

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

July 20, 2021

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Warson Woods was held on Tuesday, July 21, 2021. Upon roll call, the following members of the Board were reported present:

Alderman Dawn Bickford  
Alderman Hannah Mayer  
Alderman Lucy Pfyl  
Alderman Charlie Luisetti  
Alderman Jim Newman  
Alderman George Dorris

Acting City Attorney Greg Dohrman, Treasurer Jim Malik, Police Chief Robert Stanczak and City Clerk Kathy Mahany were also present. This meeting was also held by Online Video. Acting City Attorney Greg Dohrman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Howe, Aldermen Bruenning and Dell'Orco were excused.

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

### **SELECTION OF CHAIRMAN FOR THIS MEETING**

Alderman Dorris moved, seconded by Alderman Mayer, to Appoint Alderman Luisetti as Chairman of this meeting. On Voice Vote, the motion was unanimously approved.

### **APPROVAL of the AGENDA**

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

### **MINUTES**

Regular Board Meeting—June 15, 2021

Board of Adjustment Commission—July 13, 2021

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

### **TREASURER'S REPORT—June 2021**

Alderman Bickford moved, seconded by Alderman 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 Alderman Mayer, that the Bills and Recurring Disbursements, with the Addendum, be approved as submitted. Alderman Luisetti asked if the new name of our Accounting Firm has been changed to Sikitch. The City Clerk answered yes it has. On Voice Vote, the motion was unanimously approved.

GLENDAL FIRE REPORT- May 2021, no action required.

WARSON WOODS POLICE REPORT –May 2021, Alderman Dorris asked if the parking problem at the pool was called in? The Chief answered it was Officer initiated. Alderman Dorris then said they have had plenty of warnings.

#### PETITIONS, REQUESTS AND COMPLAINTS—

The city does not keep verbatim minutes.

Minutes are kept with speakers identified, topics discussed and action taken. The following residents spoke during this portion of the meeting.

Michael Bub, 548 Beauford Dr.; Chris Kerckhoff, 827 Bricken Pl.; Jim Walt, 1641 Andrew Dr.; Sean Fitzgerald, 1612 Andrew Dr.; Mandy Kamykowski, 1424 Frontenay Ct.; Harry Lambert, 1608 Bennett Ave.; Will Aschinger, 840 Renderer Dr.; Karen Aschinger, 840 Renderer Dr.

Mr. Bub, 548 Beauford Dr. began by thanking everyone for their service to Warson Woods.

He went on to say he does not believe it takes a certified engineer to do the engineering services for the city at a cost of \$60,000.00 per year. He also thinks it is a conflict of interest for Kuhlman Design Group (KdG) to do both city engineer and engineering of the city projects. Alderman Luisetti stated that KdG does not do the projects. They advise the city of the engineering needs and the city has a long-term contract with E. Meier Contracting to do the construction work. He went on to say that the \$60,000. Fee is comparable with what other cities pay for these services.

Mr. Kerckhoff, 827 Bricken Pl. stated that he is not an engineer but he has sat in on meetings where KdG stated they have done the preliminary work. He believes it is a conflict of interest for them to do the city engineering work.

Jim Walt, 1640 Andrew Dr., said he read the email that Alderman Dell’Orco sent to Alderman Newman and does not approve of his behavior. Alderman Luisetti invited Mr. Walt to come to the August meeting.

Sean Fitzgerald, 1612 Andrew Dr., followed up about the emails from Alderman Dell’Orco. He said that his name was mentioned in the email and no one sent him a copy of the email. He believes this is wrong. He then read highlighted portions of the email. He then addressed a text string between the Police Chief and Alderman Dell’Orco few days prior to the 4<sup>th</sup> of July regarding fireworks and read the text from Alderman Dell’Orco.

Alderman Dorris then replied the Board was given two options regarding the conduct of Alderman Dell’Orco. One being censuring him and the other being removal from the Board. He said there are some things going on that the Board cannot talk about at this time.

Mandy Kamykowski, 1424 Frontenay Ct., said as a member of the Ad-Hoc Committee, the Chief gave all requested information to all the members of the committee in a very timely manner. He did not just respond to certain people as he was accused of doing. She went on to say she has all the emails and will send copies of them to the Board. There were so many portions to cover in the contract agreement that the committee split up the contract so each member worked on certain portions and then they all came together with their findings.

PETITIONS, REQUESTS & COMPLAINTS Cont.

Sean Fitzgerald then said that the mayor had a time line to hold a vote and not hold town hall meetings as he stated. The Ad-Hoc committee did not discuss the results or give an opinion either way; they just stated the fact findings.

Alderman Luisetti said the mayor did say we were going to hold town hall meetings and the Board was not going to vote on the Public Service Contract (PSA) and the board pushed the time line back.

Harry Lambert, 1608 Bennett Ave., asked if he could see the zoom meetings. The cities IT contractor answered it depends on how long zoom holds them once they were recorded. Alderwoman Mayer said she would look into it.

At this time Sean Fitzgerald read from the text from Ald. Dell'Orco stating the Police Department has no "integrity". He went on to say that six of our officers have over 20 years' experience. He also said that Ald. Dell'Orco defamed the Chief, Sgt and Patrolmen, and that he's crossed the line.

