

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN

September 25, 2018

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Warson Woods was held on Tuesday, August 21, 2018 at the City Hall, 10015 Manchester Road. Upon roll call, the following members of the Board were reported present:

Mayor, Larry Howe
 Charles Luisetti
 Mark Wittich
 Mike Dell'Orco
 Debbie Pentland
 George Bruenning

Also present were City Attorney Paul Rost, Treasurer Jim Malik, Building Commissioner Dan Wilson, City Clerk Kathy Mahany, and Police Chief Bob Stanczak. The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. Alderman Thompson arrived at 7:06 p.m. and Alderwoman Bickford arrived at 7:13 p.m. Alderman Gosh was excused.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

- I. PUBLIC HEARING** – *Discussion on the following topics*
 A) *Establishing the 2018 Real Estate and Commercial Tax Rates.*

Assessed Valuation	Prior Tax Year -- 2017	Current Tax Year -- 2018	Increase/Decrease
Real Estate			
Residential	\$ 59,508,490	\$ 59,779,860	\$ 271,370.00
Agricultural	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Commercial	\$ 7,533,177	\$ 7,727,334	\$ 194,157
Total Real Estate	\$ 67,041,667	\$ 67,507,194	\$ 465,527
Personal Property*	\$ 6,436,379	\$ 6,573,545	\$ 107,951
New Construction	53,900	628,366	574,466
Adjusted A/V	73,424,146	\$ 73,452,373	(988)

Category	2017 Tax Rates	Proposed Tax Rates 2018	Increase/Decrease
Residential	0.3260	0.3270	0.0010
Agricultural	0.0000	0.0000	
Commercial	0.4190	0.4190	0.0000

B) Warson Woods Municipal Code Chapter 530 Comprehensive Sign Code, major revisions to the City's sign code to comply with recent Supreme Court and lower court rulings as well as possible addition of electronic changeable message display as a permitted sign for places of public assembly.

Mayor Howe opened the Public Hearing at 7:02 p.m. He began by explaining that each year the City must set the Real Estate and Commercial Tax Rates. The rates are set using the assessed valuation that the County provides along with the approval of the State Auditor's Office. He then asked if there are any comments from the audience. Hearing none he moved on to item number 2, Comprehensive Sign Code Chapter 530. At this time the Mayor explained that these changes came from the recommendation of the P & Z Committee. He asked if there were any comments from the audience. Hearing none the Public Hearing closed at 7:06 p.m.

APPROVAL of the AGENDA

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

MINUTES

Regular Board Meeting—August 21, 2018

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Special Board Meeting—September 11, 2018

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Alderwoman Pentland moved, seconded by Alderman Dell'Orco, that all of the minutes be accepted as submitted. On Voice Vote, the motion was unanimously approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT—August 2018

Alderman Luisetti moved, seconded by Alderman Dell'Orco, that the Treasurer's report be received as submitted. On Voice Vote, the motion was unanimously approved.

BILLS & RECURRING DISBURSEMENTS WITH ADDENDUM TO BE APPROVED

Alderman Luisetti, 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 2018 – No action required.

WARSON WOODS POLICE REPORT-August 2018

Alderman Luisetti asked why the Police went to Bellefontaine Neighbors. The Chief explained that the dispatcher took a call asking the Police to pick someone up from Bellefontaine Neighbors but our department does not go that far to pick someone up. Next Alderman Dell'Orco asked why there were so many parking violations. The Chief explained that there was an estate sale and not enough "No Parking" signs were put up. Alderwoman Pentland asked if the parking situation on North at Forest View has been resolved. The Chief explained that about 20 years ago the resident was parking there and he was ticketed so he went to court and the Judge at that time agreed to allow him to park in that spot. Recently the Police have been receiving complaints about where he is parking so he was ticketed again and now he has to ask Judge Lord if he can continue parking there. Alderman Luisetti noticed that the Sheriff's

Department had been to 556 Beauford. It should say Beaucaire. Lastly Alderwoman Pentland said there has been a “cat nabbing” in Ward 1. A short discussion followed.

PETITIONS, REQUESTS AND COMPLAINTS – No action required.

MISC. REPORTS.

COLLECTOR—Kathy Mahany had no report.

BUILDING COMMISSIONER—Dan Wilson submitted the attached report. In addition to the report there are two more projects to report on. First is a new business that will be going in at 9905 Manchester Rd. Exofit, it is fitness equipment. They have added bathrooms and showers. And second is an expansion of Ditto. They are going to use the basement space and put in a garage door for receiving goods. Dan heard that they were working over there before the zoning was approved so he spoke to the manager and she stopped the work. Since then he has approved the zoning. Alderman Thompson thanked Dan for helping the resident on Flanders finish his projects. Alderman Dell’Orco asked if the new affidavits have been used yet. Dan said yes on two projects. Both are kitchen remodels. Alderman Luisetti then stated the entrance monument has been removed at 502 Meadow Creek. Dan said yes it has and no zoning approval was needed regarding the monument. The resident notified the other residents and they had no problem it removing it. Alderman Wittich said the residents of Biscayne Heights want to remove their entrance monuments also. Dan said he knew about that project and again the city has no involvement with it. He said they need a licensed Electrician to remove the electricity and they will go the St. Louis County for that. No zoning approval is needed.

