

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN

September 17, 2019

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Warson Woods was held on Tuesday, September 17, 2019 at the City Hall, 10015 Manchester Road. Upon roll call, the following members of the Board were reported present:

Larry Howe, Mayor
Jim Newman
Mark Thompson
Debbie Pentland
Mike Dell'Orco
George Bruenning
Lucy Pfyl
Charles Luisetti

Also present were City Attorney Paul Rost, Treasurer Jim Malik, City Clerk Kathy Mahany, and Chief of Police Bob Stanczak. Mayor Howe called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Alderwoman Bickford and Building Commissioner Dan Wilson were excused.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC HEARING – *Establishing the 2019 Real Estate and Commercial Tax Rates*

Mayor Howe opened the Public Hearing at 7:02 p.m. He began by explaining that the tax rates are not available at this time and the City will hold a Special Board of Aldermen Meeting on Friday September 27th at 8:00 a.m. and the following members of the Board will be present Alderwomen Pfyl and Pentland and Aldermen Luisetti, Thompson and Dell'Orco. This will make a quorum for establishing the 2019 tax rates. Hearing no further comments, Mayor Howe closed the Public Hearing at 7:07 p.m.

APPROVAL of the AGENDA

Alderman Bruenning moved, seconded by Alderman Dell'Orco, that the Agenda be approved as submitted. On Voice Vote the motion was unanimously approved.

MINUTES

Regular Board Meeting—August 20, 2019

Public Safety Meeting—September 9, 2019

P&Z Commission Meeting—September 11, 2019

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

TREASURER'S REPORT—August 2019

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 ADDENDUM TO BE APPROVED

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

GLENDALE FIRE REPORT- August 2019 – No action required.

Alderman Luisetti mentioned that the report was late and they did not have an opportunity to review it.

WARSON WOODS POLICE REPORT-August 2019—No action required.

PETITIONS, REQUESTS AND COMPLAINTS

City Arborist, Gordon Gosh informed everyone that he is getting about one service call per week with different questions about trees. He also mentioned that the City has many old trees and they are responding well to the current weather conditions.

Alderman Luisetti thanked Mr. Gosh for coming to his home when he had questions about his trees.

MISC. REPORTS.

COLLECTOR—Kathy Mahany said that she is currently working with Brian from the Brain Mill regarding setting up social media accounts for the City.

BUILDING COMMISSIONER—In Dan Wilson's absence, his report is attached.

PARK COMMISSIONER (ACTING)—Vacant at this time.

CITY ENGINEER (ACTING)—Mike Dell'Orco began by stating that he has received the “draft final report” from KdG for the Mo-Am street restoration repairs. Once he has the final version he will call a meeting with MO-Am. He is hoping we will be able to use our own contractors to fix the restoration.

Next, he said the street work for this year is complete. The only thing left is the joint sealing.

CITY ATTORNEY—Paul Rost said that it is the first anniversary of the agreement with Oakland, Glendale and Warson Woods Court sharing. He is in the process of working with the other Cities Attorneys to draw up a new contract for cost sharing. Possibly changing the 40-40-20 portions and possibly adding a prosecutor's assistant to the contract.

The Mayor then asked what is going on with the possible case against the telecommunications companies regarding the city taxes. Paul said there is a freeze on the activity right now. They are waiting for the outcome of one case to determine how to proceed.

TREASURER—Jim Malik said we just received the “Draft” Audit. He is sure that the surplus that was shown on the June 30th Treasurers Report will change with the Auditors entries. He will have more information for the Board at the October meeting.

MAYOR—Larry Howe had no report at this time.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Misc. Old Business
Nothing to report.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. A Resolution Acknowledging Proposed Funding Mechanism Changes by the Metropolitan Sewer District (“MSD”) to Address Localized Flooding and Erosion and Highlighting the Status of High Need Projects within the City of Warson Woods that Could Benefit from Such Funding. No. 09172019. Alderman Dell’Orco Moved, seconded by Alderwoman Pentland, to approve Resolution No. 09172019. Alderman Dell’Orco explained the resolution and the need for it and a short discussion followed. On Voice Vote the motion was approved. 6, Dell’Orco, Luisetti, Newman, Pfyl, Thompson & Pentland Ayes—1, Bruenning, Nay.
- B. An Ordinance Levying and Imposing an Ad Valorem Tax for Calendar Year 2019 for General Municipal Purposed. Bill 1683 was “tabled” to September 27, 2019 at 8:00 a.m.
- C. 2018-2019 Draft Audit. No comments at this time.
- D. Misc. New Business

Alderman Luisetti said he had been contacted by a resident who told him the Police told his kids to leave the “Sports Court” because they had rollerblades on. The resident was upset because non- residents were also using the court and they were allowed to stay. The Mayor explained that the park is a Public Park it was partially built with St. Louis County tax payer money.

Alderman Bruenning informed everyone that he did an alarm system check today and it is working fine. No problems with the new phone system.

EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION

Alderman Luisetti moved, seconded by Alderman Newman, to close the meeting and go into Executive Session for Legal actions, causes of action, litigation or privileged communications between the City’s representatives and its attorney. (610.021(1) RSMo.)

By Roll Call the Vote was as follows:

	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Not Present
Pentland	<u> X </u>	_____	_____	_____
Luisetti	<u> X </u>	_____	_____	_____
Newman	<u> X </u>	_____	_____	_____
Bickford	_____	_____	_____	<u> X </u>
Bruenning	<u> X </u>	_____	_____	_____
Thompson	<u> X </u>	_____	_____	_____
Pfyl	<u> X </u>	_____	_____	_____
Dell’Orco	<u> X </u>	_____	_____	_____

The meeting closed at 7:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Dell'Orco moved, seconded by Alderman Luisetti, the meeting be adjourned. On Voice Vote, the motion was unanimously approved. The meeting closed at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Mahany, City Clerk

Laurance M. Howe, Mayor