

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

August 18, 2020

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Warson Woods was held on Tuesday, August 18, 2020 at the City Hall, 10015 Manchester Road. Upon roll call, the following members of the Board were reported present:

Larry Howe, Mayor  
Dawn Bickford  
Charles Luisetti  
Hanna Mayer  
George Dorris

Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, and in accord with the provisions of the Missouri Sunshine Law, §610.020, RSMo., the Board of Aldermen of City of Warson Woods recognizes it may be impractical for its meeting to be physically accessible to the public during this time therefore this meeting was also held by Online Video. Alderman Mike Dell’Orco was present via Video. City Attorney Paul Rost, Treasurer Jim Malik, City Clerk Kathy Mahany and Chief of Police Bob Stanczak were present in City Hall as well as Building Commissioner Dan Wilson and Park Commissioner Gordon Gosh. Mayor Howe called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Alderpersons George Bruenning, Lucy Pfyl and Jim Newman were excused.

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

#### **APPROVAL of the AGENDA**

Alderwoman Bickford moved, seconded by Alderwoman Mayer, that the Agenda be approved as submitted. On Voice Vote the motion was unanimously approved.

#### **MINUTES**

Regular Board Meeting—July 21, 2020

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

#### **TREASURER’S REPORTS—July 2020**

Alderman Luisetti moved, seconded by Alderwoman Mayer, 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 Alderwoman Mayer, that the Bills and Recurring Disbursements, without an Addendum, be approved as submitted. On Voice Vote, the motion was unanimously approved.

GLENDALE FIRE REPORT- July 2020– No action required.

WARSON WOODS POLICE REPORT - July 2020—Alderwoman Mayer asked the Chief what the training was. The Chief explained it was Firearm’s training. Each Officer must qualify yearly with their weapon.

PETITIONS, REQUESTS AND COMPLAINTS-At. This time Jack Kinney 1237 Warson Woods Dr., Ed Travis 1175 Warson Woods Dr., and J.R. Helfrick 1617 Andrew Dr. addressed the Board about the following items;

- Deteriorating blacktop surface.
- Edges breaking off especially on the south side.
- 12-inch deep trench on the southside that fills with water during downpours.
- No street lights.
- Drivers consistently speeding and running stop signs. Last night a driver ran former Mayor Bill Bergfeld and his dog off the road at the Timberlane Drive intersection.
- Drivers using Warson Woods Drive and other streets to cut through from Manchester to Des Pere.
- Sewer District taking limestone core samples from Warson Woods Drive across from Mr. Kinney's home.
- Cost of resurfacing the swimming pool and pavilion parking lot.
- Mr. Helfrick discussed flooding of the Swim Club during major rain events.

A lengthy discussion took place beginning with Alderman and Acting City Engineer, Mike Dell'Orco explaining that the City plans on patching Warson Woods Dr. for the time being. MSD has scheduled a complete replacement of the storm water sewer lines under the street and this will result in a replacement of Warson Woods Dr. The work is scheduled for July of 2022. MSD is sending letters to the effected residents this week explaining the work they will be doing and there will be several Public Meetings with MSD prior to the beginning of the work. He went on to say that there is a resolution on tonight's agenda covering the street work that is planned for this year. It shows all the work to be done by ward.

Next, the Police Chief informed everyone that he has done several traffic surveys on Warson Woods Dr. himself and his findings are that there is not excessive speeding on the road. It's more visual. Cars traveling on narrow streets with parked cars and pedestrians appear to be traveling faster than they really are. The Chief will continue to monitor Warson Woods Dr. and report back in September.

At this time Mr. Helfrick discussed the Swim Club flooding. He explained that they have incurred a lot of cost in clean-up after these weather incidents. A discussion took place between the Board and Mr. Helfrick about these weather-related incidents and who's responsibility it is.

The outcome of this discussion being the Mayor and several Alderpersons will walk the length of Warson Woods Dr. and see first hand the concerns that were brought up.

#### MISC. REPORTS.

COLLECTOR—Kathy Mahany asked the Board to change the date of the September meeting from the 15<sup>th</sup> to the 22<sup>nd</sup> so there will be more time to get the information from St. Louis County that is needed to set the 2020 Real Estate Tax Rates.

Alderwoman Bickford moved, seconded by Alderman Dorris, to change the date of the September meeting from the 15<sup>th</sup> to the 22<sup>nd</sup>. On Voice Vote, the motion was unanimously approved.

BUILDING COMMISSIONER—Dan Wilson submitted the attached report. He also stated how happy he is with the service St. Louis County is providing in issuing our permits and doing the inspections.

