

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN

October 19, 2021

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Warson Woods was held on Tuesday, October 19, 2021. Upon roll call, the following members of the Board were reported present:

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

City Attorney Drew Weber, Chief of Police Robert Stanczak and City Clerk Kathy Mahany were also present. This meeting was also held by Online Video.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL of the AGENDA

Alderman Dorris moved, seconded by Alderman Newman, that the agenda be approved as submitted. At this time Alderman Dorris asked to make a change in the agenda by adding Public Safety Report to VIII. Misc. Reports.

MINUTES

Regular Board Meeting—September 28, 2021

Executive Session—September 28, 2021

Board of Adjustment—October 5, 2021

Public Works/Solid Waste Committee—October 12, 2021

Alderwoman Pfyl moved, seconded by Alderwoman Mayer, the minutes be accepted as submitted.

On Voice Vote, the motion was unanimously approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT—September 2021

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

GLENDALE FIRE REPORT- September 2021, no action required.

WARSON WOODS POLICE REPORT –September 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. The following residents spoke during this portion of the meeting:

Tim Quinn, 517 Monaco Dr., Sean Fitzgerald, 1612 Dearborn Dr., Andrew McDowell, 1418 Norman Pl., Karen Aschinger, 840 Renderer Dr., Will Aschinger, 840 Renderer Dr. & Harry Lambert, 1608 Bennett Ave.

The Public Safety Committee held interviews last month and the second candidate had a favorable interview and evaluation. (He is) urging the Board to take action and hire this candidate tonight. When Officer Brock left, the budget already has his salary included, so this candidate should be hired at a similar rate.

Why are there two invoices for over \$19,000.00 to repair the Dearborn Bridge? And why was there no vote taken for this work? The mayor explained that the repair was folded into the existing street work and the invoices came in for the same price as was quoted. The mayor asked the City Clerk if there were votes taken? She replied yes one for the Engineering work and another when the invoice was paid. Again, the Board was asked why there was not a resolution for the construction company to perform the work for this project? The City Attorney explained that prior to the work being done there may not have been a resolution entering into a contract with the construction company but the work was performed and accepted and the invoice was paid. There is no liability for the city.

The resident said he just wants the Board to tell the truth, this is unacceptable. He would like to see trust back in the city. He finds it hard to believe that during an earlier meeting this year an Alderman found a \$200 mistake on an invoice but missed a \$19,000.00 payment.

Next, he also urged the Board to take action and hire the Officer tonight at either Step 5 or 4.

An article in the Kirkwood/Webster Times (10/8) calling for the resignation from an Alderman is embarrassing to the city. This behavior (of the Alderman) is unacceptable and cannot be tolerated. He went on to say the Board better get used to having large attendances for the Board meetings. We need to have more positive experiences in Warson Woods like the Fall Festival.

At this time the article (also in the next week's Kirkwood/Webster Times 10/15) from former Alderwoman Judy Pohl and her husband John, was brought up. It states an Aldermen faces mean spirited hostility from residents.

At this time an incident that took place last October between a resident and an Alderwoman was discussed saying the Alderwoman took pictures of their property and lied to them about who she was. They went on to say an Alderman called them misfits, they were asked to comply with the mask mandate (even though they have a religious exemption) and many other comments were made about them. She went on to say that "you work for the residents. The residents do not work for the Board".

The mayor was called an enabler for a particular Alderman and he lets him behave any way he wishes. The mayor should ensure the citizens' rights and not let them be "bullied". The Mayor was asked to run the meeting and the board to trust each other and treat the residents with respect.

Lastly, once again the Board was urged to hire the new officer tonight and give each officer a \$5,000.00 stipen.

MISC. REPORTS.

COLLECTOR—Kathy Mahany informed everyone that she has found an Arborist for the City. Gamma Tree Service has volunteered to provide this service for Warson Woods at no cost because we have had a long-standing working relationship with them.

BUILDING COMMISSIONER—no report but the City Clerk stated the Building Commissioner has been quite busy lately. There have been several zoning & building permit applications this month.

PARK COMMISSIONER—Vacant.

CITY ENGINEER—no report

CITY ATTORNEY—Drew Weber, had no report.

TREASURER—Vacant

PUBLIC WORKS/PARKS-Alderman Newman reported during the October 12th Committee meeting, following are several items they recommend to the Board.

