

City of Warson Woods

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN

June 18, 2013

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Warson Woods was held on Tuesday, June 18, 2013 at the City Hall, 10015 Manchester Road. The following members of the Board were present:

Mayor Larry Howe
Judith Pohl
George Bruenning
Gordon Gosh
Mike Dell'Orco
Mark Thompson
Mark Wittich
Jim Newman
Charles Luisetti

Also present were City Attorney Paul Rost, Treasurer Bill O'Neil, Building Commissioner Dan Wilson, and Chief Robert Stanczak. Mayor Howe called the Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Alderman Wittich moved, seconded by Alderwoman Pohl, that the Agenda be approved. On Voice Vote the motion was unanimously approved.

PUBLIC HEARING – 2013-2014 BUDGET

Alderwoman Pohl introduced the proposed budget and gave a brief explanation, including that it budgeted for a 2% increase for non-step employees, six full time police officers, one part time police officer and anticipated overtime.

Dave Shilling, 1665 Calais Court, complemented the Board efforts to extend City's dollars and confirmed that he had heard that the City's revenues were flat but costs were creeping up. He also asked where the funds would come from for the 2% raise that was proposed in the budget.

Cal Fritz, 556 Geders Lane, asked about the current police force.

MINUTES

REGULAR BOARD MEETING—May 21, 2013

REGULAR BOARD MEETING—JUNE 18, 2013

Alderman Bruenning moved, seconded by Alderman Gosh that the Minutes be accepted as submitted. On Voice Vote, the motion was unanimously approved.

PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION—May 28, 2013

Alderman Dell'Orco moved, seconded by Alderwoman Pohl that the Minutes be accepted as submitted. On Voice Vote, the motion was unanimously approved.

PERSONNEL, FINANCE & INSURANCE COMMITTEE—May 30, 2013

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

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT—June 4, 2013

Alderwoman Pohl moved, seconded by Alderman Wittich that the Minutes be accepted as submitted. On Voice Vote, the motion was unanimously approved.

PERSONNEL, FINANCE, & INSURANCE COMMITTEE AND SPECIAL BOARD MEETING – JUNE 11, 2013

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

TREASURER'S REPORT—May 2013

Alderman Gosh moved, seconded by Alderwoman Pohl, that the Treasurer's report be received as submitted. On Voice Vote, the motion was unanimously approved.

BILLS AND RECURRING DISBURSEMENTS TO BE APPROVED

Alderman Gosh moved, seconded by Alderman Bruenning, that the Bills and Recurring Disbursements be approved as submitted. On Voice Vote, the motion was unanimously approved.

GLENDALE FIRE REPORT— No action required.

WARSON WOODS POLICE REPORT—No action required.

PETITIONS, REQUESTS AND COMPLAINTS— Cal Fritz, 556 Geders Lane, asked about the St. Matthews Property and informed the Board that he had conducted a survey of 35 residents inquiring as to whether they supported the City's purchase of the green space or if they would have rather received a tax reduction—27 wanted a tax reduction; 6 supported green space and 2 had no response.

Dave Shilling, 1665 Calais Court, also inquired about the St. Matthews' property.

MISC. REPORTS

COLLECTOR—Excused.

BUILDING COMMISSIONER—Dan Wilson reported that there were three new building permit requests under review—2 yard drains and a storage building that will need to go to the Board of Adjustment (possibly in August).

PARK COMMISSIONER—Gordon Gosh reported on limbs down in the last storm and submitted the attached report.

TENNIS COMMISSIONER—No report.

CITY ENGINEER (ACTING)—Alderman Dell'Orco reported that the street assessment was complete and that while overall there will be less slabs to replace than last year there will be an increase in sealing of existing joints and cracks.

Warson Woods Drive repairs would be mainly on the south side because the north side is in relatively good shape.

CITY ATTORNEY—No report.

TREASURER—Bill O'Neil has been working with HB&Co on accounts payable, etc.

MAYOR— No report.

OLD BUSINESS

MISC OLD BUSINESS-Alderman Wittich met with IESI and they proposed splitting revenue from recycling in exchange for extension of agreement. It amounts to about \$500 a quarter. The Board should consider ideas for the use of the funds should the City decide to go this route.

NEW BUSINESS

A. AN ORDINANCE SETTING THE 2013-2014 FISCAL BUDGET; BILL NO. 1573, INTRODUCED BY ALDERWOMAN POHL

Bill 1573 was read by title only two times whereon Alderwoman Pohl moved, seconded by Alderman Gosh that Bill 1573 be adopted with the budget as presented.

The Board discussed the proposed budget. The main areas of focus were on the proposed budget's 6 full time police officers plus one part time and the 2% raise. Alderman Gosh asked if whether, after adding in overtime and the part-time officer's pay, the expenditure would equal that of a full time officer. The response from Alderwoman Pohl was that the Finance Committee had determined that there would still be a net difference of \$30,000 to \$50,000 to have seven officers when you take into account FICA, SEP and health care. The discussion continued and it was determined that roughly it would be a difference of about \$35,000. The Chief had

determined that it was roughly \$30-\$35,000 more for a full time employee. He reported that for the first six months there were 276 overtime hours resulting in a cost to the City of \$11,158; plus another 142 hours for the Chief in extra work to all officers some time off.

