

MINUTES
BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING
Monday, October 13, 2008 – 7:30 P.M.

MAYOR PAUL MARTI
ALDERMAN CRAIG BACH
ALDERWOMAN MAUREEN GRAVES
ALDERMAN CHRIS GRAVILLE
ALDERMAN ANDREW STEWART
INTERIM CITY ADMINISTRATOR/CLERK DEBORAH LEMOINE

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER- by Mayor Marti at 7:30 p.m. at the Webster Groves Christian Church.

ROLL CALL- showed that all Board members were present.

PUBLIC FORUM- Jay Wohlschlaeger of SWT Design presented the recommendations for public parks and green spaces that his firm has been working on pursuant to a park planning grant. This was the second public forum for this project. The presentation is attached to these minutes. Following the presentation, Mayor Marti commended the plan for giving Backstoppers more definition as a park. Alderwoman Graves noted that one of her residents suggested a walk to the library, trash cans, improved mulching around the merry-go-round, review of the pole structure, and swings. Whitney Watson, Baltimore Place, thought there was a good use of the input from the August meeting and liked the shade. Mike Burke, Woodleigh Cove, expressed concern that the shelter and play structure at Loewnau could be out of scale with the size of the park. Joanne Hetlage, Holmes, thought Loewnau was too small for so much concrete and building. Other playgrounds serve the area and green space should be preserved. The Mayor discussed with Mr. Wohlschlaeger the issues of playground visibility at Loewnau. David Hetlage, Holmes, stressed that he liked the natural feel at Loewnau currently and encouraged “natural” play structures instead of equipment. The same recommendation was made with regard to a potential structure, i.e., timbered stone. It was also suggested that a place to take bikes and strollers off the path at Backstoppers would be helpful. The Board commended Mr. Wohlschlaeger on the plans, which will be brought to the picnic on Saturday. Citizens were encouraged to fill out written feedback forms.

APPROVAL OF THE SEPTEMBER 18, 2008 BOARD OF ALDERMEN MINUTES- Mayor Marti asked if there were any comments regarding the September 18, 2008 Board of Aldermen minutes as submitted. There being none, Mayor Marti requested a motion for the approval of the minutes as submitted. Alderman Stewart so moved, seconded by Alderman Graville. The Board voted 4-0 in favor of the approval.

APPROVAL OF THE OCTOBER 1, 2008 BOARD OF ALDERMEN MINUTES- Mayor Marti asked if there were any comments regarding the October 1, 2008 Board of Aldermen minutes as submitted. There being none, Mayor Marti requested a motion for

the approval of the minutes as submitted. Alderman Stewart so moved, seconded by Alderman Bach. The Board voted 4-0 in favor of the approval.

APPROVAL OF THE OCTOBER, 2008 VOUCHER

The October voucher was reviewed and it was noted by Alderman Bach that the payment to Shanna Hall should only be for \$2,195. With this correction Alderman Bach moved for the approval of the voucher, seconded by Alderman Graville. The Board voted 4-0 in favor of approving the voucher. The Board also asked that it be determined if the Weis bill for Holmes was only for half the amount, with half billed to Kirkwood.

CITIZEN COMMENTS- Mayor Marti asked if there were any comments regarding issues that were not stated on the agenda. Robert Watson, an Eagle Scout candidate presented a proposal to install bike racks at Backstoppers Park. Pictures were reviewed and Mr. Watson explained that he would raise all the funds and do all the work. The Board asked if he would work with Mr. Wohlschlaeger to determine the best style and location at the Park and he agreed. The Board asked if they would have opportunity to approve the final design and placement, and Mr. Watson agreed. Alderwoman Graves moved that Mr. Watson be authorized by the City to move forward with his project. Alderman Graville seconded the motion, which carried 4-0.

Kim Funick, 714 E. Madison, addressed the Board regarding a dead tree at the border with the street in her yard. City Attorney Starr outlined the city policy that removal of dead trees in the right-of-way is the citizen's responsibility, not the City's. An earlier letter from Katy Yahl was reviewed, but did not change the City's legal position. It was suggested that the City Administrator contact Ameren and request that they remove the tree since it died following Ameren's tree trimming. The Code Enforcement officer will be advised of the status of tree and not move forward with enforcement pending talks with Ameren.

Joanne Hetlage, 416 S. Holmes, discussed the need to slow traffic on Holmes with the Board. Pending street improvements on Holmes were discussed and citizens were encouraged to attend the 10/21 public forum for more details. The Board also noted that high volume streets will be discussed with potential bidders on the police contract.

