

MINUTES
BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING
Monday, December 8, 2008 – 7:00 P.M.

MAYOR PAUL MARTI
ALDERMAN CRAIG BACH
ALDERWOMAN MAUREEN GRAVES
ALDERMAN CHRIS GRAVILLE
ALDERMAN ANDREW STEWART
CITY TREASURER CHARLES FUNK
CITY ATTORNEY HELMUT STARR
INTERIM CITY ADMINISTRATOR/CLERK DEBORAH LEMOINE

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER- by Mayor Marti at 7:00 p.m. at the Webster Groves Christian Church.

ROLL CALL- showed that all Board members were present.

APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER 13, 2008 BOARD OF ALDERMEN MINUTES- Mayor Marti asked if there were any comments regarding the November 13, 2008 Board of Aldermen minutes as submitted. There being none, Mayor Marti requested a motion for the approval of the minutes as submitted. Alderman Graville so moved, seconded by Alderman Bach. The Board voted 4-0 in favor of the approval.

TREASURER'S REPORT AND APPROVAL OF THE DECEMBER, 2008 VOUCHER Treasurer Funk presented the finance report. The December voucher was reviewed. Alderman Graville moved for the approval of the voucher, seconded by Alderman Stewart. The Board voted 4-0 in favor of approving the voucher.

PUBLIC FORUM TO REVIEW FINAL MASTER PLAN RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PARK AREAS AND GREEN SPACES

Jay Wohlschlaeger from SWT Design presented the final draft of the Master Plan for park areas and green spaces in the City. He reviewed public feedback received at the City picnic and prior public forums. He outlined potential improvements at each of the City parks (presentation attached). Alderwoman Graves noted that she liked the proposed squirrel sculpture/slide, and that she favored a common style theme in terms of fixtures, signage, etc. Mayor Marti suggested a type of drinking fountain recently installed in St. Louis County. Alderman Graville liked the interpretive signs at Minturn. Scoutmaster Andy Oldom informed the Board that there are four more potential Eagle Scouts interested in doing projects for the City, and that they or the troop might help with some of this work. Alderman Stewart discussed the location of the new bike racks in the park. Mayor Marti would like to see a semi-circle hedge opposite the Backstoppers memorial. Alderman Bach suggests that the Minturn woodchip walk would make a good Scout project, as could some cleaning and clearing work. Mr. Wohlschlaeger advises the Board that another park planning grant application can be made by January 16 which

could provide 80/20 funding on a project up to \$5,000. Alderman Graville discussed supporting such an application and the Board unanimously authorized the City Administrator and SWT to proceed with the application. There being no further public comments, the Mayor closed the public hearing.

PRESENTATION BY WASTE MANAGEMENT REGARDING NEW REFUSE, YARD WASTE AND RECYCLING SERVICES

Dan Hannah and Randy Matthews were present to explain the new trash service which will begin on 1/6/09. Waste Management will work with the city when recycling carts are obtained through the County, accepting delivery of the carts, assembling and distributing to residents. Information for the newsletter was discussed. It was agreed that signs should be posted advising residents of the change in service day to Tuesday.

CITIZEN COMMENTS- The Board reviewed a letter from David Hetlage regarding Holmes Avenue reconstruction. Greg Hanser updated the Board on pending code issues in the City, potential creek clean-up projects and the status of the City's ICC membership.

RESOLUTION

#2008-7 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO CHANGE THE AUTHORIZED SIGNATURES ON CITY BANK ACCOUNTS The need to replace the former City Clerk with the current City Clerk on bank accounts was discussed. Alderman Graville moved and Alderwoman Graves seconded the resolution which was approved 4-0.

SPECIAL DISCUSSION

1. Holmes Avenue Update: Alderman Bach updated the Board on the Holmes project. The need for an authorized signature was discussed and the Board determined that the City Clerk should be the authorized signature. Railroad crossing issues and expenses were discussed. Tree preservation issues were discussed. Mayor Marti will contact the library regarding right-of-way issues at their corner of the project. A date for another public hearing should be set in January with procedures in place to get citizen comments in writing.
2. Board and Commission Appreciation Event will take place on 12/10.
3. Winter Salt Issues: The City of Glendale has agreed to sell up to 100 tons of salt to Oakland at \$101 per ton. They would like our contractor to load salt when Glendale public works staff are on site as well this year. All members of the Board agree with this arrangement. Earthworks will have back-up salt though a private supplier available at a higher price (currently about \$120 per ton) in the event the Glendale salt runs out. The City Clerk will contact Kirkwood regarding the availability of back-up salt.
4. 2009 election information was distributed and has been posted/published.
5. MSD 2009 changes were discussed including road salt reports and a fall clean-up event which the city will help publicize. Greg Hanser and Deb LeMoine both attended training events this month.
6. City website goals: The Board authorized the use of the current website company to update the website at a cost of \$85 per hour for approximately 4 hours of work.

7. 2009 Movie Night will be discussed at a later meeting.
8. City Administrator's Report.
 - November Hours for the City Administrator were 68.6.

REPORTS FROM MAYOR AND ALDERMEN

Alderwoman Graves reported that Ameren may put some lines underground in parts of the City.

Alderman Bach requested that we get dates for the next CERT training and discuss CERT issues at the January meeting.

Alderman Graville suggested that the Mayor send a thank you note to GRG for their work on trees, etc. in the City.

Mayor Marti reported that in his meetings with County staff regarding potential changes at the intersection of Big Bend and Sappington no agreement has yet been reached but he will continue his efforts on behalf of the LRP. He also informed the Board that the new Backstoppers memorial looks great.

MISCELLANEOUS

None.

A move to adjourn was made by Alderwoman Graves, seconded by Alderman Graville and carried 4-0.

These minutes accepted as submitted this 12th day of January, 2009.

Deborah LeMoine
Interim City Administrator/Clerk