

## **REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN**

June 16, 2020

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Warson Woods was held on Tuesday, June 16, 2020 at the City Hall, 10015 Manchester Road. Upon roll call, the following members of the Board were reported present:

Larry Howe, Mayor  
Mike Dell'Orco  
Dawn Bickford  
Gordon Gosh  
Charles Luisetti  
George Bruenning  
Lucy Pfyl  
Jim Newman

In light of the state of emergencies declared by the President, Governor and County Executive and because of the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as the Stay at Home Order issued by the St. Louis County Health Department and Governor, this meeting was also held by Online Video. Treasurer Jim Malik and resident Pat Flood were present via Video. City Attorney Paul Rost, City Clerk Kathy Mahany and Chief of Police Bob Stanczak were present in City Hall as well as Alderpersons Elect Hanna Mayer and George Dorris. Mayor Howe called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. Building Commissioner Dan Wilson were excused.

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

### **PUBLIC HEARING – SETTING THE 2020 – 2021 FISCAL BUDGET**

Mayor Howe opened the Public Hearing at 7:02 p.m. He began by asking if anyone had any questions. Hearing none he went on to inform everyone that with the COVID-19 stay at home order the Finance Committee was not able to meet. He went on to explain that since the COVID-19 outbreak they have no idea how much the City's finances will be impacted. With all this in mind he explained that the decision was made to use last years budget for 20-21. They will be reviewing the impact each month and making changes as necessary. The Finance Committee will most likely meet in October to determine the budget for the rest of the fiscal year.

The meeting closed at 7:04 p.m.

### **APPROVAL of the AGENDA**

Alderman Dell'Orco moved, seconded by Alderman Luisetti, to change the Agenda by Adding Resolution No. 06162020 to the first item under New Business. On Voice Vote the motion was unanimously approved.

### **MINUTES**

Regular Board Meeting—May 19, 2020

Alderman Luisetti moved, seconded by Alderman Newman, the minutes be accepted as submitted. On Voice Vote, the motion was unanimously approved.

### **TREASURER'S REPORTS—May 2020**

Alderman Bruenning moved, seconded by Alderwoman Bickford, that the Treasurer's report be accepted as submitted. On Voice Vote, the motion was unanimously approved.

## BILLS & RECURRING DISBURSEMENTS WITH THE ADDENDUM

Alderman Luisetti moved, seconded by Alderwoman Bickford, that the Bills and Recurring Disbursements, without an Addendum, be approved as submitted. On Voice Vote, the motion was unanimously approved.

## CERTIFICATION OF THE JUNE 2, 2020 GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION AND BOARDS ACCEPTANCE.

At this point the Mayor asked if he could skip this portion for a few moments and come back after the certification finished printing. He skipped down to the Reports for May. 7:07 P.M.

Mayor Howe read the Election Results 7:20 p.m.

Mayor Howe, 271 votes - Nearest Challenger 0 votes

Alderwoman Ward 1 Hannah Mayer, 49 - votes Nearest Challenger 0 votes

Alderman Ward 2 George Dorris IV, 79 votes - Nearest Challenger 0 votes

Alderman Ward 3 George Bruenning, 52 votes – Nearest Challenger 0 votes

Alderman Ward 4 Mike Dell’Orco, 104 votes – Nearest Challenger 0 votes

## SWEARING IN OF MAYOR HOWE

## SWEARING IN OF ALDERWOMAN MAYER

## SWEARING IN OF ALDERMAN DORRIS

## SWEARING IN OF ALDERMEN BRUENNING AND DELL’ORCO

## SWEARING IN OF THE CITY CLERK KATHY MAHANY

Alderpersons Mayer and Dorris took their seats at the dais. 7:40 p.m.

GLENDALE FIRE REPORT- May– No action required.

WARSON WOODS POLICE REPORT - May 2020—No action required. 7:07 p.m.

PETITIONS, REQUESTS AND COMPLAINTS-No action required.

## MISC. REPORTS.

COLLECTOR—Kathy Mahany, no report

BUILDING COMMISSIONER—Dan Wilson was excused and submitted the attached report. The Mayor summarized the report.

PARK COMMISSIONER—Gordon Gosh submitted the attached report. In it he stated that there are some mature trees that need pruning and he is working with Bruce to accomplish this. He said he has a bid from Gamma Tree Service to do other tree trimming. Alderman Luisetti asked if he told Gamma to start the work. Mr. Gosh said no he just has the bid. Lastly, he informed everyone that the U.S. Forest Service is doing a study of Urban and Community Forestry in the U.S. and they have requested information from our city as part of the report they are going to provide in advising the benefits of trees in our communities.

CITY ENGINEER (ACTING)—Mike Dell’Orco informed everyone that he was in a Zoom meeting today with Department of Natural Resources and representatives from Kuhlman Design Group regarding the Audit that was postponed from March. DNR will be on site tomorrow. Next, he said that there is a Resolution on the Agenda tonight to enter into a contract with KDG for Engineering Services for the 2020 street work. Alderwoman Pfyl asked about finishing the work on Bricken Pl. He said he would let her

know what still needs to be done. Alderman Dorris stated if MSD needed drawing for the sanitary lines, he has them. A short discussion took place.

