

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN
April 17, 2011

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Warson Woods was held on Tuesday, April 17, 2011 at the City Hall, 10015 Manchester Road. The following members of the Board were present:

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

Absent: David Aitken

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 Aitken arrived at 7:01 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MINUTES

REGULAR BOARD MEETING—March 15, 2011

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

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EXECUTIVE SESSION—March 15, 2011

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

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ADHOC COMMITTEE—April 5, 2011

Alderman Bruenning moved, seconded by Alderman Wittich, that the Minutes be accepted as submitted. Mayor Howe made the correction that the City is still looking into the zoning status of the first two Northwest lots on Andrew. On Voice Vote, the motion was unanimously approved.

REGULAR BOARD MEETING—April 19, 2011

MINUTES

TREASURER'S REPORT—March 2011

Alderman Gosh moved, seconded by Alderman Dell'Orco that the Treasurer's report be received as submitted. On Voice Vote, the motion was unanimously approved.

BILLS AND RECURRING DISBURSEMENTS TO BE APPROVED

Alderman Pohl moved, seconded by Alderman Gosh, that the Bills with the Addendum be approved as submitted. Alderman Gosh asked what the Terminix bill was for. Chief Stanczak said bug spraying. Alderman Gosh asked if we couldn't do it ourselves Chief answered we cannot use the same chemicals as we do not have a license. Alderman Pohl asked what Creative Mailroom was. She was answered the postage machine. On Voice Vote, the motion was unanimously approved.

GLENDALE FIRE REPORT— No action required

WARSON WOODS POLICE REPORT—No action required.

PETITIONS, REQUESTS AND COMPLAINTS—No action required.

COLLECTOR—Kathy Mahany reported that the non-binding estimated tax rate for 2011 was sent to the St. Louis County Assessors office as required by State Statute by April 1, 2011.

BUILDING COMMISSIONER—Dan Wilson, 8 permits have been issued during the month and they required a lot of coordinating. He also mentioned that there will be a Board of Adjustment request for a porch encroaching the 30 ft. set back. He does not think the meeting will be held until June.

PARK COMMISSIONER—Gordon Gosh submitted the attached report. He also stated that there was an enthusiastic reception for Arbor Day. He then acknowledged the good job which was done on the new planter in front of City Hall. Alderman Pohl thanked Alderman Gosh for overseeing and setting up the Arbor Day program. She also asked if the names have been reinstated in the Memorial Board. Alderman Gosh said yes they have.

TENNIS COMMISSIONER—Mark Boland, absent.

CITY ENGINEER—Ken Lichtenheld, absent.

CITY ATTORNEY—Paul Rost, nothing to report

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

MAYOR— Larry Howe, discussed several items. First he said he has been in contact with the company that made the crack repairs last year at the tennis courts. He said because of the expense, the company is willing to sell the City the materials to fix the cracks. They also offered to come and give our Public Works department a demonstration of how to do the work. Alderman Aitken stated he thought we were going to have them totally resurfaced. The Mayor said we applied for a grant to have that work done but were turned down. We will re-apply next year for a grant but try this in the mean time. Next he said he is waiting to receive another bid for the water line going to the Public Works garage. He then asked the Chief if he knew why a trailer is parked in the driveway of the last house in the City on the east side of Woodlawn. The Chief answered that they were cleaning out the creek behind their house. He will send someone by tomorrow to find out the status of the project. He then discussed the City’s responsibility regarding the condition of the house on Flanders which caught fire a few months ago. He specifically mentioned the condition of the lawn. Next he discussed the City doing our own snow removal. He stated he has been in contact with the City of Glendale regarding the possibility of storing salt for snow removal at their facility. He is also getting bids for purchasing a snow plow. He will have more to report on this later. Lastly he asked the City Clerk if Mark Boland is planning on discussing having the person who gives tennis lessons apply for a business license and the possibility of charging for the use of our tennis courts. The City Clerk answered yes Mr. Boland is planning on discussing this at the next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Recommendation of the Finance & Insurance Committee regarding the employee health insurance. Alderman Andrews moved, seconded by Alderwoman Pohl to split the cost of the increase for medical coverage with the city by increasing the employee paid percentage to rather than change the coverage levels. The increased cost for both will be 6.5%. On voice Vote, the motion was unanimously approved.

An Ordinance Amending Section 210.010, “Nuisances Affecting Health”. Alderwoman Pohl moved, seconded by Alderman Gosh, that Bill 1530 was read two times, Bill No. 1530 becomes Ordinance No. 1474.

By Roll Call the Vote was as follows:

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

The Ordinance was announced passed. 8-0

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An Ordinance Amending Section 545.02, “Signs by District” of the Comprehensive Sign Code of the City of Warson Woods Relating to the Allowable Number and Size of Commercial Wall Signs. Alderman Andrews moved, seconded by Alderwoman Pohl, that Bill 1531 was read two times, after discussion it was decided that the City Attorney would change the typo of 65% to 66.7% Bill No. 1531 becomes Ordinance No. 1475. 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. OLD BUSINESS—Nothing to report.

NEW BUSINESS

Request from the Police Chief and Court Clerk to attend their respective conferences and spring seminars. Alderman Wittich moved, seconded by Alderman Dell’Orco to allow the Chief and Court Clerk attend their respective conferences. The cost of the Court Clerk’s trip will be split with the City of Oakland. On Voice Vote the motion was unanimously approved.

A short discussion was held regarding merging the Personnel Committee with the Finance and Insurance Committees. Alderman Andrews moved, seconded by Alderwoman Pohl to merge the Personnel Committee with the Finance & Insurance Committees. On Voice Vote, the motion was unanimously approved.

Request of Allied Waste to extend the current solid waste contract. Alderman Wittich explained that it is the recommendation of the Public Works & Solid Waste Committee to stay with the current contract and explore future possibilities with fewer pick-ups and go out for bids in the fall. It was decided that Alderman Wittich will contact Allied Waste and inform them of the decision.

MISC. NEW BUSINESS

Alderwoman Pohl stated there are only 3 members of the Personnel Committee, herself included. She asked if they would become members of the combined committee. The Mayor answered yes they would become members also.

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MISC NEW BUSINESS Cont.

Alderman Gosh stated that the Public Works department told him that residents are not cleaning up after using the fire pit and they are not cleaning up after their dogs. The City Clerk said that Public Works is supposed to let us know if they did clean up the fire pit area and return the deposit.

Alderwoman Pohl asked Alderman Gosh if he was still planning on putting a new ground cover around the trees on Warson Woods Dr. Mr. Gosh said yes he is.

Alderman Wittich stated he tried to reach the contact at MoDOT that Christina Kulczycki gave him but he has not heard back from her.

Chief Stanczak told the Board that Officer Goewart and Officer Waisner are both up for their step increase and have both received favorable reviews. Alderwoman Pohl moved, seconded by Alderman Thompson to give both Officers their step increases. On Voice Vote, the motion was unanimously approved.

Alderman Wittich moved, seconded by Alderman Andrews to adjourn into Executive Session. By Roll Call the Vote was as follows:

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

The meeting adjourned into Executive Session at 8:00 P.M.

Adjournment

Alderman Gosh moved, seconded by Alderman Pohl the meeting is adjourned. On Voice Vote, the motion was unanimously approved. The meeting closed at 8:36 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Mahany, City Clerk

Laurance M. Howe, Mayor