ORDINANCE

#761 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF OAKLAND, MISSOURI,
AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A REVISED CONTRACT FOR
PURCHASE OF PROPERTY AT 106 MINTURN

Mayor Marti requested a motion for the first reading of Bill #761. Alderman Stewart moved for the first and second reading and subsequent passage of Bill #761, seconded by Alderman Graville. City Attorney Starr read the ordinance. Roll Call was taken. There was a discussion regarding the playground limitations. City Attorney Starr read the ordinance again. Roll call was taken. The ordinance was approved 4-0 as follows:

Alderman Stewart-aye, Alderman Bach-aye, Alderman Graville-aye, Alderwoman Graves-Aye

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SPECIAL DISCUSSION

1. Review of Police and Fire Bids and Set Schedule for Review: The Board reviewed the summary sheet prepared by the Mayor. Possible tours or a meeting for clarification were discussed. The Board decided that complete bid packages needed to be reviewed, Aldermen Stewart and Bach agreed to do this review and report back to the Board.
2. Final Review of Refuse Contract Bid Specifications/Contract: The bid package was reviewed and revisions made, specifically regarding recycling containers which the Board would like to see bid as an alternate with 64 gallon containers similar to Webster.
3. Report of Long Range Planning Committee Members: The minutes of the LRP Committee were reviewed and the Board encouraged the LRP to prioritize project goals.
4. Report on Status Winter Clearance Contracts: The Board agreed to continue to work with Earthworks and Glendale under existing agreements recognizing that the price of salt will be higher this year. It was agreed that the work would be rebid in the future but that with current price increases it was in the best interests of the City to continue with the existing agreements.
5. Code Update with Sullivan: It was agreed to send the updates of the Code to Sullivan in October before the November price increase.
6. MSD Co-Permittee Update: It was agreed that Deborah LeMoine should be listed as the new MSD contact.
7. Municipal League Request for Support of Proposition "H": The League has requested \$.20 per resident in support of educational efforts regarding Prop "H." Alderman Stewart moves to send \$308.00 to the League to support this effort, Alderwoman Graves seconds the motion and it carries 3-2 with Alderman Stewart, Alderwoman Graves and Mayor Marti voting Aye, and Aldermen Graville and Back voting no.
8. HPC Recommendation to Designate 9 Schultz Road as Historic is reviewed by the Board and set for hearing at the November meeting.
9. Update on Holmes Avenue Reconstruction: Alderman Bach will meet with the engineer to prepare for the public forum which will take place on 10/21 at 6:00 p.m. at the Kirkwood Community Center.
10. Update on City Picnic: Resident Heidi Simones has offered to set up a play area for smaller children and the Board agree to accept this offer. Various updates regarding the day's events were given to the Board.
11. Set date for November Meeting: Meeting changed to November 13 at 7:00p.m. in order to avoid conflict with CERT training.
12. City Administrator's Report: The City Administrator reported on the following items:
 - Street Sweeping Proposal for 09 was reviewed by the Board and it was stated that the schedule should be set for four times per year, with one in late November.
 - Potential DNR Grant workshop discussed.
 - East-West Gateway Workshop discussed.
 - Movie Night in 2009 will be carried over for later discussion.

- Telephone Issues were discussed with the options of changing phone numbers or doing a telebranch service. Alderman Graville moved to switch to telebranch, Alderman Bach seconded the motion which carried 4-0.
- Lammertin Lane Damage was discussed, no agreement has been reached with IESI despite repeated attempts to contact them, and it was agreed to ask Code Enforcement Officer Greg Hanser to get a cost estimate from Outdoor Solutions before the IESI contract ends.
- Street Rating 10/20: Alderman Bach explains the work to be done for free by Missouri Petroleum. If possible, Greg Hanser will be present for the work.
- Procedures for Job Applicants will be to maintain a file of interested parties for the Board's future use.
- Donna's request for Mileage was approved only as to trips to deliver deposits and dockets to the City Administrator.
- September Hours for the City Administrator were 91.2.

REPORTS FROM MAYOR AND ALDERMEN

Mayor Marti reflected that he liked recent signage in Glendale limiting heavy trucks and he will look into what they have done.

Alderwoman Graves noted that we need to look into the possibility of trash cans near the playground at Backstoppers Park and how those could be emptied, as well as mulch issues at the playground. It was agreed to have Greg Hanser meet with Outdoor solutions to discuss these issues.

MISCELLANEOUS

None.

These minutes accepted as submitted this 13th day of November, 2008.

Deborah LeMoine
Interim City Administrator/Clerk