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Minutes

REGULAR BOARD OF ALDERMAN MEETING

Woodson Terrace City Hall
Thursday, May 17, 2018

CALL TO ORDER

A meeting of the Board of Alderman of the City of Woodson Terrace was held on Thursday, May 17, 2018 at City Hall, 4323 Woodson Road. President of the Board, Alderman Greg Mills presided and called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Alderman Mills led the Pledge of Allegiance

ROLL CALL

Aldermen Present

Aldermen Absent

Donna Conlon
Nick Goodall
Ronald Hogan
Caroline Martin
Gregory Mills
Robert Welby
Joan Willey
Maryanne Zaiz

Following roll call, City Clerk Ellie Crane reported a quorum was present. Also present were: Mayor Lawrence Besmer City Administrator Doug Zaiz, Chief Butch Mayberry City Collector Kyla Hill, Administrative Assistant John Conlon and members of the general public.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES –

Mayor Besmer asked for a motion to approve the minutes April 19, 2018. Alderman Mills made the motion, seconded by Alderman Goodall. The motion carried 8-0.

Donna Conlon Aye
Nick Goodall Aye
Ronald Hogan Aye
Caroline Martin Aye
Gregory Mills Aye
Robert Welby Aye
Joan Willey Aye
Maryanne Zaiz Aye

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Mayor Besmer asked for a motion to approve the payment of bills. Alderman Zaiz made the motion, seconded by Alderman Conlon.

- Donna Conlon Aye
- Nick Goodall Aye
- Ronald Hogan Aye
- Caroline Martin Aye
- Gregory Mills Aye
- Robert Welby Aye
- Joan Willey Aye
- Maryanne Zaiz Aye

OPEN FORUM FOR CITIZENS

Mayor Besmer recongnized Gene Norber of Economic Development Resources and gave him the floor. Mr. Norber presented an overview of a partial site plan that the City and OHM have been working on. The conceptual plans depicted a 4-acre site with phase 1 containing a 4 story, 90 room Fairfield Inn. Phase 2 is an unbranded as of this time 5 story, 105 room hotel and a 108 seat public restaurant. Alderman Hogan asked about parking. Mr. Norber explained there will be more than 350 spots over the 4 acres, which is more than required. Alderman Conlon asked about the proximaty to residences. Mr. Norber explained the city has already ordered and completed a traffic study regarding the residential areas, and that the site only partially backs to residences and the residences it does back to have deep yards. City Attorney Frank Vatterott reiterated this is still conceptual, and there could be some zoning changes. He advised the Mayor to call a straw vote of the board to see if the city should procede. Alderman Goodall made the motion, seconded by Alderman Mills.

- Donna Conlon Aye
- Nick Goodall Aye
- Ronald Hogan Aye
- Caroline Martin Aye
- Gregory Mills Aye
- Robert Welby Aye
- Joan Willey Aye
- Maryanne Zaiz Aye

At this time, Angela Odlum from Arstrong Teasdale, who is representing Hemal Patel and OHM, was recognized and she stated they would be back in July with a final site plan. With no further questions for Mr. Norber, Mr. Patel or Ms. Odlum, they exited the meeting and the Mayor opened the meeting to resident comments.

Chris Mueller (4435 Lindscott) stated there was a picnic table and umbrella in the front yard of 3926 Edmundson Road.

There were no other public comments.

REPORT OF OFFICERS

Chief of Police

Chief Mayberry addressed the board by deferring to Sgt. Kolberer. Sgt. Kolberer recommended to the board that Patrolman Kyle Gresco and Tim Mayberry be elevated to the rank of Corporal. Between them they have over 200 arrests, 13 years experience and have removed several guns and felons from the streets of Woodson Terrace. They are mentors and silent leaders that deserve recognition. Alderman Mills made a motion to elevate these 2 men to corporal, seconded by Alderman Goodall.

Donna Conlon Aye
Nick Goodall Aye
Ronald Hogan Aye
Caroline Martin Aye
Gregory Mills Aye
Robert Welby Aye
Joan Willey Aye
Maryanne Zaiz Aye

City Collector

Collectors report on file.

City Administrator

City Administrator Doug Zaiz reported the pool set up was almost complete. The ADA sidewalk project is just passed the civil engineering stage. City Engineer Vijay Bhasin is doing a great job keeping this moving along. The tax delinquent properties project is stalled in St. Louis County, Mr. Vatterott has been motivating them to no avail. We should see progress soon.

City Clerk

City Clerk Ellie Crane gave the May court total: \$10,056.50. Woodson Terrace Summer camp at John L. Brown park is also full at fifty(50) children. There is still room in Archery, past years show that archery registration takes off when school lets out for the summer.

City Attorney

City Attorney Frank Vatterott explained there are lobbyists working on Sunshine Law vs Court issues. Also, there is legislation for municipal elections with only one candidate to be omitted. Right now this is in place for Districts (school, fire, etc). He also revisited the public speaking time limitations. This would prevent someone from going over, but also protecting their right to free speech by giving them a certain amount of time up front.

Alderman Comments

Alderman Welby asked about short term rentals, such as Air B&B. Mr. Vatterott said several cities are fighting this as it would be considered a home based business. Alderman Welby also asked about speed bumps in certain areas. The fire department doesn't allow those as it obstructs and damages the trucks. Alderman Conlon has had complaints regarding a home at the NE corner of Calvert and Harold. There is a basketball goal, tall grass, and the house isn't secure. People have also complained about motorcycles revving after 10pm. These bikes come from Muriel.

Mayor's comments

Mayor Besmer shared that the presentation Mr. Norber gave is just one of the projects that the city is working on. The owner of the Econolodge is in talks to rebuild that area, as well.

Public Works

Alderman Zaiz reported Public Works got the new mower. Its an asset to the department. It has more features and is a better design than the last mower. The computer/phone systems are almost back to normal. Once the fax line is fixed the office will be running smoothly. The Community Center parking lot is moving along on schedule.

Missouri Municipal League

John Conlon attended the Missouri Municipal League meeting.

Parks & Special Projects

Alderman Willey said they are trying to set up classes for evening sessions at the new Community Center. They are looking for instructors. The concert in the park is Saturday. The Parks committee is getting ready for Beautification awards. They are considering giving away flowers. Their next meeting is June.

Alderman Conlon reported that Seniors had 41 people. John Sullivan from St. Louis County Planning was the guest speaker, and they had boxed lunches from Homestyle Catering.

Craft Club is meeting first and third Tuesdays.

Veterans Committee

Alderman Martin told the board that the Memorial Day Service will be on Monday, May 28, 2018 at 9:30am. They have been working on a memory book for servicemembers families. On October 4th, their meeting will take place at the Veteran's home while having their annual BBQ. They feed over 300 staff and residents yearly at this event. Ms. Martin also asked Doug about chairs for this event, and Mr. Zaiz said Public Works was aware.

With nothing further, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55pm

City Clerk