

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN
April 21, 2009

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Warson Woods was held on Tuesday, April 21, 2009 at the City Hall, 10015 Manchester Road. The following members of the Board were present:

Mayor E. William Bergfeld, Jr.

Mike Dell'Orco

Gordon Gosh

Mark Wittich

David Aitken

Larry Howe

Mike Andrews

Judith Pohl

Absent: George Bruenning

Also present were City Attorney, Paul Rost, Treasurer, Bill O'Neil, Chief, Robert Stanczak, City Clerk/Collector, Kathy Mahany, Building Commissioner, Dan Wilson, and City Engineer, Ken Lichtenheld. The Mayor called the Meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MINUTES

REGULAR BOARD MEETING—March 17, 2009

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

PERSONNEL MEETING—April 14, 2009

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

TREASURER'S REPORT—March 2009

Alderman Gosh moved, seconded by Alderman Andrews 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 Wittich, that the Bills with the Addendum be approved as submitted. On Voice Vote, the motion was unanimously approved.

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GLENDAL 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 estimated real estate tax rate has been submitted to St. Louis County. The estimated rate is .3510. The tax rate assessed last year was .3340.

BUILDING COMMISSIONER—Dan Wilson reported that three new permits were issued during the month. Two more out of the original 49 old permits have been closed. We have had a good response to closing these permits. There were 2 denials this month. One for an encroachment at 1615 Dearborn and one for a utility shed at 594 Gederson. We are planning a Board of Adjustment Meeting on June 2, 2009. There were two complaints one at 1509 Bennett which has been resolved and one at 1625 Dearborn which is still un-resolved at this time.

PARK COMMISSIONER—Alderman Gosh submitted the attached written statement. He then discussed mounting our “Tree City USA” sign. It was decided that Alderman Gosh would find out if there are smaller “Tree City USA” signs available.

CITY ENGINEER—Ken Lichtenheld nothing to report.

CITY ATTORNEY—Paul Rost discussed the recent request for a business license for SASA Massage. After discussion it was decided to have Paul call the potential business owner to discuss her services.

TREASURER—Bill O’Neil informed the Board that there is approximately \$27,000.00 left in the Lateral Sewer fund for the rest of the calendar year. After a discussion it was decided to have Alderman Wittich and Alderman Dell’Orco review the present program and make recommendations to the Board as to any changes

MAYOR— E. William Bergfeld, Jr., nothing to report.

OLD BUSINESS

The Mayor asked the Board if they would like to have Glendale supplement the Vector Control mosquito spraying program again this year. It was decided to use Vector Control only.

MISC. OLD BUSINESS—Nothing to report.

NEW BUSINESS

In 2011 the City of Warson Woods will hold a 75th anniversary as a 4th class City. After a discussion it was decided to form a committee to decide what the City will do to celebrate this event and the celebration will be held during the Fall Festival.

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Arbor Day Proclamation

Alderman Gosh moved, seconded by Alderman Howe that Saturday April 18, 2009 be proclaimed Arbor Day in Warson Woods. On Voice Vote, the motion was unanimously approved.

Ordinance Amending Section 210.010 entitled “Nuisances Affecting Health” Alderman Gosh moved, seconded by Alderman Wittich, that Bill 1494 was read two times, after a short discussion, Bill No. 1494 becomes Ordinance No. 1439.

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>	_____	_____	_____
Howe	<u> X </u>	_____	_____	_____
Wittich	<u> X </u>	_____	_____	_____
Aitken	<u> X </u>	_____	_____	_____

The Ordinance was announced passed. 5-2

Request from the Police Chief to attend the annual conference. Alderman Howe moved, seconded by Alderman Andrews to allow the Police Chief attend the Annual conference. On Voice Vote, the motion was unanimously approved.

Purchase of new Police firearms.

After a short discussion Alderman Wittich moved, seconded by Alderman Howe, to allow the purchase of new firearms. On Voice Vote, the motion was unanimously approved.

Ordinance Amending Section 500.060 Relating to Fifth Class Buildings. Alderman Dell’Orco moved, seconded by Alderman Gosh that Bill 1495 was read two times, after a discussion Bill No. 1495 becomes Ordinance No. 1440.

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>	_____	_____	_____
Howe	<u> X </u>	_____	_____	_____

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Bill No. 1494 Cont.

Wittich	<u> X </u>	_____	_____	_____
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Aitken X _____
The Ordinance was announced passed. 7-0

MISC. NEW BUSINESS

Alderman Pohl stated she has been walking in her ward looking for needed street repairs. She then asked if Warson Woods Drive is scheduled to be completely repaved. A lengthy discussion was held and it was decided to have the Public Works Committee recommend what repairs will be done to Warson Woods Drive.

Alderman Andrews stated he will be holding a Finance Committee meeting within the next 4 to 6 weeks to set the 2009-2010 Budget. A short discussion was held regarding the current budgeted income.

Alderman Gosh stated concerns he has regarding residents wanting to install solar panels or wind structures to reduce their utility costs. He was instructed to speak to the City Attorney regarding current ordinances relating to these items.

Alderman Wittich asked what guidelines we have in place regarding the use of generators and the noise they make. He was told that we follow the St. Louis County guidelines.

Alderman Howe discussed having Mark Boland as the tennis administrator. Next he stated there are large cracks in the tennis courts that have not been filled from last year. The City Engineer stated he would look into having them repaired. At this time he stated the health insurance for the city employees went up quite a bit this year and the plan was modified. During this process the broker had no communication with the employees in explaining the new policy so he recommended a new broker to handle the employee health insurance program. Lastly he stated he would like to see the City get away from using the Police Department as the first contact with the residents when there are ordinance violations i.e.: leaves, yard waste. He suggested letters be sent out by the city first. After a short discussion he was informed that most of the time it is handled this way.

Adjournment

Alderman Gosh, seconded by Alderman Aitken, the meeting is adjourned. On Voice Vote, the motion was unanimously approved. The meeting closed at 8:12 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Mahany, City Clerk

E. William Bergfeld, Jr., Mayor