

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN

June 19, 2018

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Warson Woods was held on Tuesday, June 19, 2018, at the City Hall, 10015 Manchester Road. Upon roll call, the following members of the Board were reported present:

Mayor, Larry Howe
Gordon Gosh
Charles Luisetti
Mark Wittich
Debbie Pentland
Mike Dell'Orco
Dawn Bickford
George Bruenning

Also present were City Attorney Paul Rost, Treasurer Jim Malik, Building Commissioner Dan Wilson, City Clerk Kathy Mahany, and Police Chief Bob Stanczak. The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Alderman Thompson arrived at 7:03 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC HEARING—SETTING THE 2018-2019 FISCAL BUDGET

The Mayor opened the Public Hearing at 7:01 p.m. He then gave the floor to the Treasurer, Jim Malik. Jim began by thanking everyone who was involved in this process for their efforts. He then explained that the budget is getting close between the income and expenses and spending needs to be watched. At this time Mr. Dave Schilling, 1665 Calais Ct., thanked everyone for the work they have done on this each year. He then asked for clarification on a few accounts. Then he asked where the amounts on the draft budgets come from. Jim Malik and the Mayor explained the process.

With no other public comments the Mayor closed the Public Hearing at 7:16 p.m.

APPROVAL of the AGENDA

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

MINUTES

Regular Board Meeting—May 15, 2018

Executive Session—May 15, 2018

Finance Insurance & Personnel Committee—May 24, 2018

Alderwoman Bickford moved, seconded by Alderman Wittich, that all of the minutes be accepted as submitted. On Voice Vote, the motion was unanimously approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT—May 2018

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

GLENDALE FIRE REPORT- May 2018 – No action required.

WARSON WOODS POLICE REPORT-May 2018 – Alderman Luisetti stated the address on Monaco is incorrect.

PETITIONS, REQUESTS AND COMPLAINTS –

Dave Schilling, 1665 Calais Ct., referred to an article in the Kirkwood/Webster Times regarding honeysuckle. He asked Alderman Gosh, in his position as City Arborist, if he ever suggests to residents removing honeysuckle in their yards. He went on to say that it is particularly invasive in the common area around the “green bridge”. At this time the Mayor told Mr. Schilling that he was in a meeting this morning with the Parks/Public Works people and clearing out the “green bridge” area is on the list.

MISC. REPORTS

COLLECTOR—Kathy Mahany, no report.

BUILDING COMMISSIONER—Dan Wilson on several items.

- 1) He sent a code violation letter to the Brown residence, 543 Meadow Creek Ln., regarding the downspout and sump pump distributing water on the neighbor's driveway. He said he has received a response and they are getting bids this week and hopefully the problem will be fixed next week. He will keep the Board posted.
- 2) Zoning approvals and building permits have lessened somewhat but there are still several he is working on now. He has had a lot of questions from residents and contractors regarding proposed projects. They want to submit the applications correctly the first time and he does not mind helping them.
- 3) Next month he will have a quarterly report for the Board.
- 4) He then asked if any one sees any building projects that seem questionable around their ward, to just let him know. It's easier to check it out than to find a problem when the project is finished.

The Mayor then congratulated him on his birthday yesterday. Mayor Howe then brought up the subject of requiring boundary surveys with applications. A discussion was held and it was decided to give it to the P & Z for their recommendation.

PARK COMMISSIONER (ACTING)—Gordon Gosh, submitted the attached report.

CITY ENGINEER (ACTING)—Mike Dell'Orco, reported on a several items. 1) The street work has begun and will be ongoing through this week weather permitting. Next week will be joint sealing and it should be completed around the 4th of July. 2) The water fountain at the pavilion is fixed. He said the mud needs to be cleaned off the base of it. 3) He said that he is trying to coordinate with the electrician and Hackett Security for the installation of the new cameras. They should be installed in the next week or so.

At this time the Mayor asked how the tennis court surface is coming along. Mr. Dell’Orco said they are finished.

CITY ATTORNEY—Paul Rost, informed the Board that the State Legislature has passed a bill allowing wireless companies more leeway in the placement of their equipment and taking away more of the City’s control of placement. A short discussion was held with the outcome being Alderman Luisetti moving, seconded by Aldermen Gosh, to hire CVR to model a revised ordinance regarding wireless facilities equipment placement. On Voice Vote, the motion was unanimously approved.

TREASURER—Jim Malik reminded everyone of the 10 year revenue report and that this year there is a tight budget.

MAYOR—Larry Howe reported on several items.