There was some discussion that the numbers resulted in about 12-18 overtime hours a month and that some of those months the department was operating with 5 full time officers.

Alderman Gosh worried about the stability of the police force with less than seven officers and that there was other work such as IT that Sergeant Green is handling that might have to be outsourced at a cost.

The Chief reported that a force of six officers can work for a short time but then the department falls behind on vacation and other things. The department is back to six full time employees at this time. The concern though is that if someone gets hurt, they are back to five. As far as coverage of the City there are generally two officers on for 18 hours each day. The officers now will get one week off for vacation instead of 2 in a row. There is some risk to the officers because while Glendale can usually assist, they cannot always back us up on 2 officer incidents.

The Board looked at the \$32,000 reserve fund as a possible way to fund the seventh officer. Alderwoman Pohl discussed adjusting the reserve amount that the City has set in the past to pay for the seventh officer because based on the Chief's input, the department is suffering. She did not think that the existing situation was workable. She also reminded the Board that it was discussed in the past about a survey of residents to see if this is something that they want to pay for.

Alderman Newman agreed that the City's approach of trying to find potential ways to increase revenues was very important and that the City should continue to do this. He cautioned against being penny wise and pound foolish; don't want to put undue burdens and stress on our officers who are already the lowest paid. He discussed possibly getting the department back to seven full time and then going to find more revenue.

Alderman Dell'Orco stated that maybe the roughest times were behind the department (operating at less than six full time employees) so maybe the Board should take a wait and see approach.

The Board discussed whether the Police Department would rather use the money for pay increases to go toward full time officer and the Chief agreed that they would. The department is on mandatory overtime now and an extra officer would be better than the pay increase since it was not much of an incentive when faced with working under a fatigue factor.

After discussion, Alderman Gosh withdrew his second of the motion and Alderwoman Pohl withdrew her motion.

Alderman Newman moved, seconded by Alderman Gosh to adjust the budget to add funding for a seventh full time police officer per the budget submitted by the Police Department.

After discussion with the Treasurer, there was some concern as to whether the budget submitted by the Police Department would mesh with the budget recommended by the Finance Committee and that maybe instead of trying to work out the budget document at the meeting that the Treasurer have some time to work on the revised budget based on Board direction.

By Roll Call, the Vote was as follows:

	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Not Present
Dell'Orco	_____	<u> X </u>	_____	_____
Newman	<u> X </u>	_____	_____	_____
Gosh	<u> X </u>	_____	_____	_____
Bruenning	_____	<u> X </u>	_____	_____
Pohl	_____	<u> X </u>	_____	_____
Thompson	_____	<u> X </u>	_____	_____
Wittich	_____	<u> X </u>	_____	_____
Luisetti	_____	<u> X </u>	_____	_____

It was announced that the motion failed.

After further discussion, Alderwoman Pohl moved, seconded by Alderman Gosh that Bill 1573 be adopted to approve the budget as presented but that the Treasurer bring back a budget amendment at the July meeting that includes funding for a seventh full time police officer (patrolman).

By Roll Call, the Vote was as follows:

	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Not Present
Dell'Orco	<u> X </u>	_____	_____	_____
Newman	<u> X </u>	_____	_____	_____
Gosh	<u> X </u>	_____	_____	_____
Bruenning	<u> X </u>	_____	_____	_____
Pohl	<u> X </u>	_____	_____	_____
Thompson	<u> X </u>	_____	_____	_____
Wittich	<u> X </u>	_____	_____	_____
Luisetti	<u> X </u>	_____	_____	_____

It was announced that Bill 1573 passed.

B. AN ORDINANCE FOR THE COLLECTION OF A \$3 SURCHARGE FOR THE SHERIFFS' RETIREMENT FUND IN CONFORMANCE WITH RECENT

INTERPRETATIONS OF STATE LAW; BILL NO. 1574 INTRODUCED BY ALDERMAN GOSH

Bill 1574 was read by title only two times whereon Alderman Wittich moved, seconded by Alderman Thompson that Bill 1574 be adopted.

By Roll Call, the Vote was as follows:

	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Not Present
Dell'Orco	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Newman	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Gosh	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Bruening	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Pohl	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Thompson	<u> </u>	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Wittich	<u> </u>	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Luisetti	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

It was announced that Bill 1574 passed.

C. MISC. NEW BUSINESS

There was a discussion about the hours for door-to-door solicitation. Alderman Thompson asked that his vote be changed on Bill 1574 since he misunderstood the bill; he was told it was too late to change the vote. There was also discussion of an AT&T contractor placing large stakes in right-of-way front yards of residence but it asked, they would replace with a smaller flower-pot type object.

EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION—None

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 8:54 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Mahany, City Clerk

Laurance M. Howe, Mayor