- The purchase of tow behind aerator for \$300.00 and to continue to rent a walk behind aerator for small areas.
- Continue to seed and fertilize as needed
- Purchase a new back pack blower for \$700.00
- Engage a leaf removal service for Bergfeld Park and Dunwoody Court. They have a bid from Hendel for 4 removals for a total cost of \$95.00.
- Recommending Martin Door for the purchase of a new garage door on the Public Works garage
- Allow Bruce to hire a year-round part-time employee.

Alderman Newman moved, seconded by Alderwoman Pfyl, to purchase the Aerator for \$300.00 and the leaf blower for \$700.00. On Voice Vote, the motion was unanimously approved.

It was also noted that our solid waste provider, Waste Connections, does a twice per week leaf and yard waste removal from October 15th through December 15th each year.

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE—First Alderwoman Hannah Mayer reported that the new residents' program is moving along. They are asking the local businesses for items to promote their business that can be placed in the "swag bag" that will be given to the new residents. They have a sponsor for the bags. They are still working on doing on-line permitting etc. and lastly, they ran into some privacy issues with the online directories. It cannot be a city sponsored program it will have to be on a next-door web site.

MAYOR—Larry Howe, no report.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Alderman Dorris reported that the second candidate for the officer position has passed his evaluation and he wants the Board to move forward with hiring him.

This will be discussed during closed session.

OLD BUSINESS

MISC. OLD BUSINESS

Alderman Newman informed everyone that he has dates for Electronics Recycling Event to choose from. This will be an one day three-hour event. We need to choose a date before we can sign a contract with the recycler. The Grant is pending the Boards approval (which we have from last month) and the mayor’s signature on Resolution 09292021-B. The possible dates are as follows: August 13, October 22, November 5, December 5 or December 17th all in 2022.

NEW BUSINESS

Fall Festival Report

The report is attached.

At this time Alderwoman Pfyl thanked Alderman Dorris for handling the food and the resident volunteers, Chief Stanczak, City Clerk and Bruce from Public Works for all their help along with Alderwomen Bickford and Mayer.

She then asked the Chief if he was able to get a hold of someone to trim the bushes back at Dierberg’s. The Chief said yes, he spoke to Capitol Land and they will take care of trimming them back.

Lastly, she asked about the possibility of making a “pickle ball” court out of one of the tennis courts. She went on to say she remembered something about MSD work may interfere with the tennis courts. The mayor said no that work will not interfere with the courts.

Alderwoman Mayer said she has a contact (from Rock Hill) that could give us a bid.

Accepting the 2020-2021 Annual Audit was put on hold until everyone had time to review it.

Misc. New Business

Alderman Dorris informed everyone that the pool raised \$3,000 by selling the food at the Fall Festival. He knows now that they will need more food next year so they do not run out of anything.

Alderman Newman said he knows someone who has a construction background and would like to join the Public Works/Solid Waste Committee. John Messmer. The mayor answered yes, he can.

EXECUTIVE (CLOSED) SESSION

Alderman Bruenning moved, seconded by Alderwoman Pfyl, to enter into closed session pursuant to the following subsections of Section 610.021(1), RSMo. (Legal actions, causes of action or litigation involving a public governmental body and any confidential or privileged communications between a public governmental body or its representatives and its attorneys); Section 610.021(3), RSMo. (Hiring, firing, disciplining or promoting of particular employees by a public governmental body when personal information about the employee is discussed or recorded); and Section 610.021(13), RSMo. (Individually identifiable personnel records, performance ratings or records pertaining to employees or applicants for employment).

On Roll Call the Vote was as Follows:

	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Not Present
Luisetti	<u> X </u>	_____	_____	_____
Mayer	<u> X </u>	_____	_____	_____
Newman	<u> X </u>	_____	_____	_____

Dell'Orco	<u> X </u>	_____	_____	_____
Bruening	<u> X </u>	_____	_____	_____
Dorris	<u> X </u>	_____	_____	_____
Pfyl	<u> X </u>	_____	_____	_____
Bickford	<u> X </u>	_____	_____	_____

The meeting closed at 7:52 p.m.

The meeting re-opened at 8:13 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Luisetti moved, seconded by Alderman Dorris, the meeting be adjourned. On Voice Vote, the motion was unanimously approved. The meeting closed at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Mahany, City Clerk

Laurance M. Howe, Mayor