- 1) He spoke to a resident on Meadow Creek today regarding the speed of the traffic being detoured off Woodlawn because of the construction. Alderman Dell’Orco said the detour is down now and Woodlawn is open again.
- 2) Next he stated a few months ago he asked Brian Mehl for a proposal for a new phone system for City Hall as the current one is over 21 years old and not working very well. He expects to have a proposal for a new system at the July meeting.
- 3) At this time he reminded the City Clerk about the end of this year’s lease and to make sure it is on the calendar.
- 4) He is going to speak with Terry Ward regarding adding blue striping to the tennis courts for “pickle ball”. If it does not interfere with the tennis lessons “pickle ball” may be another good use for the courts.
- 5) Yesterday was Bruce Frazier’s first full day in parks/public works. They now have a set path for several projects.
- 6) Lastly he informed the Board that Matt Witte, resident, former Alderman, has volunteered to be the Chaplin for the police department. He will be going to Kentucky shortly for training. He went on to say the Chief is in favor of the idea. After a short discussion he said he will contact Matt tomorrow and let him know he has the approval of the Board.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Misc. Old Business

Alderman Luisetti asked about the placement of solid waste containers. The Mayor said Paul did quite a bit of work on this subject last year and if you would like to review it and bring it up again the Board is willing to discuss it.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Ordinance Setting the 2018-2019 Fiscal Budget. Bill No. 1659. After being read two times by title only, Alderman Luisetti moved, seconded by Alderwoman Pentland, that Bill No. 1659 be approved. By Roll Call the Vote was as follows:

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	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Not Present
Dell’Orco	<u> X </u>	_____	_____	_____
Gosh	<u> X </u>	_____	_____	_____
Bruening	<u> X </u>	_____	_____	_____

Pentland	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Thompson	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Wittich	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Luisetti	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Bickford	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

The Ordinance was announced passed 8-0.

- B. Ordinance Entering into a Contract with St. Louis County for Vector Control Services. Bill No. 1660. After being read two times by title only, Alderman Wittich moved, seconded by Alderman Thompson, that Bill No. 1660 be approved. After a short discussion By Roll Call the Vote was as follows:

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

The Ordinance was announced passed 7-1.

C. Misc. New Business

At this time Mayor Howe wished Alderwoman Pentland Happy Birthday, tomorrow. Alderwoman Bickford informed everyone that she and Alderwoman Pentland met with Jim Hoffman, a resident of Ward 1, at Dreher Park. They discussed improvements, cleaning and maintenance that the park needs. Mayor Howe asked Alderwoman Bickford to give her list to Alderman Wittich and he will make sure the items are done.

Alderman Luisetti thanked Alderwoman Bickford, Jim Malik and Darleen Campbell for their work on the budget.

Alderman Bruenning asked if raising chickens is allowed in the City. He was answered no livestock is not allowed in Warson Woods.

Next he asked if the City would remove a tree on Meadow Creek Ln. that had been damaged during a storm last week. A short discussion took place. The outcome being to find out if there is a neighborhood association in that area.

Alderman Wittich stated he thinks having both Steve and Bruce working full time will work out well for the City. Next he said he met with Linda Jones and Eric from Waste Connections regarding recycling. It seems that they are losing money on recycling now because China does not buy it any longer. He said at first it seemed as they wanted money from the city to subsidize recycling but as the discussion went on he realized that the next contract will be going up.

Chief Stanczak began by stating that Officer Fitzgerald recently had his annual evaluation and he is recommending the officer get his step increase from step 2 to step 3. Alderman

Wittich moved, seconded by Alderman Thompson, to move Officer Fitzgerald from step 2 to stem 3. On Voice Vote, the motion was unanimously approved.

Next he asked permission to attend the MO. Police Chiefs Conference at Tan-Tar-A in August. Alderman Thompson moved, seconded by Alderman Bruenning, to allow the Chief to attend the conference. On Voice Vote, the motion was unanimously approved. Lastly he informed the Board about a Police call that escalated into an argument between the officers and the resident's ex-husband. A lengthy discussion followed.

The City Attorney then updated the Board about the Municipal Court options and clarified his memo to the Board for Alderwoman Bickford.

EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION—: Legal actions, causes of action, litigation or privileged communications between the City's representatives and its attorney (610.021(1)); hiring, firing, disciplining or promoting employees (610.021(2)).

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Luisetti moved, seconded by Alderman Bruenning, the meeting be adjourned. On Voice Vote, the motion was unanimously approved. The meeting closed at 8:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Mahany, City Clerk

Laurance M. Howe, Mayor