PARK COMMISSIONER (ACTING)—Gordon Gosh, was excused.

CITY ENGINEER (ACTING)—Mike Dell’Orco began by saying that the slab replacement on North Dr. is complete. Its replacement was due to a lateral sewer repair. Next he said he spoke with Lertz regarding removing the bollard in the parking lot of Royal Oak Park and sealing and restriping the parking lot after the Fall Festival. Lastly, he said the MSD work at Beaucaire and Avignon is tentatively set for November.

CITY ATTORNEY—Paul Rost had no report. The Mayor asked how the lease with the swim club is coming along. He said it should be ready for November. A short discussion followed.

TREASURER—Jim Malik said he has the draft version of the 2017-2018 Audit and he is reviewing it. He noted that HBC did post the correction of the interest posting. The City Attorney then said he wants to look at the changes the Capital Improvements fund.

MAYOR—Larry Howe, reported on several items. First he informed everyone that Bruce had an accident with the dump truck this afternoon. He hit the bollard in the parking lot of the park. Bruce was not seriously hurt and he’s not sure about how much damage was done to the truck. Next, he said he read an article regarding the plans for the old Shop’n Save location. He said Lou Fusz is using the back lot to park cars and the building is going to become a storage facility. He went on to say he plans on contacting Kirkwood’s Mayor asking for consideration of the Warson Woods residents that back up to that area. At this time he asked Alderpersons Pentland, Wittich and Bruenning if they have come up with any ideas regarding financing for Warson Woods Dr. They answered no they have not to date. Alderwoman Pentland asked for the name of the person/firm that did the financing for the purchase of St. Matts. The Mayor said Tom from Springsted out of Kansas City. He will get the contact information for her. He then said that City

Hall needs a new phone system. He will have bids at the October meeting. Lastly he asked the City Attorney about the audit of the cell phone providers. Paul said they are still working on it but it looks like they are underpaying the utility fees. Jim Malic then said that the savings will definitely cover the cost of a new phone system.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Misc. Old Business, nothing to report.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Ordinance Levying and Imposing an Ad Valorem Tax for Calendar Year 2018 for General Municipal Purposes Bill No. 1666. After being read two times by title only, Alderman Luisetti moved, seconded by Alderman Dell’Orco, that Bill No. 1609 be approved. By Roll Call the Vote was as follows:

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	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Not Present
Dell’Orco	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Gosh	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> X </u>
Bruening	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Pentland	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Thompson	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Wittich	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Luisetti	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Bickford	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

The Ordinance was announced passed 7-0.

B. Ordinance Amending Warson Woods Municipal Code Section 530 The Comprehensive Sign Code Bill No. 1667. After being read two times by title only, a short discussion followed. Alderman Thompson moved, seconded by Alderman Dell’Orco, that Bill No. 1667 be approved. After a short discussion, By Roll Call the Vote was as follows:

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	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Not Present
Bickford	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Luisetti	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Bruening	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Pentland	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Thompson	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Wittich	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Gosh	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> X </u>
Dell’Orco	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

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C. Misc. New Business

Mayor Howe began by saying that it is public knowledge now that the Cities of Warson Woods, Oakland and Glendale will be a combined court service. We will each have our own Judge, Prosecutor and Bailiff but we will share the court administrator. He went on to say he met with Donna and she will be staying on one day a week just as she does now until the end of the year or possibly the first of next year. She will help with the transition and clean out old files that are no longer needed. He will confirm with Donna that he has the Boards approval to offer her this extension.

Alderman Thompson then wished Mike Dell'Orco Happy Birthday.

Alderman Wittich informed everyone that he has been assured by our solid waste provider, Waste Connections that our recycling program will continue. They have a recycling center in Kansas that will provide the service. We will have to watch how we recycle by separating items and only recycle clean items. Next he said the Fall Festival is 10 days away and things are going forward.

Lastly, the Police Chief informed the Board that the 2014 Taurus has an emissions problem. They took the car to Suntrup to be fixed. When they got the car back they drove it for a day and one half and it had a catastrophic engine failure. In the end Suntrup installed a new engine at no cost to the City.

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Wittich moved, seconded by Alderman Dell'Orco, the meeting be adjourned. On Voice Vote, the motion was unanimously approved. The meeting closed at 7:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Mahany, City Clerk

Laurance M. Howe, Mayor

