

## **REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN**

March 15, 2022

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

Mayor Larry Howe  
Alderman Dawn Bickford  
Alderman Hannah Mayer  
Alderman George Bruenning  
Alderman Charlie Luisetti  
Alderman G. P. Dorris  
Alderman Jim Newman  
Alderman Mike Dell'Orco

City Attorney Drew Weber, City Engineer/Building Commissioner, Ron Stuckel, Chief of Police Bob Stanczak and City Clerk Kathy Mahany were also present. This meeting was also held by Online Video. Alderman Pfyl and Financial Advisor, Jeff Blume were present via Zoom.

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

### **APPROVAL of the AGENDA**

Alderman Bruenning moved, to approve the agenda as submitted. There was no second. Alderman Bickford moved, seconded by Alderman Mayer, that the agenda be amended by moving Bill No. 1712 from item "X" "D" to item "VIII" "A". On Voice Vote, the motion was unanimously approved. Alderman Mayer moved, seconded by Alderman Dorris, to approve the amended agenda. On Voice Vote, the motion was unanimously approved.

### **MINUTES**

Regular Board Meeting—February 15, 2022

P&Z Commission Meeting—March 14, 2022

Alderman Mayer moved, seconded by Alderman Dorris, the minutes be accepted as submitted. On Voice Vote, the motion was unanimously approved.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT—February 2022**

Alderman Luisetti moved, seconded by Alderman Bruenning, that the Treasurer's Report be accepted as submitted. On Voice Vote, the motion was unanimously approved.

### **BILLS & RECURRING DISBURSEMENTS WITH THE ADDENDUM**

Alderman Luisetti moved, seconded by Alderman Mayer, that the Bills and Recurring Disbursements, with the Addendum, be approved as submitted. On Voice Vote, the motion was unanimously approved.

GLENDAL FIRE REPORT- February 2022, no report was submitted by the Glendale Fire Department.

WARSON WOODS POLICE REPORT –February 2022

Alderman Luisetti asked why there were so many entries on 2/17 and 2/21. The Chief answered they are from Hertz, rentals not turned in on time, and a follow-up on a burglary 7 months ago.

PETITIONS, REQUESTS AND COMPLAINTS—

The city does not keep verbatim minutes. Minutes are kept with speakers identified, topics discussed and action taken.

Andrew Howe, 628 Gaslite Lane

Andrew Howe introduced himself to the Board and audience as the son of our Mayor Larry Howe and on behalf of himself and siblings he wanted to say a few words about their fathers’ accomplishments as Alderman in Ward 2 for 12 years and as Mayor for another 12 years. He began by saying his father is leaving public office after the April 2022 election. He went on to name the numerous accomplishments his father has made beginning with the Fall Festival, Royal Oak Park renovations, (along with Alderman Dell’Orco) the purchase of the St. Matthew’s property, upgrading the Lateral Sewer Program, numerous MSD stormwater projects the Royal Oaks Park bridge, Andrew Dr. bridge, Forest View bridge and Dearborn Dr. bridge. He saved the city money by purchasing our own salt and partnering with the City of Glendale for storage and having our Public Works Dept. spread it. Combining the court system with Glendale and Oakland, outsourcing our permits and inspections to St. Louis County. Getting multi year contracts for street work at a set price. Signing a new lease with the swim club and having shared maintenance for the joint parking lot. Getting recycling grants to pay for recycling carts for the residents. In closing he said his father has grown the cities assets without raising the residential or commercial tax rates.

At this time Mayor Howe wholeheartedly thanked his son. He said it has been a team effort and that everyone has brought something to contribute. The mayor then thanked all the past Aldermen, especially those who are in attendance tonight, Mike Andrews, Mark Wittich, Matt Witte, and Judy Pohl.

MISC. REPORTS.

Agenda Change from NEW BUSINESS “D”.

An Ordinance Providing for the Approval of a Preliminary Redevelopment Plan for 10001 Manchester Rd. Bill No 1712. Alderwoman Bickford moved, seconded by Alderman Dorris, to table the Bill until final receipt of the requested information has been received and a recommendation from the P&Z Commission has been made to the Board of Aldermen.

By Roll Call the Vote was as follows:

	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Not Present
Mayer	<u>  X  </u>	_____	_____	_____
Dorris	<u>  X  </u>	_____	_____	_____
Luisetti	<u>  X  </u>	_____	_____	_____
Dell’Orco	<u>  X  </u>	_____	_____	_____
Bickford	<u>  X  </u>	_____	_____	_____
Newman	<u>  X  </u>	_____	_____	_____
Bruening	<u>  X  </u>	_____	_____	_____
Pfyl - Zoom	<u>  X  </u>	_____	_____	_____

The Ordinance was announced passed 8-0.

