

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN

August 17, 2021

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Warson Woods was held on Tuesday, August 17, 2021. Upon roll call, the following members of the Board were reported present:

Mayor Larry Howe
Alderman Dawn Bickford
Alderman Hannah Mayer
Alderman Lucy Pfyl
Alderman Charlie Luisetti
Alderman Jim Newman
Alderman George Dorris
Alderman Mike Dell'Orco
Alderman George Bruenning

Acting City Attorney Greg Dohrman, Chief of Police Robert Stanczak and City Clerk Kathy Mahany were also present. This meeting was also held by Online Video. Treasurer Jim Malik attended via zoom.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL of the AGENDA

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

MINUTES

Regular Board Meeting—July 20, 2021

Public Works/Solid Waste Committee—July 27, 2021

Public Safety Committee—August 10, 2021

Alderman Dorris moved, seconded by Alderman Bickford, the minutes be accepted as submitted.

At this time Alderman Dell'Orco stated he wanted the portion of the Public Works/Solid Waste Committee minutes that discusses having a mailer/ballot polling residents regarding the police department and other public works services to be removed. He said that topic should not be discussed in that committee. He also said he wanted the portion of the same minutes removed that discusses residents painting the fire hydrants themselves. He went on to say that the hydrants are the property of MO-American Water Company and no one is allowed to paint them other than the Water Company. The mayor said that Officers Tisius and Brock also attended the Public Safety Committee meeting and were not noted in the minutes.

Alderman Pfyl stated she also attended the Public Safety Committee meeting.

On Voice Vote, the motion was unanimously approved with the addition of Alderman Pfyl's and Officers Tisius and Brock names be added to the Public Safety minutes.

TREASURER’S REPORT—June 2021

Alderman Luisetti moved, seconded by Alderwoman Bickford, that the Treasurer’s Report be accepted as submitted. Alderwoman Mayer asked what “T-Mobile Paid under Protest” means? The City Clerk explained that there is an ongoing lawsuit where T-Mobile is saying they are not a telephone company they are a radio and therefore they should not pay telephone taxes.

Alderwoman Mayer also asked what the negative number in the CARES Act fund means? The City Clerk explained that this is money that has been spent from this fund. On Voice Vote, the motion was unanimously approved.

BILLS & RECURRING DISBURSEMENTS WITH THE ADDENDUM

Alderman Dorris moved, seconded by Alderwoman Mayer, that the Bills and Recurring Disbursements, with the Addendum, be approved as submitted. Alderman Luisetti asked what \$5000.00 to McMahon & Berger was spent for? The Acting City Attorney said it is a personnel matter and should not be discussed in open session. Alderman Luisetti again asked what the \$5,000.00 was spent for? The City Clerk replied she can give him the invoices if he would like. Alderman Luisetti said that he didn’t want to see the invoices. Alderwoman Bickford said seeing them may answer your questions about what the money has been spent for.

On Voice Vote, the motion was unanimously approved.

An Ordinance Appointing a City Attorney and Authorizing the Mayor to Execute a Contract for Legal Services.

Alderwoman Bickford moved, seconded by Alderman Luisetti, to Appoint K Andrew (Drew) Weber of Hamilton Weber, LLC. As City Attorney and Authorize the Mayor to Execute a Contract for Legal Services Bill No. 1707 becomes Ordinance No. 1648.

By Roll Call the Vote was as follows:

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

The Motion was announced passed. 8-0.

Mr. Drew Weber thanked the Board and spoke briefly by saying Hamilton Weber is a municipal law firm representing multiple cities and he personally represents Cottleville, Dardenne Prairie as Asst. City Attorney and along with Warson Woods he is also the City Attorney for Wildwood. At this time Acting City Attorney Greg Dohrman left the meeting.

GLENDAL FIRE REPORT- July 2021, no action required.

WARSON WOODS POLICE REPORT –July 2021, Alderman Luisetti asked the Chief what the “harassment” was at 1575 N. Woodlawn was? The Chief answered the Monsignor was receiving phone calls that were traced back to someone in Brentwood who has a mental condition and was placing the calls to several religious organizations in the area.

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. and Harry Lambert, 1608 Bennett Ave. each speaker was given a five-minute time limit.

Mr. Bub, 548 Beauford Dr. began by stating attorneys use the Black’s Law Dictionary as a guide and reference. In Black’s Law Dictionary, the definition of conflict of interest “a situation in which the concerns of aims of two different parties are incompatible. – a situation in which a person is in a position to derive personal benefit from actions or decisions made in their official capacity.” It is his opinion that if the city is using Kuhlman Design Group for Engineering services, it should not employ the same firm to perform the duties of Building Commissioner and City Engineer.

At this time Alderman Dell’Orco answered that there is no conflict of interest in entering into a contract with Kuhlman Design Group to provide day to day assistance with reviewing plans and applications for right-of-way, building and other permits for code compliance and to provide support to residents, businesses, utilities and others through the Cities permitting processes. He went on to say that Kuhlman Design Group also adheres to the Code of Professional Engineers.

