



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, March 16 ,2023 in the Board Chambers. Notice of the meeting was placed on the bulletin board, website, and social media.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Board President Ronald Hogan presided and called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Alderman Hogan led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

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

Following roll call, City Clerk Ellie Crane reported a quorum was present. Also present City Administrator Doug Zaiz, Chief Dominic Orlando, City Attorney Ed Sluys, and City Collector Kyla Hill.

Mayor Besmer asked for a motion to approve the minutes from February 16, 2023.

Alderman Zaiz made the motion, seconded by Alderman Martin.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES –

Donna Conlon	AYE
Ron Hogan	AYE
Caroline Martin	AYE
Bob McCabe	AYE
Bob Welby	AYE
Joan Willey	AYE
Maryanne Zaiz	AYE

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

PAYMENT OF BILLS

Alderman Zaiz made the motion, seconded by Alderman Welby.

Donna Conlon	AYE
Ron Hogan	AYE
Caroline Martin	AYE
Bob McCabe	AYE
Bob Welby	AYE
Joan Willey	AYE
Maryanne Zaiz	AYE

OPEN FORUM FOR RESIDENTS

No residents came forward to speak.



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**REPORT OF
OFFICERS
Chief of Police**

Chief Orlando stated the department is down three officers, and has one going through background check currently. The Department did go to the Budget Committee for cars but Mr. Hogan will talk more about that.

Collector

City Collector Kyla Hill read the Collector's report into the record. It is on file at City Hall.

City Administrator

City Administrator Doug Zaiz gave his time to the Alderman for questions.

**City Clerk/Court
Clerk**

City Clerk Ellie Crane gave the court total of \$3,790.00. She also mentioned they were getting ready for the Easter Egg hunt on April 1. They would like to get a newsletter going again but we have to find a new delivery company.

City Attorney

City Attorney Ed Sluys reported that SAPA- The Second Amendment Preservation Act has been appealed to the Missouri Supreme Court.

**Alderman
Comments**

Waste Connections addressed the Board. Due to rising costs and inflation, they would like to redo the contract, adding 5% increases instead of 3% each year, as well as a \$2.00 increase now, above the 3% that goes into effect in April.

Alderman Willey clarified that the raise that Waste Connections wants is actually \$2.46, \$2.00 above what is contracted. She really feels the residents need to have a chance to give input. With all the issues that we've been having the entire time they've been our contractor, she is really reluctant to give them an extension.

Ben Tucker with Waste Connections said they are asking for it because they need it. They are losing money and trying to build a better company. He states they're tearing down and ending contracts in order to make the customers they are retaining get better service.

Mayor Besmer stated that we could give them a year to implement and end the relationship if things don't improve.

Alderman Willey strongly feels that we need to have a Town Hall meeting for the residents to register their thoughts.

Alderman Hogan made a motion to table the discussion until next month. Alderman Martin seconded.

Alderman Willey asked about the Stop Work orders being removed from the north strip center. Ellie Crane explained that the Zoning letter provided by the City for interior updates did not include the Commercial inspection. St. Louis County has moved all permitting to an online portal, and no one is quite sure what they wanted to see on the letters until she called and get the guidelines.

Mayor Comments



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Budget Job and Wage

Alderman Hogan stated that the Finance Committee met a week prior on March 9th. The Police Department is requesting a total of \$67, 464.77, to purchase 2 used vehicles from Mo Highway Patrol. The higher cost vehicle, 2020 silver Interceptor at \$29,700, will come from Prop P funds. The 2020 gray Charger, as \$23,000, will come from General Fund.

They will use as much equipment as possible, and buy what is needed. They will in turn attempt to sell the unused equipment to smaller or rural departments. They will also attempt to recoup some funds selling the old uniform shirts.

Alderman Hogan made a motion to spend up to \$67, 464.77 on 2 new (used) police vehicles. Alderman Martin seconded.

- Donna Conlon AYE
- Ron Hogan AYE
- Caroline Martin AYE
- Bob McCabe AYE
- Bob Welby AYE
- Joan Willey AYE
- Maryanne Zaiz AYE

They are also exploring the possibility of restarting the K9 program. Officer Kyle Gregg has raised over \$15,000 towards a new dog, training and equipment. They are actually bringing the dogs to City Hall to meet the Mayor soon.

Parks and Special Projects

Alderman Willey stated the Beautification awards will be starting up. The Parks committee is also in discussions on the baseball fields. They are in need of repair or rebuilding. Maybe a change into soccer fields.

Veteran’s Committee

Caroline Martin shared that the committee will be meeting for the first time since Covid.

Donna Conlon stated that they have placed senior resource guides at the table in the lobby.

Legislation

BILL 2194
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE III “TRAFFIC CODE”, OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF WOODSON TERRACE, MISSOURI, PERTAINING TO THE PARKING AND STORAGE OF TRAILERS.



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Maryanne Zaiz	AYE	Maryanne Zaiz	AYE

With nothing further, meeting adjourned at 7:50pm.

Adjourn

Ellie Crane/City Clerk

Ron Hogan/President of the Board