

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN

June 15, 2021

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Warson Woods was held on Tuesday, June 15, 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 George Bruenning
Alderman Mike Dell'Orco
Alderman Jim Newman

City Attorney Paul Rost, Treasurer Jim Malik, Chief Robert Stanczak and City Clerk Kathy Mahany were also present. This meeting was also held by Online Video. Alderman George Doris was present via Online Video. Mayor Howe called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC HEARING—2021-2022 Fiscal Budget.

Mayor Howe opened the Public Hearing at 7:02 p.m.

The hearing began with Jim Malik, Treasurer, explaining that there are three amendments which need to be made to the proposed budget. First, the Capitol Improvement tax should be increased by \$30,000 and the General fund will deduce \$30,000. Next a new line item needs to be added for the recently passed Use Tax and \$12,500 should be added. Lastly, an expense of \$14,663 for new Audio/Visual equipment.

Alderman Luisetti then stated that last year, due to COVID, there was less spending. This years will cost approximately \$80-90,000 for street slab replacement and work on the Andrew Drive Bridge. There will also be extra cost due to hiring a new City Attorney and City Engineer.

Mayor Howe asked if there were any questions or comments. Hearing none the Public Hearing closed at 7:07 p.m.

APPROVAL of the AGENDA

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

MINUTES

Special Ad-Hoc Meeting—May 10, 2021

Regular Board Meeting—May 18, 2021

Finance Committee Meeting—May 20, 2021

Minutes Continued

Special Ad-Hoc Meeting—May 26, 2021

Special Ad-Hoc Meeting—June 2, 2021

Special Ad-Hoc Meeting—June 7, 2021

Finance Committee Meeting—June 10, 2021

Alderswoman Pfyl moved, seconded by Alderman Mayer, the minutes be accepted as submitted. The Mayor pointed out a misspelling on the agenda of Personnel. Alderswoman Bickford clarified from the May 18th minutes that Officer Evenson will move up to Step 5 and Officer Fitzgerald will move up to Step 6 on the pay scale. On Voice Vote, the motion was unanimously approved.

TREASURER’S REPORT—May 2021

Alderman Luisetti moved, seconded by Alderswoman 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 Alderswoman Mayer, that the Bills and Recurring Disbursements, with the Addendum, be approved as submitted. On Voice Vote, the motion was unanimously approved.

GLENDALE FIRE REPORT- May 2021, no action required.

WARSON WOODS POLICE REPORT – May 2021, no action required.

PETITIONS, REQUESTS AND COMPLAINTS—No action required.

MISC. REPORTS.

COLLECTOR—Kathy Mahany reported on the American Rescue Plan Act. I spoke with Pat Kelley of the Municipal League and he said Warson Woods could receive up to \$356,000 but it will be different than the CARES Act money. This will be very restrictive; most cities will not be able to receive this funding. It cannot go into the general fund or be used for special services such as police. It will need to be spent on specific projects, such as new water or sewer projects bringing the city into compliance with the Clean Water Act.

However, The Municipal League is hoping the funds will be loosened up as were the CARES Act funds. The only requirements that need to be met at this time is the SAM.Gov paperwork be up to date and Warson Woods’ is up to date. At this time the Municipal league is waiting for guidelines from the State to proceed further. The only other guideline would be to set any money received in a separate account and keep records on any expenditures. Once (if) the city receives any money you have until December 2024 to spend it.

BUILDING COMMISSIONER(ACTING)—Mike Dell’Orco reported that issuance of permits has slowed. There were only Five permits issued this month. One kitchen remodel, one bath remodel, a sign and two fences.

PARK COMMISSIONER—Vacant.

CITY ENGINEER (ACTING)—Mike Dell’Orco informed everyone that he had a meeting with Kuhlman Design Group regarding the Warson Woods Storm Water project. He said a private sanitary line was

discovered in 2016 that will have to be relocated before the storm water project begins in 2022. Alderwoman Mayer asked if this will affect the flooding at the pool. Alderman Dell'Orco said no it will not.

CITY ATTORNEY—Paul Rost reported he has been working on all the new legislation that was passed by the State Legislators during the last session.

TREASURER—Jim Malik thanked Alderpersons Luisetti and Bickford and everyone who helped work on the budget.

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE—Alderwoman Hannah Mayer had no report.

PUBLIC WORKS/PARKS-Chief Stanczak asked in Bruce Frasier's absence, if he could purchase a 225-gallon water tank for watering areas that do not have a water source. The cost is \$330.00. The Mayor answered yes, he can purchase the new water tank.

