

City of Warson Woods
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN
May 21, 2013

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Warson Woods was held on Tuesday, May 21, 2013 at the City Hall, 10015 Manchester Road. The following members of the Board were present:

Mayor Larry Howe
Judith Pohl
George Bruenning
Gordon Gosh
Mike Dell'Orco
Mark Thompson
Mark Wittich

David Aitken and Mike Andrews were absent. Also present were Alderman-elect Newman, Alderman-elect Luisetti, City Attorney Paul Rost, Treasurer Bill O'Neil, Building Commissioner Dan Wilson, Tennis Commissioner Mark Boland, and Chief Robert Stanczak. Mayor Howe called the Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mayor Howe asked that the Board amend the agenda to remove the resolution making appointments and postpone to the June meeting. Alderman Thompson moved, seconded by Alderman Gosh, that the Agenda be approved as amended by the Mayor. On Voice Vote the motion was unanimously approved.

MINUTES

REGULAR BOARD MEETING—April 16, 2013

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

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT—May 7, 2013

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

TREASURER'S REPORT—April 2013

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 Gosh moved, seconded by Alderman Dell’Orco, that the Bills and Recurring Disbursements be approved as submitted. On Voice Vote, the motion was unanimously approved.

CERTIFICATION OF APRIL 2, 2013 GENERAL ELECTION AND BOARDS ACCEPTANCE.

Alderman Thompson moved, seconded by Alderman Gosh, that the certified results of the April 2, 2013 General Election be accepted. On Voice Vote, the motion was unanimously approved.

SWEARING IN OF ALDERMEN NEWMAN, GOSH, LUISETTI AND WITTICH

In the absence of the City Clerk, Mayor Howe administered the oaths of office for Aldermen James Newman, Gordon Gosh, Charles Luisetti and Mark Wittich.

At this time, Alderman Newman and Alderman Luisetti joined the meeting.

GLENDALE FIRE REPORT— No action required.

WARSON WOODS POLICE REPORT—No action required.

PETITIONS, REQUESTS AND COMPLAINTS— Jason Green, 10078 Claychester, Des Peres, owner of J. Greene’s Pub addressed the Board about a special event permit for an event to be held in the parking lot celebrating their grand opening with music, games, face painting and other family-oriented activities on June 1. He was directed to fill out the Special Event Permit form and submit to the Police Chief to work out details.

Charles Razor, 1606 Monaco, addressed the Board about the horrible and dangerous condition of the neighboring property at 1600 Monaco. There were also concerns about the utilities being left on as well.

COLLECTOR—Excused.

BUILDING COMMISSIONER—Dan Wilson reported that there were four new building permit requests under review but none are expected to result in a denial. Regarding the 5th/3rd Bank work to clean up/maintain their lot, Mr. Wilson said he has had trouble getting in response from the Bank’s facilities group. The Property on Woodlawn that received a variance no longer wants to pursue the fence with the variance but will build within setbacks. Finally, he reported on the Development Plan that will be reviewed by the Planning and Zoning Commission on May 28.

PARK COMMISSIONER—Gordon Gosh reported on dead red bud trees that the City would be addressing and submitted the attached report.

TENNIS COMMISSIONER—Mark Boland reported on the condition of the Courts.

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CITY ENGINEER (ACTING)—Alderman Dell’Orco reported MSD had reported on the North/Timberlane/Brookhurst project that it was sending the Project to engineering. He also submitted the KdG proposal for contract management for the 2013 street project at \$16,500. Warson Woods Drive repairs would not be included but would be done by the City outside of this project. Alderman Wittch moved, seconded by Alderwoman Pohl, to approve the KdG proposal with the City’s standard contract. On voice vote, the motion passed.

CITY ATTORNEY—No report.

TREASURER—Bill O’Neil is working on the budget to be submitted to the Finance Committee in the next couple of weeks.

MAYOR— Larry Howe informed the Board that the City is aware of the condition of the property at 1600 Monaco and the City asked for proposals from three landscape companies and has received a bid from Big Bend Landscaping to clean the property up for \$753.00. Aldermen Dell’Orco seconded by Alderman Wittich, moved to approve using Big Bend Landscaping to clean up the property if the property owner does not.

The City has received and reviewed the new insurance rates for the existing plan. After discussion, Alderman Gosh, seconded by Alderman Dell’Orco, moved to approve the rate plan with the existing insurer as outlined in their proposal.

IESI has informed the City that it is looking into smaller trash cans and will allow residents to use the recycling containers for trash. IESI also proposed that it would allow the City to join the recycling rebate program in exchange for extending the contract for two years.

The Mayor asked Alderwoman Pohl to serve as Interim-Chair of the Finance Committee, there being a vacancy and she having experience on the Committee.

OLD BUSINESS

MISC OLD BUSINESS-The Court Clerk has received her advanced certification—one of only six in the state of Missouri!

