

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN
April 17, 2007

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Warson Woods was held on Tuesday, April 17, 2007 at the City Hall, 10015 Manchester Road. The following members of the Board were present:

Mayor E. William Bergfeld, Jr.
Gordon Gosh
Judy Pohl
Matt Witte
Larry Howe
Mark Wittich
George Bruenning
Mike Andrews

Absent: David Aitken

Also present were Assistant City Attorney, Paul Rost, Treasurer, Bill O'Neil, Chief Robert Stanczak, City Clerk, Kathy Mahany, Building Commissioner, Elijah Cunningham, City Engineer, Ken Lichtenheld and Park Commissioner, Gerry Murphy. Mayor Bergfeld called the Meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

MINUTES

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Alderman Wittich moved, seconded by Alderman Howe, that the Minutes be accepted as submitted. Alderman Witte indicated the motion to adjourn needs to be changed as Alderman Howe was not present last month. Wittich moved, seconded by Alderman Howe to approve the minutes with the adjustment of the motion to adjourn. On Voice Vote, the motion was unanimously approved.

Board of Adjustment—April 2, 2007

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

TREASURER'S REPORT—March 2007

Alderman Pohl moved, seconded by Alderman Gosh that the Treasurer's report be received as submitted. Alderman Witte asked if the general revenue was making interest.

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TREASURER'S REPORT Cont.

The Treasurer explained that it is a sweep account and yes it makes interest nightly. Next Alderman Pohl asked what the protested taxes were. The City Clerk explained that these are utility taxes the wireless phone companies have been protesting since 2002 and must be kept in a separate account. Lastly Alderman Witte mentioned the Misc. Account has been re coded. On Voice Vote, the motion was unanimously approved.

BILLS AND RECURRING DISBURSEMENTS TO BE APPROVED

Alderman Gosh moved, seconded by Alderman Witte, that the Bills with the Addendum 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—No action required.

MISC. REPORTS

COLLECTOR—Kathy Mahany, noting to report.

BUILDING COMMISSIONER—Elijah Cunningham reported that 4 permits were issued during the month. Two were for fences, one patio screen and one sign. He also mentioned that Starbucks came into compliance for their sign permit request and there will be no need for a Board of Adjustment meeting.

PARK COMMISSIONER—Gerry Murphy reported the lights at the tennis courts have been turned on and the drinking fountain is now working. He then stated everything is ready to go for the Arbor Day Celebration. Lastly he stated that Steve will be out for six weeks beginning on May1. He is having surgery. He also mentioned we will have the part time help while Steve is recovering.

CITY ENGINEER—Ken Lichtenheld reported as part of the agreement for the \$182,300.00 grant for the redevelopment of Royal Oak Park the City must contribute an additional 15%. This will bring the total cost of the redevelopment to \$214,000.00. The base bid for the project is \$191,813.00 and we must spend and at least an additional \$22,187.00. Several extra options were discussed. Alderman Pohl moved, seconded by Alderman Wittich to add alternate options 1, 2a, 3, 7, and 8 of the attached proposal for a total of \$33,504.00. Next he stated that three trees will have to be removed from the site to include all the new equipment. A short discussion followed.

CITY ATTORNEY—Marvin Young, absent.

ASST. CITY ATTORNEY—Paul Rost, nothing to report.

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TREASURER—Bill O’Neil, discussed the recommendations from the auditors regarding a Compliance Reporting Policy. Alderman Gosh moved, seconded by Alderman Andrews to add the attached memo, “the Compliance Reporting Policy,” to the employee manual. On Voice Vote, the motion was unanimously approved.

MAYOR— E. William Bergfeld, Jr., nothing to report

OLD BUSINESS-

Ordinance Amending Chapter 270 “Community Tree Standards”. Alderman Gosh moved, seconded by Alderman Andrews that Bill 1434 was read two times by title only. After a lengthy discussion by Roll Call, the Vote was as follows:

	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Not Present
Andrews	_____	_____X_____	_____	_____
Gosh	_____X_____	_____	_____	_____
Bruenning	_____	_____X_____	_____	_____
Pohl	_____X_____	_____	_____	_____
Howe	_____	_____X_____	_____	_____
Wittich	_____	_____X_____	_____	_____
Aitken	_____	_____	_____	_____X_____
Witte	_____	_____X_____	_____	_____

The Ordinance was announced not passed. 2-5.

Discussion of reasonable requests for AT&T Video Services. Assistant City Attorney Paul Rost discussed with the Board, several options which could be requirements for AT&T to erect their video service equipment. An Ordinance with these requirements will be drawn up before August 28, 2007.

MISC. OLD BUSINESS—Nothing to report

NEW BUSINESS –

Alderman Andrews moved, seconded by Alderman Witte to accept the Proclamation proclaiming April 28, 2007 as Warson Woods’ Arbor Day. On Voice vote, the motion was unanimously accepted.

Ordinance Entering into a Contract with Howard R. Green Company for Engineering Services. Alderman Wittich moved, seconded by Alderman Gosh that Bill No. 1440 was read two times by title only and becomes Ordinance No. 1388.

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BILL NO 1440 Cont.

After a short discussion, by Roll Call, the Vote was as follows:

	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Not Present
Wittich	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Gosh	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Bruenning	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Pohl	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Howe	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Andrews	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Aitken	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> X </u>
Witte	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

The Ordinance was announced passed. 7-0.

A discussion was held regarding the proposed changes for the Court system from Rejis. There will be a one time only charge of \$1,102.50 and a monthly charge of \$130.50 up from \$99.75.

MISC. NEW BUSINESS

Alderman Pohl asked why there is a storage trailer in the parking lot. The Chief answered it contains the building materials for Starbucks. She then asked how long it is going to take for the redevelopment of Royal Oak Park. The City Engineer said approximately 3 months. Lastly she asked if the emergency preparedness information was available yet. The Chief answered yes, it's at City Hall. He then stated there is another Emergency Preparedness meeting scheduled for May 14, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. Alderman Andrews informed the Board that he had a discussion with a resident on Andrew. The resident said last year when MSD was working on Andrew there was a tree in their yard that the resident wanted saved. MSD said they would leave it but if it died later they would come back and take it down. The tree has since died. The resident wants to know who to contact to remove it. The City Engineer said the contract is over and it is now the responsibility of the resident to remove the tree.

Mayor Bergfeld then discussed the proposed contract with the City of Glendale for the joint Emergency Community Center. It is his and Alderman Gosh's feeling that the Warson Woods portion of the cost is too high for the amount of people who would use the facility.

Alderman Gosh informed the Board that Rohan Woods School has received an award from the St. Louis Cardinals for "Outstanding Service Learning and Character Education Programs." He then asked the Mayor to write a letter of congratulations to them on behalf of the City.

Alderman Howe asked if there is anything the City can do about the placement of television dishes on houses. Assistant City Attorney Paul Rost said by Federal law, the only thing the City can regulate is the size of the dish, not the placement.

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Adjournment

Alderman Howe moved, seconded by Alderman Witte, the meeting is adjourned. On Voice Vote, the motion was unanimously approved. The meeting closed at 8:06 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Mahany
City Clerk

E. William Bergfeld, Jr.,
Mayor