

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN

May 18, 2021

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Warson Woods was held on Tuesday, May 18, 2021. Upon roll call, the following members of the Board were reported present:

Mayor Howe
Aldерwoman Bickford
Aldерwoman Mayer
Alderman Dorris
Aldерwoman Pfyl
Alderman Luisetti
Alderman Bruenning
Alderman Dell'Orco
Alderman Newman

Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, and in accordance with the provisions of the Missouri Sunshine Law, §610.020, RSMo., the Board of Aldermen of the City of Warson Woods recognizes it may be impractical for its meeting to be physically accessible to all the public so in-person attendance was limited to 50 residents. City Attorney Paul Rost, Chief Stanczak and City Clerk Kathy Mahany were also physically present. Therefore, this meeting was also held by Online Video. Treasurer Jim Malik was present via Online Video. Mayor Howe called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL of the AGENDA

Alderman Bruenning moved, seconded by Aldерwoman Mayer, that the Agenda be approved as submitted. Mayor Howe asked to make one change. Add Ad-Hoc Chairman Mike Basler to No. XI. On Voice Vote the motion was unanimously approved.

MINUTES

Regular Board Meeting—April 20, 2021

Special Ad-Hoc Meeting—May 2, 2021

Special Ad-Hoc Meeting—May 10, 2021, Minutes not available at this time.

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

TREASURER'S REPORT—April 2021

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

CERTIFICATION OF APRIL 6, 2021 GENERAL MUNICIPAL ELECTION AND THE BOARD'S ACCEPTANCE.

Alderwoman Pfyl moved, seconded by Alderwoman Mayer, to accept the certification of the April 6, 2021 General Municipal Election. On Voice Vote the motion was unanimously approved.

At this time the City Clerk swore in Alderwomen Bickford and Pfyl and Aldermen Luisetti and Newman.

GLENDALE FIRE REPORT- April 2021, no action required.

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

PETITIONS, REQUESTS AND COMPLAINTS—The City does not keep verbatim Minutes. Minutes are kept with speakers identified, topics discussed and action taken.

Following are the residents who spoke to the Mayor and Board, during this open session of the Regular Board Meeting:

Andrew McDowell, 1418 Norman Place, Michael Bub, 548 Beauford Dr., Marilyn Morton, 426 Doral Dt., Sean Fitzgerald, 1612 Andrew Dr., Pat Flood, 402 Flanders Dr.

Following are the topics discussed:

Question to the Mayor, heard your radio interview, where did you get 80% of Warson Woods residents vs. 20% of the residents' support partnership with Glendale. Mayor answered, in business, that is a rule of thumb number.

The City does not seem to be in financial dire straits. A small petition was circulated, there was not enough time to do a complete petition. Out of 375 homes that were canvased, 344 of them are in favor of keeping our own Police Department, 17 homes said we should merge and 14 had no opinion. There was also an online vote taken with the outcome being another 175 wanting to keep the Police Department. (A copy of the petition is filed with these minutes.)

Having lived in Glendale as a child growing up and Warson Woods for over 40 years, the Police Department is very hands on in Warson Woods. One evening about 11:30 p.m. an Officer came to the door to let us know that we have an open door. That shows how the Police look out for the residents.

Why was a police vehicle not budgeted for and the Engineering services? The board answered it was budgeted for but the budget was put on hold and the 2019-2020 budget was used until the City could see just how COVID would affect the revenue. The engineering fees were approved prior to July 1st of 2020 and is reflected in the street improvements.

During the Board meeting in April, a discussion was held regarding the application for certification and the cost of the application was approved. Did this happen? The Police Chief stated the application and fee have both been sent to and received by the MO Police Chiefs Association.

MISC. REPORTS.

COLLECTOR—Kathy Mahany, no report.

BUILDING COMMISSIONER—Dan Wilson was excused.

PARK COMMISSIONER—Vacant.

CITY ENGINEER (ACTING)—Mike Dell’Orco stated that he has Ron Stuckel, Kuhlman Design Group, attending the Finance meeting on Thursday. He will give the committee a presentation and answer questions.

