

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN
September 18, 2012

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

Judith Pohl
George Bruenning
Gordon Gosh
Mike Andrews
Mike Dell'Orco
Mark Wittich

Absent: Mark Thompson

Also present were City Attorney, Paul Rost, Treasurer, Bill O'Neil, Building Commissioner, Dan Wilson, Tennis Commissioner, Mark Boland, Chief, Robert Stanczak and City Clerk/Collector, Kathy Mahany. Mayor Howe called the Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. David Aitken arrived at 7:01 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC HEARING SETTING THE 2012 PROPERTY TAX RATES.

At this time Mayor Howe asked if anyone had any comments regarding setting the property tax rate. None being heard the public hearing closed at 7:01 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA, Alderman Gosh moved, seconded by Alderman Bruenning, that the Agenda remain as submitted. On Voice Vote the motion was unanimously approved.

MINUTES

REGULAR BOARD MEETING—August 21, 2012

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

TREASURER'S REPORT—August 2012

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

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BILLS AND RECURRING DISBURSEMENTS WITH THE ADDENDUM TO BE APPROVED

Alderman Wittich moved, seconded by Alderman Gosh that the Bills and Recurring Disbursements with the Addendum be approved as submitted. 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—

Mr. Dave Shilling, 1665 Calais Ct. stated he thought things are moving very quickly to set the tax rate. It was explained to him that the city is a revenue neutral city. The tax rate reflects the assessments. If the assessments go down then the rate goes up and if the assessments go up the rate goes down so the city collects basically the same amount of revenue every year.

COLLECTOR—Kathy Mahany, nothing to report.

BUILDING COMMISSIONER—Dan Wilson, submitted the attached report regarding the building permits issued to date this calendar year. He also stated that there is 1 denial for which a Board of Adjustment hearing will take place in November. He also reminded all that when a permit application is denied it is not personal choice it is based on factual compliance with the City Code.

PARK COMMISSIONER—Gordon Gosh submitted the attached report. He also informed everyone that he would like to attend a workshop on October 9th regarding the Emerald Ash Borer which possess a threat to our Ash trees. The cost is \$50.00 and will be held at Powder Valley Nature Center in Kirkwood. Alderman Dell'Orco moved, seconded by Alderman Wittich to send Alderman Gosh to the seminar. On voice vote, the motion was unanimously approved.

TENNIS COMMISSIONER—Mark Boland thanked Alderwoman Pohl for her comments last month but it was Steve who did the work and deserves the credit. He went on to say that the courts are in fairly good shape; thanks to lack of rain this summer and the patching Steve did earlier this summer.

ACTING CITY ENGINEER—Acting City Engineer Mike Dell'Orco stated the street work began in late August. He said there was a water main break so the contractor changed pavement breaking methods and the problem seems to be fixed. He mentioned there were a few complaints early on but nothing materialized from them. He stated in his opinion the contractors and Kuhlman Design Group is doing a fine job. Lastly he said the project is 50 to 60% complete and there will be clean up, some backfilling and joint sealing following the slab replacement.

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CITY ATTORNEY—Paul Rost, nothing to report at this time.

TREASURER—Bill O’Neil, reported on a follow up note that 3 potential advisors (for the employee SEP and 457 plans) have been found. Kathy is in the process of setting up meetings with them and we should have a recommendation next month. At this time one of the potential advisors introduced himself to the Board. Mark Hannah, 1635 Dearborn, of AXA Advisors. Mr. Hannah thanked the Board for going through this process. At this time Mayor Howe suggested that we invite the advisor we select to the October Board Meeting.

MAYOR— Larry Howe, stated that he has received correspondence from Missouri American Water Company. They are requesting in the future when we are planning any street work to please inform them so they may coordinate any work they may have. Alderman Dell’Orco stated he will do that. Next he stated he also had been contacted by Great Rivers Greenway. They would like to invite the City to participate in a meeting for their future plans. Mayor Howe asked Alderman Gosh to handle this. Alderman Gosh accepted. Next he said the City of Glendale has invited Warson Woods to participate in their centennial festivities taking place in October.

