

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN
February 21, 2012

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Warson Woods was held on Tuesday, February 21, 2012 at the City Hall, 10015 Manchester Road. The following members of the Board were present:

Mayor Laurance M. Howe
Mike Dell'Orco
Gordon Gosh
Mike Andrews
Mark Wittich
George Bruenning
Judith Pohl

Also present were City Attorney, Paul Rost, Treasurer, Bill O'Neil, Chief, Robert Stanczak, City Clerk/Collector, Kathy Mahany, and Building Commissioner, Dan Wilson. Mayor Howe called the Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Alderman Mark Thompson arrived at 7:02 p.m.. and Alderman David Aitken arrived at 7:03 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MINUTES

REGULAR BOARD MEETING—January 17, 2012

Alderman Thompson moved, seconded by Alderman Aitken, that the Minutes be accepted as submitted. On Voice Vote, the motion was unanimously approved.

EXECUTIVE SESSION—January 17, 2012

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

TREASURER'S REPORT—January 2012

Alderman Gosh moved, seconded by Alderman Bruenning that the Treasurer's report be received as submitted. Alderman Andrews asked about the court insurance account. The City Clerk explained that the Court Clerk is now using the Cities health coverage and it was not in the budget last year. On Voice Vote, the motion was unanimously approved.

BILLS AND RECURRING DISBURSEMENTS WITH THE ADDENDUM TO BE APPROVED

Alderman Gosh moved, seconded by Alderwoman Pohl that the Bills and Recurring Disbursements with the Addendum be approved as submitted. On Voice Vote, the motion was unanimously approved.

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GLENDALE FIRE REPORT— No action required.

WARSON WOODS POLICE REPORT—No action required.

PETITIONS, REQUESTS AND COMPLAINTS—Francine Plunkert, 41 Ridgeline, discussed the possibility of creating an off leash dog park using a part of Dreher Park.

COLLECTOR—Kathy Mahany, nothing to report.

BUILDING COMMISSIONER—Dan Wilson reported he has not heard anything further regarding a possible Board of Adjustment hearing for signage for a new tenant. Next he stated that three permit applications have been submitted during the month. Two have been issued and one is pending. Alderman Andrews asked if Dollar Tree removed the non compliant sign. Mr. Wilson answered yes and they replaced it with a compliant sign.

PARK COMMISSIONER—Gordon Gosh submitted the attached report. Mr. Gosh asked the Board to participate in our Arbor Day event which will be held on Saturday April 21, 2012 at 11:00 a.m.

TENNIS COMMISSONER—Mark Boland, absent.

CITY ENGINEER—At this time the Mayor asked the Board if they knew of any qualified resident that may be interested in this position. The position requires having a Civil Engineering Degree.

CITY ATTORNEY—Paul Rost, nothing to report

TREASURER—Bill O'Neil, nothing to report.

MAYOR— Larry Howe, stated that Ken Lichtenheld said he would help out if the city is in a bind until a replacement is found for him. He may be available to help with the street repairs for this year. He then informed everyone that there had been two deaths recently. The first being the Court Clerk's mother and the second was the wife of former Alderman Bill Abbott. Lastly he reported that he read an article in the paper regarding another local municipal court. He said the court was audited and it did not complying with state requirements. He so asked Donna about our court and she told him that our court was audited recently and we comply completely.

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OLD BUSINESS

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 220 “Solid Waste Regulations” Alderman Wittich moved, seconded by Alderman Andrews, that Bill 1547 was read two times, After a short explanation by the City Attorney and a discussion period, Bill No. 1545 becomes Ordinance No. 1491.

By Roll Call the Vote was as follows:

	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Not Present
Dell’Orco	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Andrews	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Gosh	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Bruenning	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Pohl	<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>
Aitken	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

The Ordinance was announced passed. 8-0

MISC OLD BUSINESS

Alderman Wittich stated that the City had gone out for solid waste bids and we have received three responses. All have given pricing which is very competitive and they are offering a variety of services. He then stated that there will be a Public Works/Solid Waste committee meeting on March 13th at 7:00 p.m. A recommendation will follow for the Regular Board meeting on March 20th. A short discussion followed.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution Approving the Purchase of Real Property. Resolution No. 02212012

Alderman Andrews moved, seconded by Alderman Wittich to Approve the Resolution The Mayor explained the property’s location as the western parcel of St. Matthews. He also explained that the City is purchasing it to maintain as a green space and for City equity. After a discussion, On Voice Vote, the Resolution was unanimously approved.

Request from the City Clerk to Attend the Spring Seminar, March 5th through March 8th at the Loge of the Four Seasons, Lake Ozark, Missouri. Alderwoman Pohl moved, seconded by Alderman Gosh to allow the City Clerk to attend the Spring Seminar. On Voice Vote the motion was unanimously approved.

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MISC. NEW BUSINESS

Alderman Andrews said he has several items to discuss. First he stated he has received confirmation that we have fulfilled our end of the grant requirements for the recycle carts and we will be reimbursed \$30,000.00. He also stated that the hardest part of complying was receiving the tonnage reports from the solid waste provider. Next he said we have received the quote for our employee health insurance for the next contract year. He said it came to his surprise that the premiums went down by 6% so it is his recommendation to keep the current plan. A short discussion of the previous insurance issues was held. At this time he also recommended that the City go back to the original arrangement of paying 90% of the employee premium and 75% of the employee's dependent premiums. Last he stated that it's only about a month and a half from budget discussions. He explained how in the past departments submitted any request for large purchases and then the committee would make estimates for each account. He went on to explain he thinks it would be more fiscally responsible to go over the budget line by line and maximize our revenue. He is reviewing the police services and options that are available. He then stated he would like to see our police department communicate more with the residents. For example, how having the department benefits our community considering the size of the budget. For example informing the residents of Police training, the DARE program, identity theft training. He thinks it is a good idea to be ready in case the City would loose our largest source of revenue. Lastly he said he would like full participation from the Board on the budgeting process this year.

Chief Stanczak then said the "Logo" bandit, who robbed one of our banks has been captured. He admitted to several of the bank robberies but did not remember the Warson Woods robbery, but he was identified in a line up. Alderman Dell'Orco asked who will prosecute him. The Chief answered it will be a Federal case. Next he said that after the August 8th burglary on Renderer, Sgt. Green found a cigarette butt and had it analyzed for DNA. It took County 7 months but they came up with a match. It turns out to be the same person who committed another burglary in July of 2010. This person is incarcerated in Iowa and he has several warrants issued in St. Louis County. When he is released St. Louis County will pick him up on behalf of all the warrants.

City Clerk then informed the Board that she was contacted by Laclede Gas regarding the gas light at the north-west corner of Manchester and Andrew. They said when the Emporium is raised the gas line will be shut off. Laclede would like to know what the City would like them to do regarding a possible new line location to replace the gas light. The Mayor said we will decide where or if to replace it after the 5th/3rd Bank is built. Lastly she informed the Board that the Court Clerk will be out for surgery from March 9th through March 25th.

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Adjournment

Alderman Gosh moved, seconded by Alderman Aitken, the meeting is adjourned. On Voice Vote, the motion was unanimously approved. The meeting closed at 7:56 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Mahany, City Clerk

Laurance M. Howe, Mayor