

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN**  
**September 17, 2013**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Warson Woods was held on Tuesday, September 17, 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 (arrived at 7:04 pm)  
Jim Newman  
Charles Luisetti  
Mark Wittich

Also present were Police Chief Robert Stanczak, Treasurer Bill O'Neil, Building Commissioner Dan Wilson, Tennis Commissioner Mark Boland, and City Attorney Paul Rost. Mayor Howe called the Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Alderman Gosh moved, seconded by Alderwoman Pohl, that the Agenda be approved. On Voice Vote the motion was unanimously approved.

**PROCLAMATION** – The Mayor read the proclamation of the Board of Aldermen honoring Warson Woods Resident Charlie Kohler, USMC, on being selected to participate in the “Honor Flight” to Washington, D.C.

**PUBLIC HEARING - 2013 Residential and Commercial Real Estate Tax Rates**

Mayor Howe explained that the final numbers for the tax rate were not ready because there was an error in the State Auditor's formulas used to generate the tax rates. The City is working with the State Auditor to get the final rates but they were not ready for tonight's meeting.

Resident David Shilling, 1665 Calais Court, commented on the increase in levy on residential property and that it should not be increased when cuts elsewhere can be made.

Cal Fritz, 556 Geders Lane, asked if the Board could let the public know when the Board was going to schedule the meeting to pass the tax levy.

The Mayor announced that the meeting would be Tuesday, September 24, at 7 p.m. and that the public hearing would be held open until then.

## MINUTES

### REGULAR BOARD MEETING August 20, 2013

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

### BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT September 3, 2013

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

### TREASURER'S REPORT—August 2013

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

### BILLS AND RECURRING DISBURSEMENTS WITH ADDENDUM TO BE APPROVED

Alderwoman Pohl moved, seconded by Alderman Gosh, that the Bills and Recurring Disbursements 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— Jim Moellering of Bi-State Pool addressed the Board on behalf of homeowners Robert and Mary Lee, with regard to the four-foot requirement for walk ways around pools as set forth in Chapter 245. He stated that neither St. Louis County nor the National Pools Code requires such a walkway. They would like to build a pool without a walkway around the entirety but instead a water feature at one portion. They asked the Board to consider changing the code to remove this requirement.

John Soucy, 824 Edlin, commented on the state of the Police Department and the news that he had heard.

David Shilling, 1665 Calais Court, addressed the Board on the same topic.

## MISC. REPORTS

COLLECTOR—Excused.

BUILDING COMMISSIONER—reported on the state of the 5/3 Bank property.

PARK COMMISSIONER—Gordon Gosh commented on the affect of the dry weather on City and private trees. He submitted the attached report.

TENNIS COMMISSONER—The USTA is not giving grants for tennis court repairs.

CITY ENGINEER (ACTING)—Alderman Dell’Orco reported on the 2013 street project for which notice to proceed was given—work should begin on September 18, 2013. The City is not undertaking sidewalk repairs with this project but is looking into funding sources for such work in the future.

CITY ATTORNEY—No report.

TREASURER—Is seeing a need for temporary part-time help in City Hall.

MAYOR—No report.

## OLD BUSINESS

### A. Miscellaneous Old Business

Alderman Gosh checked on the status of zoning code revisions regarding alternative sources of energy.

## NEW BUSINESS

### A. ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE TAX RATES TO BE LEVIED AND COLLECTED FOR THE YEAR 2013. BILL NO. 1577 INTRODUCED BY ALDERWOMAN POHL

This item was postponed until September 24, 2013 at 7 p.m.

### B. St. Matthews Episcopal Church

The Board discussed that due to the closing of St. Matthews Church (having merged congregations with Grace Episcopal Church in Kirkwood), the Church was interested in marketing the property. The City,

owning the property to the west, is interested in exploring the possibility of the site being used for residential housing of the nature of Middleton Court behind the Kirkwood Schnucks as a possible transitional housing for those in the City who want less maintenance but still want to stay in the City. The City would convene a committee to study and work with consultants to guide the process. Residents that some of the aldermen and Mayor had talked to were generally in favor of the idea. Some residents in the audience mentioned that it might be good to have elevators if it is more than 1-story. The City expects to hold a public meeting on the topic in the near future to get resident input on the concept. The City is looking at possibly seeking proposals from potential homebuilders as to what they might offer on the site.

C. MISC. NEW BUSINESS

The annual Fall Festival is Friday October 4<sup>th</sup>.

The Police Department sought board input on its plan for servicing the police vehicles and the Board was generally in favor of the proposal.

EXCUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION—Pertaining to the following: Legal actions, causes of action, litigation or privileged communications between the City’s representatives and its attorney (610.021(1)); hiring, firing, disciplining or promoting employees (610.021(3)).

Alderman Gosh made a motion to enter into closed session for the purposes of discussing legal actions, causes of action, litigation or privileged communications between the City’s representatives and its attorney (610.021(1)); purchasing, or sale of real-estate (610.021(2)); hiring, firing, disciplining or promoting employees (610.021(3)). Alderman Wittich seconded the motion.

By Roll Call, the Vote was as follows:

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

**Adjournment**

Alderman Dell'Orco moved, seconded by Alderman Bruenning, the meeting be adjourned. On Voice Vote, the motion was unanimously approved. The meeting closed at 9:04P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Mahany, City Clerk

Laurance M. Howe, Mayor