Lastly, Alderman Luisetti said if he needed help with walking the City and marking areas which need work, he is willing to help. Alderman Dell'Orco thanked him but he said KDG goes with him and it only takes about two days to complete.

CITY ATTORNEY—Paul Rost began by saying he hoped that everyone received his memo regarding the class action suit against AT&T. He then requested direction on which way the city wanted to proceed with this. A discussion began with the outcome being Alderman Newman moved, seconded by Alderman Luisetti, to be removed as a named claimant on the lawsuit but to stay in the suit. On Voice Vote, the motion was unanimously approved.

TREASURER—Jim Malik took part in the meeting through zoom. He said at this time he needs more data on the effect the COVID – 19 will have on the Budget. He proposed that we pass last years budget until more information is available for him to forecast better. Alderwoman Pfyl asked where the information come from; the Mayor answered the state and county collect our taxes for us and they provide the information.

MAYOR—Larry Howe, began by stating City Hall will be reopening and we need to figure out the best way to open and still be protected. We will possibly be making modifications to entering City Hall. Next, he discussed opening the Parks. He said St. Louis County has provided information regarding sanitation and cleaning between users. He went on to say we do not have the staff to responsibly sanitize the restrooms, tables and playground. Alderwoman Mayer asked about the tennis courts. A short discussion took place saying that if one portion of the park was opened it would create more of a problem of keeping people out of the other areas of the parks. Alderman Dell'Orco asked what the number of people per gathering is at this time. The Mayor answered 10.

## OLD BUSINESS

- A. Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into a Contract with Kuhlman Design Group, Inc., for Engineering Services Related to the 2020 Street Program.

Alderman Dell'Orco moved, seconded by Alderman Luisetti, to Authorize the Mayor to Enter into a Contract with Kuhlman Design Group, Inc., for Engineering Services Related to the 2020 Street Program. At this time Alderman Dell'Orco explained the process of street repair. Alderwoman Pfyl asked what Kuhlman Design does, exactly. Alderman Dell'Orco answered since the City does not retain a full time Engineer, Kuhlman provides these services acting as our City Engineer. He went on to explain that the City also has a multi-year contract with E. Meier Construction with fixed pricing so they do not have to go out for bid each year and pick from a very small number of contractors.

On Voice Vote, the motion was unanimously approved.

- B. Misc. Old Business  
Nothing to report.

## NEW BUSINESS

- A. Ordinance Setting the 2020-2021 Fiscal Budget. Bill No. 1694. After being read two times by title only, Alderman Luisetti moved, seconded by Alderman Dell'Orco, that Bill No. 1694 becomes Ordinance No. 1637.

By Roll Call the Vote was as follows:

	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Not Present
Dell'Orco	<u>  X  </u>	_____	_____	_____
Dorris	<u>  X  </u>	_____	_____	_____
Bruenning	<u>  X  </u>	_____	_____	_____
Mayer	<u>  X  </u>	_____	_____	_____
Pfyl	<u>  X  </u>	_____	_____	_____
Newman	<u>  X  </u>	_____	_____	_____
Luisetti	<u>  X  </u>	_____	_____	_____
Bickford	<u>  X  </u>	_____	_____	_____

The Ordinance was announced passed 8-0.

C. Misc. New Business

Alderswoman Pfyl asked if the Fall Festival is still on at this time. She was answered yes at this time we are moving forward. We do not have to reserve any of the attractions until mid to late July. If there is a change at that time, we will make it but as of now it is still on.

Alderswoman Bickford began by saying the house that the tree fell on during a storm will be moving forward with repairs as soon as he has his zoning approval and permits. Next, she mentioned that she would like to have some type of report that when these types of things happen, she will be notified and she can contact the resident and see if she can be of help. The Chief said there isn't any report of that type. He only gets notification if it is a certain type of crime. Otherwise the Police or Fire Department handle it.

Lastly, she said after some confusion between last year and this year she would like to have the President of the Board Elected again.

Alderswoman Bickford moved, seconded by Alderman Dell'Orco, to Elect George Bruenning President of the Board of Aldermen. On Voice Vote the motion was unanimously approved.

At this time the Chief informed the Board that Officer Fitzgerald has received a favorable evaluation and said it is his recommendation that he receive a step increase. Alderman Bruenning moved, seconded by Alderman Newman, to give officer Fitzgerald the step increase. On Voice Vote the motion was unanimously approved.

Lastly, Chief Stanczak informed everyone that the resident at 1606 Beaucaire wants to put barricades in the street for the children's safety. The resident circulated the petition to all the affected neighbors (everyone within 200 feet). All but one signed it. Without 100 percent of the resident's permission, by ordinance, the barricades cannot be installed. The resident also doesn't want them to be placed where the ordinance specifies. That is another reason they cannot be installed. The Mayor then said the police department should increase patrols and radar in that area. That should be sufficient. Alderman Dell'Orco asked the Chief not to install the barricades. The Chief said he cannot with approval from the

Board. The discussion continued with the outcome being the barricades will not be installed.

At this time the Mayor asked the City Clerk to contact our IT firm and ask for a bid on a camera and sound system to be installed in the Board Room to replace the zoom system.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Alderman Dorris moved, seconded by Alderwoman Mayer, the meeting be adjourned. On Voice Vote, the motion was unanimously approved. The meeting closed at 8:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Mahany, City Clerk

Laurance M. Howe, Mayor