Harry Lambert, 1608 Bennett Ave., began by asking why Officer Tisius was not reimbursed for using his personal vehicle while performing city business? The Board asked if Officer Tisius ever submitted a bill for this reimbursement? The City Clerk answered no he has not.

Harry Lambert went on to say the Officers need a pay increase and the 4th Officer needs to be hired. Alderman Luisetti said all employee pay matters go through the Finance Committee. Harry Lambert then said that someone on the Board could make a motion tonight and the Board could vote on pay raises tonight. Alderman Luisetti said it is a point of protocol that all financial matters go through the Finance Committee. Alderwoman Bickford then said that it is not just a finance committee it also handles the personnel issues and insurance matters.

At this time Chief Stanczak said not all salary issues go through the Finance Committee. He went on to say that when the public works/parks person was hired it did not go to the finance committee he was hired directly by the Board.

MISC. REPORTS.

COLLECTOR—Kathy Mahany reported that the application for the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) was submitted on August 5th.

BUILDING COMMISSIONER—Vacant

PARK COMMISSIONER—Vacant.

CITY ENGINEER—Vacant

CITY ATTORNEY—Drew Weber, had no report.

TREASURER—Jim Malik attending through zoom had no report.

PUBLIC WORKS/PARKS-Alderman Newman, informed the Board that he has been in contact with our snow removal provider, Crowder Construction, and is reviewing the 2021 contract. Alderman Luisetti asked if our old equipment is ready. Alderman Newman answered yes, Bruce is working on getting it all in shape. He then said the large truck needs a new bed. It's very rusty. Alderman Luisetti asked what year the truck is? He was answered a 2006.

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE—First Alderwoman Hannah Mayer reported that we are looking for an arborist. Next, she told everyone that she will be sending letters to the businesses asking them for any information they would like to provide for the new resident packet. She also plans on promoting them by spotlighting one each month in the newsletter. Lastly, she said the resident directory is almost ready to launch. They are just making sure that it will be a secure site.

MAYOR—Larry Howe, had no report.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Resolution for Engineering Services with Kuhlman Design Group for Building Commissioner and City Engineering Services. Alderwoman Dell'Orco moved, seconded by Alderman Bruenning, Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into a Contract with Kuhlman Design Group for Building Commissioner and City Engineer Services Resolution No. 07202021-A. On Voice Vote, the motion was unanimously approved.
- B. Resolution Authorizing the 2021 Street Repair Project. Alderman Newman moved, seconded by Alderman Dorris, to Authorize the 2021 Street Repair Project Under the Multi-Year City Contractor Agreement Contract with E. Meier Contracting, Inc. Resolution No 08172021-A. On Voice Vote, the motion was unanimously approved.

MISC. OLD BUSINESS-

Alderman Dorris stated he would like to add two (2) more people to the Public Safety Committee so there will be a representative from each Ward.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of a 2022 Ford Police Interceptor Utility AWD Vehicle. Alderman Dorris moved, seconded by Alderwoman Mayer, to Purchase a 2022 Ford Police Interceptor Utility AWD for the Warson Woods Police Department. Resolution 08172021-B. After a short discussion it was decided to also get quotes for leasing the vehicle before purchasing a new vehicle and the motion was tabled to the September Regular Board Meeting.
- B. Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of Eight (8) Glock 45 Gen 5 9mm Amglo Bold 5.5LB W FS Weapons and to Trade in Eight (8) Used Gun Glock 22 Gen 3 .40 Pistols, Resolution No. 08172021-C. Alderman Dorris moved, seconded by Alderwoman Mayer, to Purchase of Eight (8) Glock 45 Gen 5 9mm Amglo Bold 5.5LB W FS Weapons and to Trade in Eight (8) Used Gun Glock 22 Gen 3 .40 Pistols. After a discussion, the motion was approved, 5 Ayes, Dorris, Newman, Bickford, Pfyl, and Mayer. 3 Nays, Luisetti, Dell'Orco, Bruenning.

C. Misc. New Business

Alderman Luisetti began by saying he has invited Lisa Wittich Ackroyd to join the Finance, Insurance and Personnel Committee. He went on to say she is a CPA.

Alderman Bruening thanked Bruce Frazier for his help last Thursday evening after the storm with the cleanup of a large tree that came down.

Alderman Newman said he will be having another Public Safety Committee meeting soon to discuss pay raises for the Police Department.

Alderwoman Pfyl stated that she is working on the Fall Festival and things are coming together. The festival is going to be held on Friday, October 1st.

Alderman Dorris said the Swim Club will be doing the bar-be-queuing for the festival as a fund raiser for the pool.

Alderman Luisetti thanked Mandy Kamykowski, the Mayor & Dawn Bickford for their work in choosing a new City Attorney.

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Dorris moved, seconded by Alderman Newman, the meeting be adjourned. On Voice Vote, the motion was unanimously approved. The meeting closed at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Mahany, City Clerk

Laurance M. Howe, Mayor

