

**PUBLIC MEETING
MONDAY SEPTEMBER 10, 2018 – 7:00 P.M.
WEBSTER GROVES CHRISTIAN CHURCH
OAKLAND MO 63122
CITY OF OAKLAND-BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING
MINUTES**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER by Mayor Stewart at 7:00 PM with all Board members present except Alderman Hensley who was away for a previous commitment.

ROLL CALL showed that all other Board members were present.

ORDINANCE 867 AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE CITIES OF GLENDALE AND/OR WARSON WOODS FOR THE PROVISION OF COURT ADMINISTRATIVE FUNCTIONS Alderman Godsy moved for the first and second reading and subsequent passage of Ordinance 867, Alderman Steuby seconded the motion, a quorum was confirmed and the ordinance was read by the City Attorney. The City Attorney then explained the changes in state law and court rules that mandated changes to the court structure. The Mayor explained negotiations that had taken place with neighboring cities in an attempt to find a way to comply with the new rules, and that the proposed agreement with Warson Woods and Glendale had met with approval by the Court. The details of the agreement were reviewed by the City Attorney and questions were addressed. Since the agreement had not yet been approved by Warson Woods, Alderwoman Lueker moved, and Alderman Godsy seconded, a motion to amend the ordinance to authorize the mayor “or his designee” to enter into the agreement with Glendale “and/or” Warson Woods. The amendment passed by a vote of 3-0. There was no further discussion and a quorum was confirmed and the City Attorney read the ordinance (as amended) a second time. The ordinance passed 3-0.

APPROVAL OF THE JULY 2018 BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING MINUTES as submitted. Alderman Godsy so moved and Alderman Steuby seconded a motion to approve the meeting minutes which passed by a vote of 3-0.

PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE PROPOSED 2018 REAL ESTATE, COMMERCIAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX RATES The Board reviewed the assessed valuation of property in the City and the calculations that a tax rate of point one nine four cents (\$0.1940) on all residential real estate; a tax rate of point two five one cents (\$0.2510) on all commercial real estate and a tax rate of point two three seven (\$0.2370) on all personal property assessed valuation as shown on the assessment books of the County Clerk would create revenue consistent with last year’s tax revenue and be consistent with their intentions to keep tax revenue steady in the City. Questions and comments were heard and discussed regarding the excellent quality of City services, including trash and single stream recycling for all residents, and low taxes relative to neighboring cities. The public hearing was then closed.

ORDINANCE NUMBER 868 AN ORDINANCE SETTING THE 2018 TAX RATES FOR REAL ESTATE, COMMERCIAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES IN THE CITY OF OAKLAND Alderman Godsy moved for the first and second reading and subsequent passage of Ordinance 868, Alderman Steuby seconded the motion, a quorum was confirmed and the ordinance was read by the City Attorney. There was no further discussion and a quorum was confirmed and the City Attorney read the ordinance a second time. The ordinance passed 3-0.

REVIEW OF TREASURER'S REPORT AND APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER EXPENSES The September expenses were reviewed along with financial statements for the month, noting that the payroll had been reviewed and approved by the Treasurer. The Board voted 3-0 in favor of approving the voucher, and authorized the City Administrator and Mayor to sign the checks.

CITIZEN COMMENTS The Board heard from Westborough Country Club about improvements internal to their property. Mosquitoes and other property maintenance issues were discussed with residents.

The Board heard from Grant Stecher from Wind Engineering regarding the timeline for completion of the Argonne Sidewalk project, and addressed citizen questions about the project. Mr. Stecher explained the timeline for completion of asphalt. The merits of seed/straw vs. sod were discussed and the Board authorized seed/straw with a warranty. Replacement of ivy, and other landscape issues, were discussed with residents and the City landscaper. The Board also expressed interest in the addition of another street light at a cost not to exceed \$6300 with the actual price to be approved as a change order by Alderman Hensley. The Board authorized the repair of a footprint with epoxy. The remaining punch list items were discussed.

UPDATES FROM CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER The Board heard about code enforcement issues and landscape updates in the City.

SPECIAL DISCUSSION

- 1) Argonne sidewalk issues had been previously addressed.
- 2) The Board was updated on work toward a new police and fire contract with Kirkwood. The City Attorneys are working on a final agreement which will be presented to both Boards.
- 3) The City Picnic will be September 29 and the Board authorized a temporary liquor license for the sale of alcohol to benefit Backstoppers.
- 4) The Board heard an update on the fire damaged property in the City.
- 5) The Board reviewed the punch list update for Minturn Park.
- 6) The Board set the date for the annual Boards and Commissions dinner for December 6.
- 7) The Board was reminded of the procedures for election filings which open December 11.
- 8) The City Administrator updated the Board on the annual audit.

Alderman Godsy had nothing further.

Alderman Steuby noted the need for granite repairs in Backstoppers Park.

Alderwoman Lueker had nothing further.

Mayor Stewart noted complaints about Black Creek's mowing work and the need to rebid the contract for 2019. The need to relocate the flag pole away from the trees in Loewnau Park was also discussed and options will be evaluated.

A move to enter into closed session pursuant to RSMO 610.021(1) and (3) to discuss legal and personnel matters was made by Alderwoman Lueker, seconded by Alderman Godsy and carried 3-0 by a roll call vote of: Alderman Godsy-yes, Alderman Steuby-yes, Alderwoman Lueker-yes.

These minutes accepted as submitted this 15th day of October 2018.

Deborah LeMoine, City Administrator/Clerk