

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN

February 15, 2022

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Warson Woods was held on Tuesday, February 15, 2022. Upon roll call, the following members of the Board were reported present:

Mayor Larry Howe
Aldерwoman Dawn Bickford
Aldерwoman Hannah Mayer
Aldерman George Bruening
Aldерwoman Lucy Pfyl
Aldерman Charlie Luisetti
Aldерman G. P. Dorris
Aldерman Jim Newman
Aldерman Mike Dell'Orco

City Attorney Drew Weber, Chief of Police Bob Stanczak and City Clerk Kathy Mahany were also present. This meeting was also held by Online Video. Jeff Blume, Financial Advisor, was present via Zoom.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL of the AGENDA

Aldерwoman Mayer moved, seconded by Aldерman Dorris, that the agenda be approved as submitted. On Voice Vote, the motion was unanimously approved.

MINUTES

Regular Board Meeting—January 18, 2022

Executive Session—January 18, 2022

Finance, Insurance & Personnel Committee—January 20, 2022

Aldерwoman Mayer moved, seconded by Aldерman Dorris, the minutes be accepted as submitted.

On Voice Vote, the motion was unanimously approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT—January 2022

Aldерman Luisetti moved, seconded by Aldерwoman Bickford, that the Treasurer's Report be accepted as submitted. Aldерman Luisetti went on to say that this report is the City's financial information and he hopes that everyone looks at it prior to the meetings. On Voice Vote, the motion was unanimously approved.

BILLS & RECURRING DISBURSEMENTS WITH THE ADDENDUM

Aldерwoman Bickford moved, seconded by Aldерman Luisetti, that the Bills and Recurring Disbursements, with the Addendum, be approved as submitted. Aldерman Dorris asked about the E. Meier payment. He asked if this was for the work that was supposed to be done last year? Because there is a place in front of

his house that was supposed to be repaired and was not. The mayor said he would send a note to Kuhlman Design Group asking about specific areas that were to be repaired. On Voice Vote, the motion was unanimously approved.

GLENDAL FIRE REPORT- January 2022, no action required.

WARSON WOODS POLICE REPORT –January 2022, no action required.

PETITIONS, REQUESTS AND COMPLAINTS—

The city does not keep verbatim minutes. Minutes are kept with speakers identified, topics discussed and action taken. The following residents spoke during this portion of the meeting:

Bret Hanson, 1423 Andrew Dr.

Mr. Hansen discussed the possibility of a Freddy’s Frozen Custard being built on the lot at Manchester Rd. and Andrew Dr. He asked what is the approval process? It was explained that the Building Commissioner reviews the application, then it goes to the P&Z and finally the Regular Board for final approval. If the Regular Board does not approve it the applicant has the opportunity to go to the Board of Adjustment. Mr. Hansen also discussed traffic and trash issues that a Freddy’s Frozen Custard may cause and the amount of tax revenue that it may bring in. A short discussion followed.

Sean Fitzgerald, 1612 Andrew Dr.

Mr. Fitzgerald began by asking how the Dearborn Bridge could have been paid for since there was no vote on a resolution approving the work. A discussion followed.

Mr. Mike Bub, 548 Beauford Dr.

Mr. Bub expressed his support for the Police Department and his appreciation of Chief Stanczak. He went on to say that the Chief has served Warson Woods for more than 30 years and has been the Chief of Police for almost 18 of these years. He wants to see a motion made to make the Chief’s appointment day become “Bob Stanczak Day” in Warson Woods.

Next, he stated he has concerns about the Executive Sessions closed sessions and the notification of these sessions to the public. The City Attorney explained that it is his practice to have this listed on the agenda monthly as things do come up on an emergency basis, that need to be discussed in closed sessions.

At this time Alderman Luisetti asked if the Chief has plans to retire soon. The Chief answered no not in the near future. Mr. Luisetti said he would need to know that for budgetary purposes.

MISC. REPORTS.

COLLECTOR—Kathy Mahany, No report.

BUILDING COMMISSIONER—No report.

PARK COMMISSIONER—Vacant, at this time Alderman Newman stated he contacted three cleaning services for a quote for cleaning the rest rooms in the park. He said only one responded with a verbal quote and it was inline with what we are paying now. It was mentioned that maybe we should change the cleaning schedule to just one time per week

CITY ENGINEER—No report.

CITY ATTORNEY—Drew Weber, no report.

TREASURER—At this time the Financial Advisor, Jeff Blume, discussed the balance sheet. Next, he stated that he is working on the 2022-2023 budget and lastly he warned everyone that with the current inflation rates (something that has not been seen since the 70's) in his view, we are in for some financially turbulent times.

PUBLIC WORKS/PARKS-Alderman Newman, no report.

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE—Alderwoman Hannah Mayer reminded everyone that the new resident bags are ready so if anyone knows of a new resident to please send them to City Hall to pick one up. She also said that the newsletter goes out the day before the regular board meeting and if anyone has anything they would like to include in it to please let her know.

MAYOR—Larry Howe, no report.

OLD BUSINESS—Nothing to report.

MISC. OLD BUSINESS

Alderman Newman asked what the resolution number is for the resolution that he sponsored that left out the Dearborn Bridge? He was told that the City Clerk would find out for him.

Alderman Luisetti said when he has a rough draft of the 2022-2023 budget, he will be calling another finance committee meeting. He also urged everyone to attend.

Chief Stanczak informed everyone that following the last board meeting on January 18th there was an assault within the city limits. Apparently, it began at Manchester Rd. and Lindbergh Blvd. and continued down to behind Gold Fish Swim School. All the parties involved are not telling the truth so the prosecuting attorney will not prosecute anyone.

NEW BUSINESS—Nothing to report.

MISC. NEW BUSINESS—Nothing to report.

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Newman moved, seconded by Alderman Dorris, the meeting be adjourned. On Voice Vote, the motion was unanimously approved. The meeting closed at 7:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Mahany, City Clerk

Laurance M. Howe, Mayor

