

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN**  
**September 26, 2017**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Warson Woods was held on Tuesday, September 26, 2017, at the City Hall, 10015 Manchester Road. Upon roll call, the following members of the Board were reported present:

Mayor Larry Howe  
Debbie Pentland  
Gordon Gosh  
Charles Luisetti  
Mark Wittich  
Mark Thompson  
Dawn Bickford  
George Bruenning

Also present were City Attorney Paul Rost, City Clerk Kathy Mahany, Chief Bob Stanczak and Tennis Commissioner Mark Boland. Mayor Howe called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Alderman Dell'Orco was excused.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**PUBLIC HEARING SETTING THE 2017 RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL TAX RATES.**

Mayor Howe opened the Public Hearing at 7:02 p.m. With no one in attendance, the Mayor asked the Board if they had any questions or comments about the tax rates. Hearing none the Mayor closed the Public Hearing at 7:04 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**MINUTES**

Regular Board Meeting—August 15, 2017

Executive Session—August 15, 2017

Public Safety Meeting—September 14, 2017

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

**TREASURER'S REPORT—August 2017**

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 Luisetti, seconded by Alderwoman Pentland, that the Bills and Recurring Disbursements, with the Addendum, be approved as submitted. On Voice Vote, the motion was unanimously approved.

**GLENDAL FIRE REPORT- August 2017 – No action required.**

WARSON WOODS POLICE REPORT-August 2017 – No action required.

PETITIONS, REQUESTS AND COMPLAINTS-Nothing to report.

#### MISC. REPORTS

COLLECTOR—Kathy Mahany, informed the Board that the St. Louis County Municipal League is asking members to pass a resolution opposing any legislation authorizing a state wide vote regarding or mandating a change in the government structure of St. Louis City and County and Municipalities. They would like to have a copy of the affirmed resolution before the end of October. After a brief discussion the Board agreed to place the resolution on the October agenda.

BUILDING COMMISSIONER—In his absence Dan Wilson submitted the attached report. Alderwoman Pentland then asked if the City could do an inspection on 1121 Timberlane. The owner is now in an out of town retirement facility and the home is unoccupied and is in need of several repairs.

PARK COMMISSIONER (ACTING)—Gordon Gosh, submitted the attached report. He also stated that he was speaking to some residents that were surprised about the demolition of the old St. Matt's building. He said that he told the residents that the City has been planning on demolishing the building for about 2 years.

At this time Mark Boland asked Alderman Gosh, in his capacity as an Arborist, to look at his neighbor's tree. He thinks it is declining. Alderman Gosh said he would look at the tree.

TENNIS COMMISSIONER—Mark Boland stated that it looks as if the tennis court surface is coming up. The Mayor said that they are aware of it and later in the meeting there will be a resolution to enter into a contract to have the court surface replaced and the problem corrected.

CITY ENGINEER (ACTING)—Mike Dell'Orco was excused. In his absence the Mayor reported that the St. Matt's building is almost completely down and that the demolition company is doing a good job. Secondly, he said again, later in the meeting there will be a resolution to enter into a contract to have the court surface replaced and the problem corrected.

CITY ATTORNEY—Paul Rost, no report at this time but if anyone had questions about any of the resolutions he would be happy to explain them.

TREASURER—Jim Malik was excused.

MAYOR—Larry Howe had no report at this time.

#### OLD BUSINESS

Misc. Old Business-Nothing to report.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. An Ordinance Setting the 2017 Real Estate, Commercial and Personal Property Tax Rates. After being read two times by title only, Alderman Luisetti moved, seconded by Alderman Gosh that Bill No. 1654 be approved.

By Roll Call the Vote was as follows:

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

The Ordinance was announced passed 7-0.

- B. Resolution 09262017  
Alderman Bickford moved, Seconded by Alderman Wittich to Authorizing the Mayor to Execute on behalf of the City a Right-of-Way with MCIMETRO Access to Transmission Services Corp. D/B/A Verizon Access Transmission Services
- C. Resolution 09262017-A  
Alderman Luisetti moved, seconded by Alderman Bruenning to Remain in the Ameren Class Action. Alderman Luisetti asked the City Attorney how long this would continue. The City Attorney answered that he is not directly involved so he did not know how much longer it would take. He then gave a brief explanation of this class action. On Voice Vote, the Motion was unanimously approved.
- D. Resolution 09262017-B  
Alderman Bickford moved, seconded by Alderman Gosh Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Limited Release of Hof Construction, Inc. On Voice Vote, the Motion was unanimously approved.
- E. Resolution 09262017-C  
Alderman Bickford moved, seconded by Alderman Wittich Authorizing and Directing the Mayor to Enter into a Contract with McConnell & Associates, Corp. for Tennis and Sports Court Remediation in Royal Oak Park. On Voice Vote, the motion was unanimously approved.
- F. MISC. NEW BUSINESS.  
Alderman Luisetti informed everyone that he has been asked several times by a resident to see if the City could start a fund by way of a “tree tax” for the removal dead/dangerous trees. After a brief discussion it was decided that the City cannot just start anew tax.

Next the Mayor mentioned that there are 4 openings on the Finance Committee and 3 on the P&Z. He asked the Board to please think of residents to fill these positions. Chief Stanczak informed everyone that Officers Andrews and Lawson are both up for a step increase and their evaluations are available for inspection. Alderman Wittich moved, seconded by Alderman Thompson to approve the step increase from step 3 to step 4 for both officers. On Voice Vote, the motion was unanimously approved.

Lastly, he said an ad has been placed in the Post and on several online sites for hiring a new Officer. He also mentioned that there are several other municipalities looking for officers at this time and Warson Woods' beginning pay rate is at the lower end of the pay scales. Alderman Luisetti asked Chief Stanczak to keep everyone informed as to how the applications are going.

**EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION**—Pertaining to the following: Hiring, firing, disciplining or promoting employees (610.021 (3)).

Alderman Bruening made a motion, to enter into closed session for the purposes of discussing hiring, firing, disciplining or promoting employees (610.021 (3)). Alderwoman Pentland seconded the motion.

By Roll Call the Vote was as follows:

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

The meeting closed at 7:39 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Alderman Gosh moved, seconded by Alderwoman Pentland, the meeting be adjourned. On Voice Vote, the motion was unanimously approved. The meeting closed at 7:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Mahany, City Clerk

Laurance M. Howe, Mayor