Will Aschinger, 840 Renderer, asked if the City Engineer position has ever been out for a bid? He went on to say with his background in commercial real estate, he has dealings with City Engineers and the City should go out for bid, or even if a resident is willing to volunteer for this position as was done in the past. Mr. Aschinger asked if Ald. Dell'Orco is employed with KdG? At this time, Mr. Kerckhoff said they do not go out for bid, rather they request for qualifications for an Engineer. At this time Alderwoman Pfyl asked if the city could pick which firms, they would like to request for qualifications from. Mr. Kerckhoff answered you and ask any one you want. Ald. Luisetti then stated we will follow Mr. Kerckhoff's guidance if the City Attorney does not object. Mr. Aschinger said he would like to see more offers for this position. Lastly, Mr. Aschinger said Ald. Dell'Orco was very unprofessional with is text and emails he went on to say he thinks the Police Department does a great job. Mrs. Aschinger then asked if there is a moral or ethical code the Officials have to take. She was told no code of ethics or morals but they do the take an oath but it's to uphold the United States, State of Missouri and City of Warson woods. There is also an ethics department but it is for conflicts of interest.

Harry Lambert asked if the Board could put a code of ethics vote on the agenda tonight.

Mandy Kamykowski, 1424 Frontenay Ct., asked if the City Engineer has an engineering degree? She was answered historically, they have all had an engineering background.

At this time Ald. Pfyl discussed the fees. There is a separate fee for the individual projects and the City Engineer job. She does not like the idea that they would be overseeing their own work as the City Engineer.

MISC. REPORTS.

COLLECTOR—Kathy Mahany submitted the attached report.

BUILDING COMMISSIONER—Vacant

PARK COMMISSIONER—Vacant.

CITY ENGINEER—Vacant

CITY ATTORNEY(Acting)—Greg Dohrman, had no report. He is here for advice and consultation to the city.

TREASURER—Jim Malik stated that the city ended the fiscal ahead by \$29,000.00 over budget but, \$119,392.00 was CARES ACT Funds. There will be adjustments when the audit is finished. Next, he mentioned that they will be moving to a cash basis instead of the current accrual basis.

PUBLIC WORKS/PARKS-Alderman Newman, Chairman of the Public Works/Solid Waste Committee stated there is a meeting scheduled for next Tuesday July 27<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. Next, he stated that the salt has been ordered for this year's winter.

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE—Alderman Hannah Mayer reported on three items. First the committee now has a “sub” committee, Events. They have scheduled the monthly Food Truck Tuesdays and the Yoga sessions in the Old St. Matt's Park. There will be more events upcoming. Second, the directory is almost complete. They have secured the help of a resident who is making sure that the information will be secure by having individual accounts to access the directory. Third, the new resident package is ready to go.

MAYOR—Larry Howe, was excused.

#### OLD BUSINESS

##### A. Report on New City Attorney Search

Mandy Kamykowski thanked the mayor for allowing an attorney to be part of this process. She began by saying that there are two firms that have equal qualifications, similar fees and whichever firm is picked should work great for the city's needs. One is Hamilton-Weber and the other is Curtis, Heinz, Garrett and O'Keefe. Both firms said they would be happy to send a representative to our meeting in August.

B. Resolution for Engineering Services with Kuhlman Design Group for Building Commissioner and City Engineering Services. Alderman Bickford moved with no seconded. Alderman Bickford rescinded her motion. Alderman Dorris moved, seconded by Alderman Mayer, to postpone this Resolution to the August meeting.

C. Misc. Old Business—No Action Required.

##### A. NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance Re-Establishing and making Public a Procedure to Disclose Potential Conflicts of Interest and Substantial Personal Interest of Certain Municipal Officials.

Alderman Bickford moved, seconded by Alderman Dorris, to Re-Establish and make Public a Procedure to Disclose Conflicts of Interest and Substantial Personal Interest of Certain Municipal Officials. Bill No. 1705 becomes Ordinance No. 1647. The Acting City Attorney explained that this is an Ordinance that has to be adopted every couple of years for the Missouri Ethics Commission guidelines.

By Roll Call the Vote was as follows:

	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Not Present
Bickford	<u>X</u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>
Dorris	<u>X</u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>
Mayer	<u>X</u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>
Dell'Orco	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>X</u>
Luisetti	<u>X</u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>
Newman	<u>X</u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>
Pfyl	<u>X</u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>
Bruenning	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>      </u>	<u>X</u>

The Motion was announced passed. 6-0.

- B. Approval of the 2021-2022 Liquor License Applications of Dierberg's Markets, Calliers/Hollyberry Catering and King Doh Restaurant.  
Alderman Newman moved, seconded by Alderwoman Mayer, to approve the Liquor License Applications. On Voice Vote, the motion was unanimously approved.

C. Misc. New Business

Alderwoman Mayer began by telling everyone that this year's Trot-Through-the-Woods will be held on November 20<sup>th</sup> and will begin at 8:00 a.m. This year the run will start at the Pavilion and not Rohan Woods School.

Next, she said she has a resident that was going to volunteer for the City Arborist position but did not realize that it was not a paid position. She then asked everyone to keep looking for a volunteer for this position.

Alderman Dorris then said he would like to have volunteers for the Public Safety Committee email him so he could fill the open members by the August meeting. Next, he said that the pool members have volunteered to bar-be-que for the Fall Festival this year as a means of fund raising. They can also sell beer by issuing tickets to purchase the beer.

Alderwoman Pfyl thanked the Chief for ordering the new sign for Havenwood Circle Dr. Next, she said she is still looking for a company that provides carnival rides.

At this time the Chief stated the annual children's hot dog Bar-be-que and Police Station tour is scheduled for August 9<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Alderman Dorris moved, seconded by Alderwoman Pfyl, the meeting be adjourned. On Voice Vote, the motion was unanimously approved. The meeting closed at 8:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Mahany, City Clerk

Laurance M. Howe, Mayor

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