



City of
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Missouri

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A meeting of the Board of Alderman of the City of Woodson Terrace took place on Thursday, January 16, 2020, at City Hall, 4323 Woodson Road. Mayor Besmer presided and called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Mayor Besmer led the Pledge of Allegiance

<u>Alderman Present</u>	<u>Not Present</u>
Donna Conlon	Caroline Martin
Nicholas Goodall	
Ronald Hogan	
Gregory Mills	
Robert Welby	
Joan Willey	
Mary Anne Zaiz	

Following roll call, City Clerk Ellie Crane reported a quorum was present. Also present were City Administrator Doug Zaiz, Captain Halstead, and members of the public.

Mayor Besmer asked for a motion to approve the minutes from December 19, 2019. Alderman Goodall made the motion, seconded by Alderman Mills.

Donna Conlon	Aye
Nicholas Goodall	Aye
Ronald Hogan	Aye
Gregory Mills	Aye
Robert Welby	Aye
Joan Willey	Aye
Mary Anne Zaiz	Aye

Mayor Besmer asked for a motion to approve payment of the bills.

Alderman Zaiz made the motion, seconded by Alderman Goodall.

Donna Conlon	Aye
Nicholas Goodall	Aye
Ronald Hogan	Aye
Gregory Mills	Aye
Robert Welby	Aye
Joan Willey	Aye
Mary Anne Zaiz	Aye

There were no public comments.

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF MINUTES –

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Open Forum for Residents



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**REPORT OF
OFFICERS
Chief of Police**

No Report

Collectors Report

Kyla Hill read the Collectors report. It is on file at City Hall.

City Administrator

City Administrator Doug Zaiz shared that St. Louis County has inspected the park and the City has received some reimbursement for the new playground equipment through the park grant. Former long – time Alderman Bob Blatt’s family donated funds to a bench in his honor. That bench is overlooking the playground, and we are awaiting plaques commemorating his service.

There is significantly more lighting in the park, with an additional 100 parking spaces. The old tennis court has been fenced in for additional overflow parking, or securing heavy equipment if needed.

The City’s computer infrastructure upgrade is almost completely finished.

City Attorney Frank Vatterott asked about the signs from recently passed ordinances 1978 and 1979, regarding prohibited parking along certain streets. Mr. Zaiz reported they are close to ordering the signs, but the signs must be compliant with Missouri Uniform Traffic Standards. There is also some illegal asphalt along these areas that must be removed before they can place the signs.

Alderman Welby inquired about an ordinance prohibiting clothing donation boxes. They are not tended to in a timely fashion, often with contents spilling out or being pulled out. There is one right now on Woodson Road that sustained damage from a car accident and left to rot.

Mr. Zaiz has sample ordinances from neighboring cities about this, and the city is very interested in taking on this project. Mr. Vatterott will contact him regarding this.

City Clerk

City Clerk Ellie Crane shared the Court total for January was \$5,926.50. She is also working on a newsletter to be distributed the last half of February.

City Attorney

City Attorney Frank Vatterott stated the City and OHM group are very close on an agreement on the latest round of development on Natural Bridge. If all goes as planned, there will be a special board meeting Thursday, January 23 regarding these developments.



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He also shared that Charter Communications is trying to reduce Franchise fees through legal actions. The state of Missouri administers these fees so there is not a lot the City can do but watch and wait.

Alderman Comments

Alderman Mills asked for some follow up on the situation on Gedde. Captain Halstead said they are trying to diffuse the situation to make all neighbors involved comfortable.

Alderman Hogan asked to remind residents in the newsletter that trash carts must be placed behind the building line, and would like the City to start ticketing these housing code offenses.

Alderman Willey asked to report to code enforcement that there is debris, including mattresses, at the abandoned shopping center.

Alderman Welby would like to know the possibility of prohibiting firearms in the park. Mr. Vatterott will look into this as Missouri is an open carry state.

Mr. Vatterott also mentioned he is researching a new no smoking/vaping policy for the pool area at the Boards request.

**REPORT OF
COMMITTEES
Public Works**

Alderman Maryanne Zaiz shared that all Public Works projects have been completed. The Bio-retention pond has been adjusted so it drains property. The Public Works department did a great job during the recent snow and ice storms.

Budget, Job and Wage

No meeting

Planning and Zoning

No meeting

**Parks and Special
Projects**

Alderman Willey announced the Holiday Light decoration winners. The first concert has been scheduled for June 14, from 4-7pm with the band Trilogy playing.

Alderman Conlon reported that the Craft club is still gaining new members and had one new member donate a large amount of craft supplies. They meet first and third Tuesdays, and everyone is welcome.

She also shared that the Senior group is growing, as well. They had 4 new members this month. The speaker cancelled so they had extra game time and lunch from Subway. The group meets on the second Thursday of the month, and reservations must be made with City Hall by the Monday before the meeting so an accurate lunch count can be made.

Veteran's Committee

Mayor Besmer reported that The Veterans Committee is planning their trivia night for March 28th. This will be an all day event with Suits for Soldiers stopping by, and a presentation from Paul Clever on his Maximum Recovery efforts in South East Asia.



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With nothing further, Mayor Besmer adjourned the meeting at 7:45 pm.

Ellie Crane City Clerk

Nick Goodall President of the Board