderman Luisetti asked about account 56240. It was explained that is an accumulative total not a monthly amount. On Voice Vote, the motion was unanimously approved.

BILLS & RECURRING DISBURSEMENTS WITH ADDENDUM TO BE APPROVED

Alderman Dell'Orco, seconded by Alderman Luisetti, that the Bills and Recurring Disbursements, with the Addendum, be approved as submitted. On Voice Vote, the motion was unanimously approved.

GLENDALE FIRE REPORT- August 2015 – No action required.

WARSON WOODS POLICE REPORT-August 2015 - No action required.

PETITIONS, REQUESTS AND COMPLAINTS

- 1) Michael Shipley, 501 Greenley, Webster Groves, Mo; Webster Groves School District Board of Education Director. Introduced himself to the Board and stated he was in attendance to improved communication between the City and Webster Groves Board of Education. He discussed ballot issues and asked if there were any questions. Hearing none he ended his comments.
- 2) At this time Susan Willcockson, 1609 Andrew Dr., informed everyone of a problem she is having regarding her neighbors shed. The Mayor told her that topic is going to be discussed later in the meeting.
- 3) Carl Schenck, 810 Rolfe, discussed possible rental requirements for the new park/pavilion renovations.

MISC. REPORTS

COLLECTOR—Kathy Mahany, no report. Mayor Howe then discussed tracking the revenue and expenses for the Royal Oak Park project.

BUILDING COMMISSIONER—Dan Wilson reported that there have been 37 permits issued through August 2015. Next he said he has had numerous questions from residents regarding storm water management. He said that he has not addressed them yet. A short discussion was then held regarding the old report that was completed by H.R Green. The work MSD is now doing is directly related to that report. He then informed everyone that the construction at 1225 Warson Woods Dr. is back on track. New plans have been completed and choosing a contractor is underway. In his opinion work should begin there again in November and optimistically be completed in December. The property owner has been told he needs to apply for new permits as his old ones have expired. At this time Alderwoman Pentland asked about the progress on the property on Dunwoody. Mr. Wilson

stated the utilities have been disconnected and they next phase is a visit to the property from The Mayor, Acting City Engineer, City Arborist and himself. After that there will be a P&Z meeting to either approve or deny the development plan.

PARK COMMISSIONER—Gordon Gosh, submitted the attached report.

TENNIS COMMISSIONER—Mark Boland, no report.

CITY ENGINEER (ACTING)—Mike Dell’Orco, reported on several items. First, the bridges on Forest View and Dearborn will have slab replacement and will be closed from September 17th through 21st. There will be detours. Other street work going on is on Woodlawn, Renderer, Rampart and Meadow Creek. This is mostly slab replacement. Joint sealing will be done when this is completed and that will be the end of the street work for 2015. As far as the Mo-American Water Company project is going, they have replaced the pavement on Andrew and he has not heard back from them as to when they plan on finishing the rest of the project. Hopefully it will be done by the end of September. As far as the MSD work they are still working on North Dr. The next street will be Timberlane. The Mayor thanked Mr. Dell’Orco for all the work he has put into these projects. Lastly, Mr. Dell’Orco said the new light fixtures have been installed at Rear Dr. and the new stairway going to the back of the pool. Alderman Gosh asked what kind of light is being used. Mr. Dell’Orco answered LED.

CITY ATTORNEY—Paul Rost, reported on several items.

- 1) Low speed vehicles (scooters/golf carts). These vehicles are currently not allowed unless the golf cart has been modified for street use. Any motorized vehicle requires a current driver’s license. After discussion it was decided to put something on the web site regarding this and to have the police warn drivers of such vehicles.
- 2) Storage sheds. There are several issues with these. Prior to 2003, the A & B Districts allowed “accessory buildings” which were (and still are) defined as being detached structures. In 2003, the code was amended to remove “accessory buildings” from the list of permitted uses in the A & B Districts. In 2014, the Code was clarified to state that “storage sheds” detached from the principle structure were not permitted. Now there are several different kinds of units that can be purchased for storage. Some are called lockers or storage units, others are buildings that can be attached to the house. A lengthy discussion followed with the outcome being looking into making changes in the ordinance. The matter will be referred to the Planning and Zoning Commission for recommendation.
- 3) Group homes. The Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD) is reviewing zoning codes of Missouri cities to ensure that there is no inadvertent discrimination against group homes by treating them differently than other single family dwellings. Mr. Rost explained HUD is asking for lower spacing requirements and that cities include procedures for applicants who need special

accommodations. This will also be going to the Planning and Zoning Commission for review and recommendation.

- 4) Sign code. He informed everyone that a recent Supreme Court decision has made it imperative that the City review and amend its sign code to address any aspects that are “content based” regulations. This will be referred to the Planning and Zoning Commission for review and recommendation.
- 5) Lastly outdoor storage of (and in) cars was discussed. It was decided to refer the matter to St. Louis County’s Neighborhood Preservation Department to address these complaints.

TREASURER—Jim Malik informed everyone that he has heard back for the accountants regarding the questions he had regarding the financing of the park project and other items on the budget. He is working with them on the reporting of these items. He then thanked everyone for reaching out to him lately regarding the passing of his father.

MAYOR—Larry Howe, stated he recently we looked into the City purchasing cyber liability insurance and after doing so, for the small cost of coverage (\$600.00 per year), it is his recommendation that the City purchase the additional insurance. The Mayor then stated regarding the Public Safety minutes, it was the intent of the Board (of Public Safety) to promote officers. He then clarified that by the Board of Alderman accepting the minutes it is not the intent to make those promotions. This is a matter for Executive Session when the entire Board is present.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Misc. Old Business—Nothing to report.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. An Ordinance Establishing the rate of Taxes to be Levied and Collected for the Year 2015 for the City of Warson Woods, St. Louis County, Missouri.
As stated in the Public Hearing the Tax rates for 2015 have not been calculated to date and there has been a Special Meeting called for September 22, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss this Ordinance.
- B. An Ordinance Amending Section 300.101 (Definitions”); Section 100.220 (“General Penalty”); and Section 125.260 (“Failure to Appear in Municipal Court”) of the Municipal Code of the City of Warson Woods, Missouri. Bill No. 1619

After being read two times by title only, Alderman Gosh moved, seconded by Alderman Bruenning that Bill No. 1619 be approved. A short discussion followed

By Roll Call the Vote was as follows:

	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Not Present
Dell'Orco	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	_____
Newman	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	_____
Gosh	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	_____
Bruenning	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	_____
Thompson	_____	_____	_____	<u>X</u>
Wittich	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	_____
Luisetti	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	_____
Pentland	_____	_____	_____	<u>X</u>

The Ordinance was announced passed 6-0.

- C. Request from Court Clerk to attend the Fall Municipal Court Seminar.

Alderman Pentland moved, seconded by Alderman Dell'Orco to allow the Court Clerk attend the Fall Municipal Court Seminar. On Voice Vote, the motion was unanimously approved.

- D. Misc. New Business-

Alderman Luisetti asked if the cancellation of the Fall Festival has been put on the website. The Chief answered yes it has.

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Gosh moved, seconded by Alderman Dell'Orco, the meeting be adjourned. On Voice Vote, the motion was unanimously approved. The meeting closed at 8:33 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Mahany, City Clerk

Laurance M. Howe, Mayor