SPECIAL AD-HOC COMMITTEE—Mike Basler, Chair of the Committee began by re-introducing himself to everyone, 1643 Forest View Dr., his background is in business and his contribution to the committee was contracts and financial.

Next, was Mandy Kamykowski, 1424 Frontenay Ct., her background is law and her contribution to the committee was contracts.

Jim Lewis was next 1604 Dauphine; his background is also business and his portion of the presentation was police patrols and police services.

Sean Fitzgerald, 1612 Forest View Dr., his background is business and financial and his area was crime statistics, patrolling and Prop P funds.

Tim Quinn, 517 Monaco Dr., followed with his background being law enforcement federal level.

Brian Middendorf, 1564 Renderer Dr. his background being business and finances, negotiating contracts. His focus was on general fund review.

Attached is the presentation. A question-and-answer period followed.

Question and Answer following the attached presentation:

The city does not keep verbatim minutes are kept with the speakers identified, topics discussed and action taken. The following people asked questions of the Ad-Hoc Committee members and the Board of Aldermen.

Jim Glauber, 1556 Renderer Dr.; Julie Lambert, 1608 Bennett Dr.; Lucia Brda, 1425 Frontenay Ct.; Andrew Scott, 860 Garland Place and Brett Hanson, 1423 Andrew Dr.

1. Does anyone lobby the state for Warson Woods? The mayor answered yes, the Municipal League of Metro St. Louis lobbies for all the cities in the metro area to the State.
2. Now that the City of Glendale has withdrawn their proposal, is the merger/consolidation issue over or will it be brought back in 6 months or so? The mayor answered there is no way of knowing what will happen in the future. Since the police have been put through so much is it possible to give the police a raise? The mayor answered that is a question for the Finance Committee.
3. Is there any way the residents would have known the outcome if a poll had taken place? Yes. What was the outcome of the survey? Mandy Kamykowski answered the only survey done was with the police officers and that was confidential. Would the residents be able to vote on this issue? No, the Aldermen would have voted on it because this is a representation form of government and the Aldermen represent the residents and they vote on every contract with the city.

4. How much would the cost savings have been if the city did add the police department to the Public Service Agreement? The mayor answered approximately \$200,000 per year along with the Fire Contract.
5. How much difference would there be in police patrolling if we did go with the Glendale contract? Jim Lewis answered, I don't know if we would have less patrolling but have better coverage.
6. If the city did contract with Glendale, then wanted our department back, how much would that cost? Millions. You would have to start at the ground and build up, equipment, computers, officers, training etc.
7. What cities around here are accredited already? Ladue, no, Frontenac, yes, Rock Hill, yes, Glendale, no.
8. At this time is there another "Better Together" proposition out anywhere? No nothing is pending at this time that we know of.

At this time Mike Basler stated that the committee members came together as volunteers with a deadline of six weeks to look into the contract. It would have taken many more weeks to cover every topic being discussed.

MAYOR—Larry Howe thanked the Ad-Hoc Committee for all the work they have done. Next, he stated that this is City Attorney Paul Rost's last meeting. He thanked him for all his work, help and support over the past 24+ years.

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Resolution Entering into a Contract with Human Capitol Management-Master SaaS License Agreement. Resolution 06152021 Introduced by Alderman Newman.
Alderman Newman moved, seconded by Alderwoman Mayer, to enter into the contract with Human Capitol Management SaaS License Agreement. It was explained by Chief Stanczak this is needed as part of the Police Accreditation. On Voice Vote the motion was unanimously approved.
- B. Proposal for mailer/ballot or Residents regarding Police Services.
Alderman Newman began by saying he believes that the residents should be polled in some way to find out what they want. After discussion Alderman Newman moved, seconded by Alderman Dorris, to do some form of a straw poll with the residents. After further discussion the motion and second were rescinded. Alderman Newman moved, seconded by Alderwoman Mayer, to send the idea to the Public Safety Committee for review and recommendation for the form of polling to be done. On Voice Vote, the motion was unanimously approved.

At this time Alderman Newman discussed the following list of volunteers, that as the Chair of the Public Works Committee, he would like to have appointed; Barbara Hershfelt, Ward 1, Andrew McDowell, Ward 2, Will Aschinger, Ward 2, Laura Spreck Lee, Ward 3, Van Sage, Ward 3, Laura Brickler, Ward 4, Rob Hurtt, Ward 4 and Ruthie Carse, Ward 4.

