

MINUTES
BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING
Monday, October 12, 2009 – 7:00 P.M.

MAYOR PAUL MARTI
ALDERWOMAN MAUREEN GRAVES
ALDERMAN CHRIS GRAVILLE
ALDERMAN ANDREW STEWART
CITY ATTORNEY HELMUT STARR
CITY TREASURER CHARLES FUNK
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 except Alderman Bach.

APPROVAL OF THE SEPTEMBER 14, 2009 BOARD OF ALDERMEN MINUTES- Mayor Marti asked if there were any comments regarding the September 14, 2009 Board of Aldermen minutes as submitted. There being none, Mayor Marti requested a motion for the approval of the minutes as submitted. Alderwoman Graves so moved, seconded by Alderman Graville. The Board voted 3-0 in favor of the approval.

TREASURER'S REPORT AND APPROVAL OF THE OCTOBER 2009 VOUCHER Treasurer Funk reported that expenditures and revenue were in line with expectations. The October voucher was reviewed. Alderwoman Graves moved to approve the voucher and Alderman Graville seconded the motion. The Board voted 3-0 in favor of approving the voucher.

PRESENTATION BY SWT DESIGN: Mr. Wohlschlaeger from SWT Design reported on the changes in the Backstoppers best and final bids to reduce cost and recommended accepting the new low bid from Outdoor Solutions. It was suggested that up to \$3,000 be authorized for SWT to provide additional supervision for the project in accordance with the proposal submitted by SWT. Alderman Stewart so moved, seconded by Alderman Graville and the authorization was approved 3-0. The Board moved the consideration of Ordinance Number 777 to this point in the meeting.

ORDINANCE NUMBER 777: AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING A BID FOR IRRIGATION AND LANDSCAPE WORK AT BACKSTOPPERS PARK Alderman Stewart moved for the first and second reading and subsequent passage of Ordinance 777. Alderman Graville seconded the motion, a quorum was confirmed and the ordinance was read by Attorney Starr. A quorum was confirmed and Attorney Starr read the ordinance a second time. The ordinance passed 3-0.

Mr. Wohlschlager then presented the final version of the Minturn Park Master Plan to the Board including the environmental play structure and estimated cost to be about \$520,000. The Board determined that they would like to apply for Park Grant funds for the entire park, and that Alderman Stewart or Mayor Marti would have authority to review the final grant application and prioritization of items for the grant. The Board moved the consideration of Resolution 2009-08 to this point in the meeting.

RESOLUTION 2009-08: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPLICATION TO THE MUNICIPAL PARKS GRANT PROGRAM FOR A GRANT IN AID FOR SOME OR ALL OF THE COSTS OF A PARK IMPROVEMENT PROJECT IN MINTURN PARK
Alderman Stewart moved and Alderman Graville seconded the resolution which passed 3-0

A brief discussion was had regarding the need to clean up the area around recent street work and Alderwoman Graves made a motion to authorize Outdoor Solutions to bill up to \$200 to clean up this area, Alderman Stewart seconded the motion which carried 3-0.

CITIZEN COMMENTS: Major Don Cognata spoke on behalf of Bethesda Health Group about a problem with dumping on an abandoned street near Hwy 44 and Berry. Bethesda sought permission to put up a chain to block the dumping, agreed to work with the fire department to address related safety issues, and noted that they were also trying to identify offenders. Alderman Graville moved and Alderwoman Graves seconded a motion to approve placement of a chain on the street for a six month trial period, subject to fire department approval and with placement approved by Mr. Hanser. The motion carried 3-0.

Elmer McNulty commented on various street repair and MSD issues in the City. His recent requests for information were answered by the Board. It was noted that the City has been placing money into a designated account for updates to Park Avenue at some point in the future.

A citizen asked questions about the process for setting tax rates which were answered by the Board. The reasons for Municipal League membership were also explained.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS- Mayor Marti noted that there were no appointments at this time. Appointments were tabled until the November meeting by a vote of 3-0.

SPECIAL DISCUSSION

1. Holmes Avenue Update: Alderman Graville moved and Alderwoman Graves seconded a motion to waive fees for MSD on the project which carried 3-0. The Board voted unanimously to authorize Alderman Stewart to contract for the relocation of street trees in November and to determine the best placement for those trees. Mr. Hanser agreed to work on a list of potential locations for the trees.

2. Street Repair Update: The Board was updated regarding street repairs.

3. Reflective Poles at Sappington and Oakland: The Board authorized Mr. Hanser to get pricing and the Mayor to purchase the reflective poles.

4. Crosswalk Bricks: The Board determined that enough bricks should be saved in order to construct brick bike pads at Backstoppers Park. Mr. Hanser agreed to retrieve the correct amount of bricks. The City Administrator was authorized to contact the Scouts to initiate the project, advise residents that they could take any remaining bricks for their own use, and then to have any remaining bricks removed by Ford Asphalt prior to the picnic.

8. City Administrator's Report. The report was reviewed and discussed. The City Administrator was authorized to review current insurance coverage with the City Attorney and to contact other insurance brokers to review a potential change in coverage. The City Administrator was authorized to renew the existing contract with Earthworks for winter clearance and to attempt to purchase salt from the City of Kirkwood as needed for winter clearance. The street sweep date of 10/20 was noted. The Boards and Commission event was scheduled for 12/2 and the City Administrator was authorized to arrange the event at Mike Duffy's and order party favors consistent with last year's event. The Board voted 3-0 to authorize the Sullivan Publications to update the Code.

REPORTS FROM MAYOR AND ALDERMEN

Mayor Marti updated the Board regarding educational efforts for E911. He was authorized by the board to attend an educational seminar on ADA issues at City expense.

Alderwoman Graves requested that artist Carol Fleming be invited to make a presentation about potential artwork in the City at a future meeting.

Alderman Graville expressed frustration with the GRG bridge painting project and asked that the City Administrator contact them to discuss the project and plans for completion.

Alderman Stewart commended Mayor Marti on his work with the E911 educational efforts.

MISCELLANEOUS- none

Alderman Graville moved to adjourn and Alderwoman Graves seconded the motion which carried 3-0.

These minutes accepted as submitted this 9th day of November, 2009.

Deborah LeMoine
City Administrator/Clerk

