



City of
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Missouri

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CALL TO ORDER

A meeting of the Board of Alderman of the City of Woodson Terrace took place on Thursday, April 21, 2022 in the Board Chambers. Notice of the meeting was placed on the bulletin board, website, and social media.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Besmer presided and called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Mayor Besmer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

<u>Alderman Present</u>	<u>Not Present</u>
Donna Conlon	
Ronald Hogan	
Caroline Martin	
Bob McCabe	
Greg Mills	
Bob Welby	
Joan Willey	
Maryanne Zaiz	

Following roll call, City Clerk Ellie Crane reported a quorum was present. Also present were City Administrator Doug Zaiz, Police Chief Randy Halstead, and City Collector Kyla Hill.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES –

Mayor Besmer asked for a motion to approve the minutes from April 21, 2022.

Alderman Mills made the motion, seconded by Alderman Welby.

Donna Conlon	Aye
Ronald Hogan	Aye
Caroline Martin	Aye
Greg Mills	Aye
Bob Welby	Aye
Joan Willey	Aye
Maryanne Zaiz	Aye

PAYMENT OF BILLS

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

Alderman Mills made the motion, seconded by Alderman Conlon.

Donna Conlon	Aye
Ronald Hogan	Aye
Caroline Martin	Aye
Robert McCabe	Aye
Greg Mills	Aye
Bob Welby	Aye
Joan Willey	Aye
Maryanne Zaiz	Aye



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**OPEN FORUM FOR
RESIDENTS**

Resident Marilyn Flatley (9346 Guthrie) would like to have the Dollar General lot lit up at night, and the trash enclosure fixed.
She wondered about the Marquee sign being fixed.
She was very sad that no one flew the half staff flag for Jim Brunner.
Perhaps the city could pause messages on the marquee for longer so people can see them.
The carwash grass was allowed to grow 12 or more inches.
She feels if we had business here, the town would support it.

Mayor Besmer explained the dangerous building process, and that we have withheld the business license of Dollar General in the past for cleanliness. An out of town entity has purchased that strip, and we are trying to track them down.

Mayor Besmer also stated he was at the recent Airport expansion meeting and told them how routing traffic hurt the City, and how they want to fix it.

Alderman Willey and Alderman Mills both told Ms. Flatley that they appreciated her comments, and that the City is working hard to rectify these issues.

Resident Kate Bucholz (4113 Beauty Lane) said her neighbors do not sweep up after mowing and leave grass in the street and on the driveways. Additionally, the garbage and recycle cans are left out for days on end. Also, if we spray for mosquitos, please don't. It harms the bees.

Doug Zaiz said call code when you see it, so we can get pictures. Also, we use a bee safe mosquito fogger.

Chief Halstead reported that 2 officers have left and 2 have been hired.
To replace command staff that left, he would like to promote George Forir to Sergeant and Dan Brown to Corporal. Mayor Besmer asked for a motion for this. Alderman Hogan made the motion, seconded by Alderman Mills.

Donna Conlon Aye
Ronald Hogan Aye
Caroline Martin Aye
Robert McCabe Aye
Greg Mills Aye
Bob Welby Aye
Joan Willey Aye
Maryanne Zaiz Aye

Motion passes.

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

**REPORT OF
OFFICERS
Chief of Police**

City Collector



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City Administrator

City Administrator Doug Zaiz shared that Tillio Balassi said Erio's would not be back. It was a combination of Covid, state of the building, and not being able to find workers.

Our attorney has been meeting with OHM's attorney to discuss securing material and workers. They had done some work but it seems like it has stalled. Mr. Zaiz also mentioned that our City Attorney, Ed Sluys, has some contacts in General Code that could help us straighten stuff out.

Additionally, Court will start having a short in person session for people without technology.

In respect to the flag for Officer Bruner, the law is it must come from the president, the governor or the Mayor. As soon as the Mayor was told, the flag was lowered.

He has been trying to reach the owners of the south strip mall to talk about the lighting. It has been a problem for a while.

The owner of the car wash abandoned it. By law, we have to give several weeks notice before we mow. We did end up mowing it and it is now on the rotation.

City Clerk Ellie Crane reported the court total of \$2086.00 for the month of May. She also stated Summer Camp is full, and that the City is offering Archery Camp this summer. We hope to start the Children's parties back up in October.

City Clerk/Court Clerk

Mayors Comments

Mayor Besmer stated that the City has been working really hard on Economic Development the past few years. Big stores say we don't have enough traffic, and that tunnel would give us the traffic.

Mayor Besmer stated that the City Attorney and Prosecutor looked over the code, and the City can ticket those trucks parked overnight. They're also not allowed to run all night.

Alderman Comments

Alderman Willey shared that although the strip centers are bad, the city has plenty of businesses. Aerospace is full, the office buildings are full, and the area by Subway looks nice.

COMMITTEES

Public Works

Alderman Zaiz shared that the City is looking at plaques for the new trees and the water bags are working well.

The City will be replacing the chipper motor after this season. Additionally, the pool and park are both ready to go for the Summer.

Alderman Willey said the park looked really nice and she took some photos to show around of how good the guys made it look.

Budget Job and Wage

Alderman Hogan stated that the Committee met on May 12. All departments deserve a raise, but some departments had been receiving increases steadily while clerical did not.

Department heads will have the budgets ready for next month.



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**Planning and
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**Economic
Development**

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**Parks and Special
Projects**

Alderman Willey announced the Beautification winners.
Alderman Conlon said the seniors and crafts are not meeting at this time.

**Veteran's
Committee**

Alderman Martin shared that the Memorial Day Ceremony will be held at 9:30am on Memorial Day.

Adjourn

Mayor Besmer stated that he allowed discussion and back and forth tonight to show transparency, but typically, this is not allowed in the meetings. Residents make their comments and that is all.

With nothing further, the meeting adjourned at 8pm.

City Clerk

President of the Board