NEW BUSINESS

A. ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 130, “PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS,” OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF WARSON WOODS. BILL NO. 1568 INTRODUCED BY ALDERMAN WITTICH

Bill 1568 was read by title only two times whereon Alderman Wittich moved, seconded by Alderman Dell’Orco that Bill 1568 be adopted.

By Roll Call, the Vote was as follows:

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	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Not Present
Dell’Orco	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Newman	<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>
Luisetti	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

B. ORDINANCE ENTERING INTO A CONTRACT WITH CUNNINGHAM, VOGEL & ROST FOR CITY ATTORNEY SERVICES. BILL NO. 1569 INTRODUCED BY ALDERMAN WITTICH.

Bill 1569 was read by title only two times whereon Alderman Wittich moved, seconded by Alderman Thompson that Bill 1569 be adopted.

By Roll Call, the Vote was as follows:

	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Not Present
Dell’Orco	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Newman	<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>
Luisetti	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

C. ORDINANCE ENTERING INTO A CONTRACT W/ST. LOUIS COUNTY FOR VEHICLE FEES FEES. BILL NO. 1570 INTRODUCED BY ALDERMAN THOMPSON.

Bill 1570 was read by title only two times whereon Alderman Thompson moved, seconded by Alderman Bruenning that Bill 1570 be adopted.

By Roll Call, the Vote was as follows:

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

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Wittich	<u> X </u>	_____	_____	_____
Luisetti	<u> X </u>	_____	_____	_____

D. ORDINANCE ENTERING INTO A CONTRACT WITH ST. LOUIS COUNTY FOR NUISANCE FEES. BILL NO.1571 INTRODUCED BY ALDERMAN THOMPSON.

Bill 1571 was read by title only two times whereon Alderman Thompson moved, seconded by Alderman Gosh that Bill 1571 be adopted.

By Roll Call, the Vote was as follows:

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

E. ORDINANCE ENTERING INTO A CONTRACT WITH ST. LOUIS COUNTY FOR REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES AND LATERAL SEWER FEES. BILL NO.1572 INTRODUCED BY ALDERMAN THOMPSON.

Bill 1572 was read by title only two times whereon Alderman Thompson moved, seconded by Alderman Bruenning that Bill 1572 be adopted.

By Roll Call, the Vote was as follows:

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

F. MISC. NEW BUSINESS

Chief Stanczak discussed with the Board the need for an extended warranty for the City's server. After discussion, Alderman Gosh, seconded by Alderman Dell'Orco moved to approve the extended warranty with Dell Computer through May 9, 2018, for \$339 per year.

After discussion, Alderman Wittich, seconded by Alderwoman Pohl moved to approve the Chief attending the Annual Missouri Law Enforcement Conference, June 23 – June 26, 2013.

The Chief informed the Board that he had included in their packet information of Police Department Staffing and reported on the part-time officer.

EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION

Alderman Wittich, seconded by Alderman Thompson, made a motion to go into a closed meeting for the purpose of dealing with matters relating to one or more of the following: Legal actions, causes of action, litigation or privileged communications between the City's representatives and its attorney (610.021(1)), leasing, purchase or sale of real estate by the City where public knowledge of the transaction might adversely affect the legal consideration therefor (610.021(2)), and hiring, firing, disciplining or promoting employees (610.021(3))/individually identifiable personnel records (610.021(13)).

By Roll Call, the Vote was as follows:

	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Not Present
Dell'Orco	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	_____
Newman	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	_____
Gosh	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	_____
Bruenning	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	_____
Pohl	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	_____
Thompson	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	_____
Wittich	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	_____
Luisetti	<u>X</u>	_____	_____	_____

The closed meeting ended and the regular re-opened at 8:38

Adjournment

Alderman Gosh moved, seconded by Alderwoman Pohl, the meeting be adjourned. On Voice Vote, the motion was unanimously approved. The meeting closed at 8:41 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Mahany, City Clerk

Laurance M. Howe, Mayor

PARK COMMISSIONER REPORT – May 21, 2013

Our parks have benefitted from the rains and recent warmer weather in bringing about the green foliage and grass that provides islands of background for the colorful trees and flowers now in bloom. Seedling trees we planted last year seem to have survived the extended drought and high temperatures we had last summer. There were still some trees that were severely stressed by those conditions and as a result either leafed out late or have not shown leaf cover in some branches. We will monitor those and try remedies to restore their vigor.

Several residents have requested assistance in the matter of handling their tree problems or requesting advice for the planting of a replacement tree. We are helping them in the selection for each location and based on their concerns for size and appearance have provided them with information to make their decisions.

This past month I attended an Urban Tree Canopy symposium along with some 50 other urban foresters and gathered valuable information that will benefit our city through the data that is available from the USDA. Satellite images along with assessor records defining each plot of land will show us where we are utilizing the benefits of trees in controlling water runoff and other environmental and aesthetic considerations. I am compiling this information from a multitude of sources and intend to develop a plan that will readily show where our community stands in the tree population that exists as well define where we can realize additional benefits.

Gordon W. Gosh,
Park Commissioner