

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
October 16, 2012

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Warson Woods was held on Tuesday, October 16, 2012 at the City Hall, 10015 Manchester Road. The following members of the Board were present:

Mayor Howe  
Judith Pohl  
George Bruenning  
Gordon Gosh  
David Aitken  
Mike Dell'Orco  
Mark Wittich

Absent: Mark Thompson, Mike Andrews

Also present were City Attorney, Paul Rost, Chief, Robert Stanczak and City Clerk/Collector, Kathy Mahany. Mayor Howe called the Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Mike Andrews arrived at 7:06 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

MINUTES

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

BILLS AND RECURRING DISBURSEMENTS WITH THE ADDENDUM TO BE APPROVED

Alderman Wittich moved, seconded by Alderman Bruenning 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—Alderman Gosh observed that the Fire Report is longer than the last few reports have been. The City Clerk explained that the Fire Department was having a problem with their software and it appears the problem is fixed.

WARSON WOODS POLICE REPORT—No action required.

PETITIONS, REQUESTS AND COMPLAINTS—No action required.

COLLECTOR—Kathy Mahany, reported that the State has accepted the tax rates for 2012 of \$.3680 for residential property, and \$.0432 for Commercial property.

BUILDING COMMISSIONER—In Mr. Wilson's absence Mayor Howe stated that there is a potential Board of Adjustment hearing in November assuming the resident meets the deadline for submitting the required information.

PARK COMMISSIONER—Gordon Gosh submitted the attached report. He also informed everyone that he attended the workshop on October 9<sup>th</sup> regarding the Emerald Ash Borer. He estimates the City has approximately 20 to 25% Ash trees. He stated that the recommendation is to remove all Ash trees and the Borer's will die off. He said he would like to do an inventory before removing any trees and he suggested applying for funds from the Missouri Department of Conservation in case any trees have to be removed. Alderwoman Pohl asked if this is a state or federal program. Mr. Gosh said it is a state program. A short discussion followed.

TENNIS COMMISSIONER— In Mark Boland's absence the City Clerk stated Mr. Boland left her a message to tell everyone that the lights at the tennis courts will be turned off on or about November 1.

ACTING CITY ENGINEER—Acting City Engineer Mike Dell'Orco stated the street work is complete and he's processing the payment now. He said the contractor did everything that was required of them in the contract and it is his opinion that the contractor did a good job. Next he said he does not have a real update on the MSD project yet but he expects to next month. He also said he plans on having a meeting with the residents that will be affected by the work and MSD.

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

TREASURER—In Bill O'Neil's absence, the Mayor asked the City Clerk to report on the progress regarding the 3 potential advisors (for the employee SEP and 457 plans). The City Clerk stated that she has been in contact with each potential advisor. Mr. Pohrer thanked the City for the opportunity but at this time he is unable to take us on because of a change that is taking place within his company.

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TREASURER Cont.

Next she said that she and the Police Chief met with Tim Graham of Edward Jones. He brought in a consultant from John Hancock, Kevin Frazier that would handle our account as a team. Apparently Edward Jones offices specialize in different areas and they often partner with other companies. At this time Alderwoman Pohl stated that Tim Graham is a relative by marriage and she will abstain from any vote on this subject.

The City Clerk went on to say that in her and several of the other employee's opinion that we retain the services of Mark Hannah of Axa Advisors. Mr. Hannah is a resident and he took the initiative to contact us about our retirement plan. She went on to say she believes it would be much simpler and would be more comfortable having one contact which is local and has an interest in Warson Woods to deal with rather than a partnership. At this time Alderman Andrews moved, seconded by Alderman Bruenning to retain Mr. Hannah of Axa Advisors for the employee retirement advisor. On Voice Vote, the motion was unanimously approved with Alderwoman Pohl's abstention.

MAYOR— Larry Howe, stated that there has been an issue with a resident of Ward 3 making a compost pile. The City contacted St. Louis County Department of Health and they made an inspection of the property. They then sent a letter to the resident explaining how to compost properly. The County will do a follow up on the matter. Alderman Aitken said he went to the resident's home and said they are really doing a good job complying with the County regulations.

OLD BUSINESS—Nothing to report

MISC OLD BUSINESS

Alderman Wittich stated there is a change in the solid waste collection of large items. There is now a charge for the removal of these items that contain hazardous chemicals. For example, televisions, refrigerators etc. It was suggested that the City put this information in the next newsletter.

The Mayor then stated that a few residents have asked if they could switch their recycle container with the solid waste container since that is a larger container. After a short discussion it was determined that the hauler will take either the recycling or solid waste that is put out on their specific days no matter what container the items are in.

NEW BUSINESS

Request for record destruction of court tickets dated 2000-2007.

Alderman Wittich moved, seconded by Alderman Bruenning to have the court tickets dated 2000-2007 destroyed. After a short discussion was held, On Voice Vote, the motion was unanimously approved.

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NEW BUSINESS Cont.

Fall Festival Report.

Alderman Wittich stated that with the rain on Friday we were lucky everything was able to switch to Saturday. The total cost was approximately \$7,600.00. There were some left over hamburger's that were still frozen with the City donated to a food pantry. A short discussion was held regarding the cost compared to previous years. At the end of the discussion Mayor Howe suggested that we possibly change the budgeted amount to a more realistic amount.

MISC. NEW BUSINESS—No action required.

Adjournment

Alderman Wittich moved, seconded by Alderman Aitken, the meeting is adjourned. On Voice Vote, the motion was unanimously approved. The meeting closed at 7:25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Mahany, City Clerk

Laurance M. Howe, Mayor