



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, July 20, 2023 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 7:00 pm.

Mayor Besmer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

<u>Alderman Present</u>	<u>Not Present</u>
Donna Conlon	
Ron 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 City Administrator Doug Zaiz, Chief Dominic Orlando, and members of the general public.

Mayor Besmer asked for a motion to approve the minutes from June 15, 2023.

Alderman Mills made the motion, seconded by Alderman Welby.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES –

Donna Conlon	AYE
Ron Hogan	AYE
Caroline Martin	AYE
Bob McCabe	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 Zaiz.

Donna Conlon	AYE
Ron Hogan	AYE
Caroline Martin	AYE
Bob McCabe	AYE
Greg Mills	AYE
Bob Welby	AYE
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**OPEN FORUM FOR
RESIDENTS**

Resident Amanda Carrasco(3731 Edmundson) would like more police patrols. She feels that cars speed through, and run the stop sign. She has trouble crossing the street to meet the bus because of this. Several cars and even homes have been hit in this area by out of control, speeding cars. She would like to explore speed bumps.

Mayor Besmer stated that the fire department will not allow us to use speed bumps because it damages their trucks. An example – St Louis City does have them, but that is several departments of one entity. Community Fire is its own, and it takes no orders from us.

Chief Orlando said the police are trying, but if they get calls they have to respond. There isn't a lot of time to run radar assignments right now.

Alderman Welby asked about the speed sign. Chief Orlando said it needs to be recalibrated.

Alderman Zaiz asked about bus stop traffic enforcement. Chief stated that there are too many bus stops, but they will park near the church on Edmundson where the children cross. Getting a license plate isn't enough, they can run that but with out witnessing it themselves they can't issue on it.

Resident Kat Wheeling (3801 Keats) offered to hand out flyers for Neighborhood Watch next Thursday. Mayor Besmer stated this was unnecessary, as the meeting had been cancelled. The Committee has a Board chair and at least 2 members of the Police department. There is no need for volunteers. The City and PD are brainstorming ideas to make this a more viable committee.

**REPORT OF
OFFICERS**

Chief of Police

Chief Orlando gave an update on our Recruit, Dominic Genovese, at the St. Louis County Municipal Police Academy. Dominic has passed all physical and written tests so far. He also shared that the candidate for Patrolman from Florida is nearly licensed in MO, and is still a good candidate.

The Department is looking at 2 grants. One is from Motorola to update their radios. The other is a state grant for in-car camera systems. Detective Anton is working on these.

He also stated that the Department along with St. Ann and other surrounding municipalities have banded together to form an Interdiction task force. These groups will go out in the overnight hours to prevent car break ins, thefts, and drug crimes, while hopefully getting some drugs and guns off the street.

Collector

City Collector Kyla Hill was at a conference, so City Clerk Ellie Crane entered the Collectors report into the record. Report is on file at City Hall.



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City Administrator

City Administrator Doug Zaiz shared that he would be putting a letter in Public Works files, as well as Patrolman Haller and Schaffer for the work they did during the recent storms. Those guys worked in high winds and whipping rain and all did a fantastic job.

Alderman Martin said she witnessed Public Works working in the heat.

City Clerk/Court Clerk

City Clerk Ellie Crane gave the court total of \$7,149.50.

Alderman Comments

Alderman Welby asked why Public Works were driving the Lawn Mowers on the streets. Doug Zaiz responded that the trailer was broken, but it has been fixed and they will be using the trailer.

Mayor Comments

Mayor Besmer had no comments.

Public Works

Alderman Zaiz shared the following:

Public Works has done a major portion of the storm clean up.

The chipper has run with out a hitch, and they have taken 26 loads of debris to the dump. They will continue until July 28th.

Camp and Pool seasons are winding down.

We are moving forward with the crack sealing bids.

We attempted to contact Woodson Retail LLC, but they are not responding.

The City is working with Problem Properties to condemn the Economy Hotel (former OYO) there was an electrical fire from a short in an AC Unit.

Budget Job and Wage

Alderman Mills shared the following:

Public Works and Code Enforcement are requesting up to \$6,800.00 to obtain CloudPermit software/hardware. The Finance Committee recommends this.

He requested a motion to move forward. Alderman Zaiz made the motion, seconded by Alderman Hogan.

Donna Conlon AYE

Ron Hogan AYE

Caroline Martin AYE

Bob McCabe AYE

Greg Mills AYE

Bob Welby AYE

Joan Willey AYE

Maryanne Zaiz AYE

Motion passes.

Parks and Special Projects

Alderman Willey announced the Beautification awards for the month.

She also stated that the City would be starting a food drive for Ritenour Co-Care Food Pantry. Details will follow.



Veteran's Committee

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Caroline Martin shared that the VFW in the City has been doing fundraising and they appreciate all the support.

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

Ellie Crane
City Clerk

Gregory Mills
President of the Board