COLLECTOR—Kathy Mahany, No report.

BUILDING COMMISSIONER—Ron Stuckel reported that things are a bit slow right now. He has been approving 4 to 5 zoning and building permits per month.

PARK COMMISSIONER— Alderman Newman had no report.

CITY ENGINEER—Ron Stuckel informed everyone that we just finished The MSD co-permittee for this year. He’s been handling a few questions and complaints from residents.

CITY ATTORNEY—Drew Weber mentioned that there were some slight changes in the MSD Easements. The changes came in on Monday and revised copies were distributed.

TREASURER—At this time the Financial Advisor, Jeff Blume, reported that the city has a healthy reserve at this time, \$2,000,000.00. and discussed the budget.

PUBLIC WORKS/PARKS-Alderman Newman, stated that Bruce Frazier did a great job under the circumstances, with the recent ice storms and salting the roads. Our salt reserve has not been depleted.

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE—Alderwoman Hannah Mayer reminded everyone to sign-up for the monthly online newsletter and other social media outlets. Also reminded us that if you know of a new resident, please let them know about the great bags filled with local business information that are free at City Hall.

MAYOR—Larry Howe, no report but he thanked everyone for coming tonight and he gave a special Thank You to his wife Mayor, for all her support.

OLD BUSINESS—Nothing to report.

MISC. OLD BUSINESS—Nothing to report.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Proclamation for John Peel for Obtaining the Eagle Scout Designation.
  
- B. An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor of the City of Warson Woods to Negotiate and Execute a Fire Protection and Law Enforcement Services Agreement with the City of Glendale. Bill No. 1710. After being read two times by title only, Alderman Dorris moved, seconded by Alderman Luisetti, that Bill No. 1710 becomes Ordinance No. 1652. Finance Advisor Jeff Bloom stated this is a very good deal for the city as it locks in costs for 10 years.

By Roll Call the Vote was as follows:

	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Not Present
Dell’Orco	<u>  X  </u>	_____	_____	_____
Dorris	<u>  X  </u>	_____	_____	_____
Bruening	<u>  X  </u>	_____	_____	_____
Mayer	<u>  X  </u>	_____	_____	_____
Pfyl - Zoom	<u>  X  </u>	_____	_____	_____
Newman	<u>  X  </u>	_____	_____	_____
Luisetti	<u>  X  </u>	_____	_____	_____

Bickford                X                \_\_\_\_\_            \_\_\_\_\_            \_\_\_\_\_

The Ordinance was announced passed 8-0.

- C. An Ordinance Authorizing the Mayor to Negotiate and Execute Two Easements with the Metropolitan St. Louis District for Sanitary Sewer purposes. Bill NO. 1711  
After being read two times by title only, Alderman Dorris moved, seconded by Alderwoman Mayer, that Bill No. 1711 becomes Ordinance No. 1653.

By Roll Call the Vote was as follows:

	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Not Present
Bickford	<u>    X    </u>	_____	_____	_____
Newman	<u>    X    </u>	_____	_____	_____
Luisetti	<u>    X    </u>	_____	_____	_____
Mayer	<u>    X    </u>	_____	_____	_____
Bruenning	<u>    X    </u>	_____	_____	_____
Dorris	<u>    X    </u>	_____	_____	_____
Pfyl - Zoom	<u>    X    </u>	_____	_____	_____
Dell'Orco	<u>    X    </u>	_____	_____	_____

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**MISC. NEW BUSINESS**

At this time Alderman Luisetti thanked Aldermen Bruenning and Dell'Orco for their years of service to the city. He went on to say that Alderman Bruenning had served as Alderman in Ward 3 and in several aspects of city government for 18 years. Alderman Dell'Orco served as Alderman in Ward 4 for 15 years and as City Engineer for 12 of those years. He worked on several projects with MSD, negotiated long term contracts with contractors for better rates and walked every street pointing out needed repairs for 12 years.

He went on to thank the former City Attorney, Paul Rost for his 24 years of service. During this time Paul kept the Board informed and well advised with his forward thinking.

The mayor then also thanked Aldermen Dell'Orco and Bruenning for their service and said it was fun working with them over the years.

Alderman Luisetti reminded everyone that he, Jeff Blume, and the Finance Committee are currently working on the 2022-2023 fiscal budget and another Finance meeting will be held soon.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Alderman Dorris moved, seconded by Alderwoman Mayer, the meeting be adjourned. On Voice Vote, the motion was unanimously approved. The meeting closed at 7:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Mahany, City Clerk

Laurance M. Howe, Mayor