At this time he said he spoke to residents willing to become members of the Board of Adjustment and he has found a new Chairman for the Commission. Current Board member Barb Wittich has agreed to be appointed Chairman and Patricia Flood, 402 Flanders, and Tom Cribbin, 828 Havenwood Ct. have agreed to become a regular member and an alternate respectively. Alderwoman Pohl asked if this evens out the representation for the City. The Mayor answered yes. Alderman Gosh moved, seconded by Alderman Dell’Orco to appoint Barb Wittich as Chairman; Patricia Flood member and Tom Cribbin as an alternate to the Board of Adjustment Commission. On Voice Vote, the motion was unanimously approved.

Lastly he informed everyone that Alderman Dell’Orco’s grandmother will be turning 100 on October 6th. He said she and her husband owned and operated the Warson Woods Barber Shop from 1946 through 1971 and they have lived in the immediate area for several decades. He then presented Alderman Dell’Orco with a proclamation designating October 6th 2012 as Anne R. Montileone day.

OLD BUSINESS—Nothing to report

MISC OLD BUSINESS

Alderman Dell’Orco reminded everyone of the presentation that was given during the July Board Meeting by a contractor which was bidding on some MSD work. He said that contract has been awarded and Oats & Associates won the award. He said that hopefully the City will be contacted soon by Oats & Associates.

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MISC OLD BUSINESS Cont.

Next he asked if anyone else was under the impression that since the City switched solid waste days from Mondays, the service would no be delayed on Monday holiday weeks. A short discussion followed with the outcome being that Alderman Wittich will contact Al Heinermann, our representative from IESI.

NEW BUSINESS

An Ordinance Amending the Budget for the Fiscal Year 2011-2012. Alderman Andrews moved, seconded by Alderman Dell’Orco, that Bill 1564 was read two times, Bill No. 1564 becomes Ordinance No. 1507.

By Roll Call the Vote was as follows:

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

The Ordinance was announced passed. 7-0.

An Ordinance Establishing the Tax Rates to be Levied and Collected for Real and Commercial Property for the year 2012. Alderman Andrews moved, seconded by Alderman Gosh, that Bill 1565 was read two times, Bill No. 1565 becomes Ordinance No. 1508.

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>
Aitken	<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> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u>X</u>
Wittich	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
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MISC. NEW BUSINESS

Alderwoman Pohl stated she has been to other local festivals this summer and made the point that other communities recruit commercial sponsorship. She was wondering what everyone else thought of this practice. Alderman Wittich answered that in the past there have been a few business owners who participated (e.g.: the Gelato store). He went on to say he really tries to avoid this and he likes the non commercial feel our Fall Festival has. Next she stated that during the extremely hot and dry summer he has seen Steve on several occasions watering the trees and new plants.

Alderman Aitken stated he was contacted by a resident regarding a neighbor's compost pile. He stated it was large, smelled bad and had all kinds of bugs flying around it. He has no idea if any animals are living in it. A short discussion followed with the outcome being that the St. Louis County Department of Health was given the wrong address and they will be contacted again with the correct address and they will inspect the sight.

Alderman Gosh stated h has been visiting several of our businesses and some of them have stated that they would like more signage along Manchester Rd. especially when they are having sales or specials. The Building Commissioner stated the code does allow for extra signage but it sets limits on size and time. The Mayor said he would visit the business owners also and discuss this.

Alderman Wittich reminded everyone that the Fall Festival is Friday October 5th from 6 to 10 p.m.

Chief Stanczak informed the Board that Det. Dave Giacopelli's 6th Anniversary is in September. He said that he has received a favorable review and he is recommending a step increase. Alderman Wittich moved, seconded by Alderwoman Pohl that Det. Giacopelli receives a step increase. By Voice Vote the motion was unanimously approved.

Adjournment

Alderman Gosh moved, seconded by Alderman Dell'Orco, the meeting is adjourned. On Voice Vote, the motion was unanimously approved. The meeting closed at 7:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Mahany, City Clerk

Laurance M. Howe, Mayor