



City of  
**Woodson Terrace**  
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, February 15, 2024 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>Aldermen Present</u>	<u>Not Present</u>
Isaac Erpenbach	Donna Conlon
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 City Collector Sarah Piel.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES –**

Mayor Besmer asked for a motion to approve the minutes from January 18, 2024.

Alderman Mills made the motion, seconded by Alderman Erpenbach.

Isaac Erpenbach	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 Erpenbach made the motion, seconded by Alderman Martin.

Isaac Erpenbach	AYE
Caroline Martin	AYE
Bob McCabe	AYE
Greg Mills	AYE
Bob Welby	AYE
Joan Willey	AYE
Maryanne Zaiz	AYE

**OPEN FORUM FOR RESIDENTS**

There were no resident comments.



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**REPORT OF  
OFFICERS  
Chief of Police**

Chief Orlando stated that the department is at Full Staff for the first time in a long time. He shared they are still waiting to hear back from Red Cross on designated a shelter in the City Limits.

The Flock cameras voted on a few months ago are currently being installed. Chief also shared some stats on K9 Diesel. Diesel has been deployed 22 times in the past 6 months, resulting in 12 peaceful surrenders and 13 drug arrests. Other departments including Mo Highway Patrol and St. Charles County have requested his assistance.

The department has made strides in the accreditation process, and is currently at the mock assessment stage.

The taskforce is continuing to meet twice a month.

The Neighborhood watch is starting back up, and they will meet Feb 29 at 6pm.

**Collector**

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

**City Administrator**

City Administrator Doug Zaiz stated that the Election Board has moved the polling place at the Town Hall to the large room at the Community Center.

The wooden Welcome sign is almost ready for replacement. This will be at Woodson and Natural Bridge.

**City Clerk/Court  
Clerk**

City Clerk Ellie Crane had no court total to report. Court has been working shorthanded and it just was not finished.

She did share that the Community Programs Easter Party will be March 16 at 10am. City Staff volunteers their time for these events.

**Alderman  
Comments**

Alderman Willey asked about broken windows at the strip mall. The City can board up and charge the company; however, the company is hard to pin down. The LLC's are hard to navigate.

We are also working with the owner of the car wash, and just had a meeting regarding that.

**Report of  
Committees**

Alderman Zaiz stated that the city will be filling pot holes in the upcoming weeks. Roof repairs for several buildings will begin after 2/19.

The City also removed the concrete retaining wall in the small park, and seeded the area.

**Public Works**

**Finance Committee**

Alderman Mills shared that the Finance Committee met on February 8<sup>th</sup>. The committee recommends the following items :

The police department is requesting \$5,660+ \$350.00 S&H for the Drug Terminator. This is a burn barrel that can be used for street drugs and other evidence. It can be used on the back parking lot with no harm to the area around. It filters the smoke so it does not escape into the atmosphere.

Other Citys have expressed interest in paying us to destroy their evidence for them.



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**Finance Committee**

This will offset some of the cost.  
This will be paid from the DEA funds.

Alderman Mills made a motion to make a one time expenditure from DEA for \$6,010 dollars to purchase the Drug Terminator.

Alderman Erpenbach seconded.

- Isaac Erpenbach      AYE
- Caroline Martin      AYE
- Bob McCabe      AYE
- Greg Mills      AYE
- Bob Welby      AYE
- Joan Willey      AYE
- Maryanne Zaiz      AYE

Motion passes.

Alderman Mills also shared that the police are requesting \$8200 from the equipment budget to install IRIS media capture a and service from Rejis. This is a regional mugshot system that allows officers to see and share mugshots with other participating departments. This eliminates people being let go due to false names and claims of no ID.

Alderman Mills asked for a motion to spend \$8,200 one time, from the Police equipment budget, then \$2,300 yearly for maintenance. Alderman Erpenbach made the motion, seconded by Alderman Zaiz.

- Isaac Erpenbach      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 stated that the Senior Group is averaging about 25 people a month. The craft club has started back up. The committee will be meeting Thursday 2/22.

Mayor Besmer stated there is still changes to be made to the ordinance on the agenda, so that will be addressed next month.

With nothing further, meeting adjourned at 7:27pm

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Ellie Crane –City Clerk

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Greg Mills- President of the Board