

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
April 18, 2012

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Warson Woods was held on Wednesday, April 18, 2012 at the City Hall, 10015 Manchester Road. The following members of the Board were present:

Mayor Laurance M. Howe  
Mike Andrews  
Gordon Gosh  
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, Building Commissioner, Dan Wilson and Tennis Commissioner, Mark Boland. Mayor Howe called the Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Alderman Thompson arrived at 7:03, Alderman Aitken arrived at 7:05 and Alderman Dell'Orco arrived at 7:13 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MINUTES

REGULAR BOARD MEETING—March 20, 2012

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

P & Z MEETING—March 27, 2012

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

PUBLIC SAFETY MEETING—April 2, 2012

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

TREASURER'S REPORT—March 2012

Alderman Gosh moved, seconded by Alderman Pohl, that the Treasurer's report be received as submitted. Alderman Gosh thanked the Treasurer for his supplemental report. On Voice Vote, the motion was unanimously approved.

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**BILLS AND RECURRING DISBURSEMENTS WITH THE ADDENDUM TO BE APPROVED**

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

**GLENDAL FIRE REPORT**—No action required. Alderman Gosh stated he does not like only seeing the block number not the specific address on the fire report.

**WARSON WOODS POLICE REPORT**—No action required.

**PETITIONS, REQUESTS AND COMPLAINTS**—Susan Barreca, 1433 Norman place discussed a structure that she would like to construct in her back yard. The Building Commissioner, Dan Wilson gave the background of the request stating that the code does not address this type of structure and it was his and the City Attorney, Paul Rost conclusion that the Board should make the decision of to or not to allow the structure. After a short discussion Alderman Thompson moved, seconded by Alderman Gosh to allow the structure within the proper setbacks. On Voice Vote, the motion was unanimously approved.

Next Cal Fritz, 555 Geders Lane, came to discuss the City's purchase of the St. Matthew lot. Mayor Howe explained that the City had the opportunity to purchase some land and it could oversee that the land remain a green space. He went on to say the City was also able to negotiate a good price for the land.

**COLLECTOR**—Kathy Mahany, nothing to report.

**BUILDING COMMISSIONER**—Dan Wilson stated he has no additional report. The Mayor asked if he has gotten a response to the second letter which was sent to 832 Bricken. Mr. Wilson answered no they have until April 30<sup>th</sup> to respond.

**PARK COMMISSIONER**—Gordon Gosh submitted the attached report. Mr. Gosh then stated the trees which he mentioned in his report will be planted in the west corner of Memorial Park. There is a lot of moisture in this area and it's hard to grow grass. These trees will do very well in this wet area.

**TENNIS COMMISSIONER**—Mark Boland, reported that some minor repairs have been made. Alderswoman Pohl asked about the tennis court light shining in the window of a home on Andrew. Mr. Boland said he has not forgotten about the problem and he is working on a solution.

**CITY ENGINEER**—No Engineer at this time.

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CITY ATTORNEY—Paul Rost, no report at this time.

TREASURER—Bill O’Neil, explained his attached report.

MAYOR— Larry Howe, stated that he and Mike Dell’Orco have met with representatives from Kuhlmann Design regarding retaining that firm as our City Engineering firm. He also informed the Board that Dan Wilson plans on meeting with Ken Lichtenheld regarding his handling of the position.

OLD BUSINESS

Request from Dierberg’s to install a new BBQ/Smoker in the parking lot. Mr. Brent Beumer, Director of Real Estate for Dierberg’s addressed the Board requesting approval of the plan. After a short discussion Alderman Andrews moved, seconded by Alderman Aitken to approve the amended site plan. On Voice Vote, the motion was unanimously approved.

MISC OLD BUSINESS

Alderman Wittich stated he would like representatives form MSD to come back to the Vetches’ property, 1427 Warson Oaks Ct., to look at the sinking hole again. Mayor Howe stated he will set up a meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Request from the Chief of Police and Court Clerk to attend their respective Conference and Seminar. Alderman Gosh moved, seconded by Alderwoman Pohl to allow the Police Chief and Court Clerk to attend their Conference and Seminar. On Voice Vote, the motion was unanimously approved.

An Ordinance Amending Chapter 210, “Nuisances” Alderman Gosh moved, seconded by Alderman Wittich, that Bill 1551 was read two times, After a short explanation by the City Attorney and a discussion period, Bill No. 1551 becomes Ordinance No. 1494. 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>      </u>	<u>X</u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>
Aitken	<u>X</u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>

The Ordinance was announced passed. 7-1

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An Ordinance Approving the Record Subdivision Plat Subdividing Lot 3A of Bennett Farm Lot Part 3 Re-subdivision and Directing that the same be Recorded with the St. Louis County Recorder of Deeds.

Alderman Wittich moved, seconded by Alderman Andrews that Bill No. 1552 becomes Ordinance No. 1495.

By Roll Call the Vote was as follows:

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

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MISC. NEW BUSINESS

Alderman Andrews began by stating he would like to look closely at setting the budget this year. He said we can’t expect any changes in revenue so the only alternative we have would be to look at our expenses and our largest expense is the Police Department. He said he has spoke with the surrounding Cities and the only alternative would be contracting with Glendale. We currently contract with them for Fire protection and now we are doing some salt storage with them. Alderman Aitken then stated if we give up our Police Department we will be giving up our identity as a City. Alderman Andrews reminded everyone that we have to consider the savings this could create. At this time Alderman Andrews introduced the City Administrator of Glendale, Jeremy Hays and the Police Chief of Glendale, Jeff Beaton.

Alderman Aitken left the meeting at 7:58 p.m.

The Glendale City Administrator addressed the Board. He outlined the service they are providing for their community. He stated if this consolidation happened Glendale would hire 3 or possible 4 of our current officers to continue the same amount of service as we are currently getting in a cost effective way. He said the potential cost savings could be 25 to 35%. A discussion was held between the Board and Mr. Hays with topics including ordinance differences, annexation, the Glendale budget, sense of safety, what the residents want, and the fact that our Police Department does so much more than just police work and the involvement they have with the community.

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MISC NEW BUSINESS—Cont.

Alderman Andrews stated this has been born by finance and nothing else and we do have to factor everything the department does for the City.

Alderman Andrews then asked the Board if they think this is worth looking into. The consensus being yes.

In conclusion Alderman Andrews will put together a project plan for the next Regular Board meeting.

Alderman Wittich informed everyone that a letter will be sent to the residents regarding the new contract for Solid Waste. He also stated we will hold a public Forum within the next 30 to 45 days so residents can ask questions regarding the services offered. Lastly he reminded everyone to look through their ward and make notes of area's which need repair for this years street work project.

Chief Stanczak Stated that Officer Goewert's review was good and he recommends a step increase for him. Alderwoman Pohl moved, seconded by Alderman Gosh to move Officer Goewert from step 4 to step 5. On Voice Vote, the motion was unanimously approved.

At this time Mayor Howe stated that April 1, 2012 marked the 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary for the City Clerk, Kathy Mahany being with the City. He then presented her with a gift card for her years of service.

Adjournment

Alderman Wittich moved, seconded by Alderman Thompson, the meeting is adjourned. On Voice Vote, the motion was unanimously approved. The meeting closed at 8:42 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Mahany, City Clerk

Laurance M. Howe, Mayor