CITY ATTORNEY—Paul Rost reported that the State Legislature has passed the Wayfair Tax. It is a Use Tax for out of state sales. The state will track sales and taxes collected. This will help accurately collection the Warson Woods Use Tax.

TREASURER—Jim Malik had no report.

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE—Alderwoman Hannah Mayer had no report.

PUBLIC WORKS/PARKS-No report.

MAYOR—Larry Howe had no report at this time.

Question was raised, residents have concerns about the proposed agreement. Are there any performance measurers built in regarding officer response time etc. The Chair of the Ad-Hoc Committee, Mike Basler, said the Committees’ study can be made as broad as the residents want.

At this time there was an Agenda change.

Mayor Howe introduced Mike Basler as the Chair of the Ad-Hoc Committee and Mr. Basler introduced the rest of the members of the committee Mandy Kamykowski, Tim Quinn, Brian Middendorf, Jim Lewis and Sean Fitzgerald and each member gave a brief description of their individual back grounds. Mr. Basler went on and explained that each member of this special committee will research a part of this project and come together with their findings. All the meetings will be open to the public and available on zoom. A discussion followed.

OLD BUSINESS

Ordinance Providing for the Holding of a Special Non-Binding Straw Election to Decide if the City wants to add the Police Department to the Public Service Agreement with the City of Glendale.

Alderman Newman moved, second by Alderman Dorris, to Approve Bill No. 1703. A lengthy discussion followed and the City Attorney clarified what possible risks are involved in holding a non-binding election.

At this time Alderman Newman moved, seconded by Alderman Dorris, to Table Bill No. 1703.
By Roll Call the Vote was as follows:

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

The Motion was announced passed. 7-1.

NEW OLD BUSINESS

A. Misc. Old Business

Alderman Newman began by saying he would like to poll the City's registered voters to see if they want to outsource the Police Department. A lengthy discussion took place with the outcome being the city will take a poll by mail to each home to see if the residents would like to keep the Police Department or if they want to add the Police Department to the Public Safety Agreement with the City of Glendale. This is to take place after the Ad-Hoc Committee makes its recommendation.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Resolution No. 05182021 Appointing Alderman George Dorris as Chairman of the Public Safety Committee and Alderman Jim Newman as Chairman of the Public Works/Solid Waste Committee. Alderwoman Mayer moved, seconded by Alderman Bruenning, to approve Resolution 05182021. The Mayor then said he would like to combine the Parks & Beautification Committee in with the Public Works/Solid Waste Committee. On Voice Vote, the motion was unanimously approved.

B. Misc. New Business

Alderman Luisetti reminded everyone that there is a Finance Committee meeting on Thursday May 20th at 7:00 p.m. Mike Basler asked Alderman Luisetti if the 2021-2022 Budget is ready. Alderman Luisetti said yes, you can have a copy of the 1st Draft of the Budget.

Alderman Dorris asked the Chief if the speed limit sign they discussed last month was removed? The Chief answered it will be removed this week.

Chief Stanczak informed everyone that Officer Evenson is up for his step increase to step #4. Alderman Dorris moved, seconded by Alderwoman Pfyl, to move Officer Evenson to step 4. On Voice Vote, the motion was unanimously approved.

Alderman Luisetti informed everyone that Officer Brock's wife had a baby girl.

Alderman Newman asked the Finance Committee to look into ways the Police Department could have upgraded pay and better benefits if the merger does not go through with Glendale.

At this time Alderman Newman moved, seconded by Alderman Dorris, to remove Bill No. 1703 from the Table and vote on it.

By Roll Call the Vote was as follows:

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

Bill No. 1703 was announced Failed 2-6.

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Dorris moved, seconded by Alderwoman Mayer, the meeting be adjourned. On Voice Vote, the motion was unanimously approved. The meeting closed at 8:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Mahany, City Clerk

Laurance M. Howe, Mayor

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