Alderman Newman moved, seconded by Alderwoman Mayer to appoint the previously listed volunteers to the Public Works Committee. On Voice Vote the motion was approved 7-1.

Next, Alderman Luisetti stated there are two new members for the Finance Committee. A short discussion was held and Alderman Luisetti will have his nominations ready by the July Regular Board meeting.

Lastly, Alderman Dorris said he is looking for volunteers for the Board of Public Safety.

A. NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance Approving and Adopting the Budget for the City of Warson Woods for 2021-2022 Fiscal Year. Bill No 1704 Introduced by Alderman Luisetti.

Alderman Luisetti moved, seconded by Alderwoman Bickford, to approve the 2021-2022 Fiscal Budget. At this time the Treasurer once again explained that there are three amendments which need to be made to the proposed budget. First, the Capital Improvements tax should be increased by \$30,000 and the General fund will deduce \$30,000. Next a new line item needs to be added for the recently passed Use Tax and \$12,500 should be added. Lastly, an expense of \$14,663 for new Audio/Visual equipment.

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>
Mayor	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Dell'Orco	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </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>X</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

The Motion was announced passed. 8-0.

NEW BUSINESS

- B. Resolution for Engineering Services with Kuhlman Design Group for Paving and Slab Replacement activities. Resolution No. 06152021 Introduced by Alderman Dell'Orco. Alderman Dell'Orco moved, seconded by Alderman Luisetti, to Enter into a Contract for Engineering Services with Kuhlman Design Group. Alderman Dorris asked if this cost is in the budget. Alderman Luisetti answered yes, there is \$120,000, in the budget for this. It may be a little over because of repairs which need to be done to the Andrew Dr. Bridge. Alderman Dell'Orco explained, that coincides with the multi-year contract with E. Meier for the contracting work.
On Voice Vote, the motion was unanimously approved.

C. Misc. New Business

Alderwoman Mayer began by making a motion, seconded by Alderwoman Pfyl to direct the city to install baby changing tables in the restrooms at the pavilion. A discussion began. Alderman Dell'Orco said installing baby changing stations was discussed when the pavilion was built. He went on to say it was decided not to install them because they would be too hard to keep clean. Alderwoman Mayor said people are changing their babies on the picnic tables or on the ground. She said they are needed and are not hard to keep clean. She went on to say most mothers, and fathers carry disinfecting wipes with them. Alderman Dell'Orco then said there is only one person to take care of cleaning the restrooms and he is very busy. At this time the Police Chief said the city has a maid service that comes in and cleans and sanitizes the restrooms three times a week.
On Voice Vote the motion was announced approved 6-2. At this time a resident, Jim Glauber, stated that this may be a liability for the city.

Next, on behalf of the Communications Committee she requested use of the pavilion on the third Tuesday of each month from five to seven p.m. to have Food Trucks and live music come in for any resident who would like to purchase food and enjoy the music.

Alderman Dorris stated he would like the Executive Session minutes from January 2021 to the present, released to anyone who would like to see them. The City Attorney must examine them prior to releasing them.

Alderman Luisetti informed everyone that a resident, former pool board member and park commissioner Russell Sprague, passed away this week. He also stated that Mrs. Sprague was his 3rd or 4th grade teacher.

Alderman Newman began by saying he would like to “table” any more discussion of any merger/consolidation of the police department for at least one year. Alderman Newman moved, seconded by Alderwoman Pfyl, to stop any discussion of any merger/consolidation of the police department for one year. Alderman Bruenning said he understands that everyone needs a break and the police need to feel secure in their jobs but he doesn’t think the Board should “box” itself in with a vote like this. After a discussion by a show of hands the motion failed 3 yes, Alderman Newman, Pfyl and Dorris -5 no, Dell’Orco, Luisetti, Bruenning, Mayer and Bickford.

Alderwoman Pfyl said she had been contacted by a resident who said they need a new street sign on Havenwood Circle. The Police Chief said he will look into it. Lastly, she asked if people could put signage in the right of way? She was answered no, signage should not be placed in the right of way. The Chief said he will have the signs picked up. Alderwoman Mayer said she will post something on Facebook telling people not to put signs in the right of way and letting them know if they want their signs back, they can pick them up at the police department and place the signs in their own yard.

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Dell’Orco moved, seconded by Alderman Dorris, the meeting be adjourned. On Voice Vote, the motion was unanimously approved. The meeting closed at 9:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Mahany, City Clerk

Laurance M. Howe, Mayor