PARK COMMISSIONER—Gordon Gosh began by saying he has a meeting scheduled with Bruce and Bill Reed, 864 Renderer Dr. to plan the new plantings for the entrance at Manchester Rd. & Bennett Ave. Next, he said that after the wind storm last week there appears to be no damage to our mature trees which he is grateful for. Lastly, he said he wants to schedule tree care for next week. There are a few dead branches that could become dangerous.

CITY ENGINEER (ACTING)—Mike Dell’Orco began by reminding everyone that MSD is mailing out letters to the residents in Wards 1 and 2 informing them of the planned work. He went on to explain that there will be Public Meetings and also a website will be set up giving information on this project. Alderman Dorris asked if he should contact the people in his ward. Alderman Dell’Orco said not necessarily, but please be available if residents have questions.

CITY ATTORNEY—Paul Rost had no report.

TREASURER—Jim Malik started by reminding everyone that we are working with the same budget we had last year because of COVID-19 interrupting the budgeting process. We now have a better handle on how this will impact our finances so he is planning on holding a Finance meeting next month so they can begin work on the real 2020-2021 Fiscal Budget.

MAYOR—Larry Howe, had no comments at this time, however he gave this time to Mr. Steve Hoard, 1125 Dunwoody Dr., because he was unable to speak earlier during the petitions, requests and complaints portion of the meeting.

Mr. Hoard introduced himself to everyone and stated that he and his family just recently moved back to St. Louis from California. He went on to say he purchased what was Mr. Reay’s studio as his family’s home and they are doing extensive renovations to the property. He went on to say he has no driveway at this time and he would like to use a portion of the right-of-way to park his vehicles until he can get a garage built. Hopefully next spring. He is clearing out the weeds, small brush and honey suckle foliage and he would like to add some chat limestone to park on. After a short discussion, the City Attorney explained since it is public property an encroachment agreement could be made. All the maintenance would have to be done by the resident and they would have to make sure it is safe. Mr. Hoard will get the necessary paperwork to the City to begin the process.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Ordinance Amending the 2019-2020 Fiscal Budget Bill No. 1696. After being read two times by title only, Alderman Luisetti moved, seconded by Alderman Dorris, that Bill No. 1696 becomes Ordinance No. 1639.

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      | _____        | _____ | _____   | <u>  X  </u> |
| Newman    | _____        | _____ | _____   | <u>  X  </u> |
| Luisetti  | <u>  X  </u> | _____ | _____   | _____        |
| Bickford  | <u>  X  </u> | _____ | _____   | _____        |

The Ordinance was announced passed 5-0.

B. Resolution No. 08182020 Renewing the Multi-Year City-Contractor Agreement with E. Meier Contracting for the 2020 Street Repairs. Alderman Dell'Orco moved, seconded by Alderman Dorris, to approve the motion. On Voice Vote, the motion was unanimously approved.

C. Misc. New Business

Alderwoman Bickford asked if someone could get the empty lot on Dunwoody Dr. cut.

Alderman Dorris asked when the lights at the tennis courts could be turned on again for night play. The Mayor answered that until St. Louis County gives approval of tennis courts being open after sunset the City cannot turn the lights on.

Alderwoman Mayer told everyone that her neighbor is a chemist at AB and he has come up with a cleaner and dispenser for sanitizing playground equipment. It's a fogging system. It would cost \$800 for the device and chemicals but that should last the rest of this year. The Mayor said that he would look into it.

Chief Stanczak reported on several items.

- 1) Are the police allowed to enforce the parks closing at dusk? After a short discussion it was decided yes, the order comes from the County and Warson Woods is in the County and Warson Woods has control of the park
- 2) There are 3 juveniles from Ward 1 which are being destructive at night. They do not have much parental supervision but the police know who they are so if anyone see anything please call the police so they can catch them in action.
- 3) The City of Glendale has voted to close their dispatch and they will be having the City of Kirkwood do the dispatching for them. Since we have a contract with the City of Glendale for this service it will affect Warson Woods also. The Chief is hoping the City of Kirkwood adds another radio channel otherwise our response time will be affected.
- 4) Regarding the earlier discussion about the "speeding" on Warson Woods Dr. He will continue to monitor the speeds and report back next month.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Alderwoman Mayer moved, seconded by Alderman Dorris, the meeting be adjourned. On Voice Vote, the motion was unanimously approved. The meeting closed at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Mahany, City Clerk

Laurance M. Howe, Mayor

