

MONDAY, MAY 6, 2019 – 7:30 P.M.
BOARD OF ALDERMEN
MINUTES

MAYOR RICHARD MAGEE
ALDERMAN PAUL ROETTGER ALDERMAN AARON NAUMAN
ALDERMAN TOM SCHOEMEHL ALDERMAN BERRY LANE
ALDERMAN MIKE BAUGUS ALDERMAN JOHN SCHUSTER

CITY ATTORNEY, JIM HETLAGE
CITY ADMINISTRATOR, BEN DECLUE
DEPUTY CITY CLERK, JOANNE CARR

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Mayor Magee

ROLL CALL

Present: Alderman Roettger, Alderman Schoemehl, Alderman Lane,
Alderman Schuster, Alderman Baugus, Alderman Nauman

Absent: None

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM APRIL 15, 2019 MEETING

Mayor Magee asked if there were any changes or corrections to the Board minutes from April 15, 2019. Alderman Baugus moved approval of the minutes as submitted. Alderman Schoemehl seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

The agenda was amended to add the swearing in of the new fire fighter.

Alderman Roettger motioned to amend the agenda to include the swearing in of a new firefighter following the swearing in of the Aldermen. Alderman Baugus seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Terri Coburn, 818 Victoria Place

Ms. Coburn introduced herself, and noted that she loved the Glendale community, and stated that at this time, there was an opportunity for the new mayor and board to create a more collaborative relationship with the union firefighters. Ms. Coburn gave a letter to the Mayor regarding employee morale and negotiation with firefighters.

Mayor Magee thanked Ms. Coburn for the letter.

Ken Truemper, 1153 Glenway Drive

Mr. Truemper asked questions related to union firefighter negotiations including how to receive information regarding legal fees for union negotiations. Mr. Truemper also asked about legal fees for the City Attorney. It was noted that there was no retainer fee for the City Attorney, and that the attorney was paid an hourly rate for services rendered.

Mr. DeClue stated that the information would be made available to Mr. Truemper this week.

Mayor Magee stated he would also speak with Mr. Truemper this week.

RESOLUTIONS

R11-19 A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF GLENDALE, COUNTY OF ST. LOUIS, STATE OF MISSOURI, ACCEPTING THE ABSTRACT OF THE ANNUAL CITY ELECTION HELD ON THE 2nd DAY OF APRIL, 2019, AS RETURNED TO THE CITY BY THE BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS OF ST. LOUIS COUNTY

Mayor Magee moved approval of the reading of Resolution R11-19, with reading by caption only. Alderman Nauman seconded the motion.

Mr. DeClue read the resolution by caption only.

The City election for Mayor, Alderman for Ward I, Alderman for Ward II, and Alderman for Ward III was held on April 2, 2019. The results of this election have been certified in accordance with Section 115.507 of the Missouri Revised Statutes. This certification has produced the following election results:

MAYOR

Mike Wilcox – 750 votes

ALDERMAN- WARD I

Paul Roettger – 223 votes

ALDERMAN- WARD II

Michael J. Baugus – 251 votes

ALDERMAN- WARD III

John Schuster – 258 votes

There being no discussion or questions, Mayor Magee called for a vote on the motion to approve Resolution R11-19. The motion was unanimously approved.

Mayor Magee wished the newly elected officials all the best during the upcoming term.

ADJOURNMENT SINE DIE AND SWEARING IN OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN

Alderman Nauman moved to adjourn the meeting sine die, seconded by Alderman Schoemehl. The motion was unanimously approved.

SWEARING IN OF ALDERMEN

Mr. DeClue administered the oath of office to Mayor Wilcox, Alderman Roettger, Alderman Baugus, and Alderman Schuster, all of whom were re-elected in the general municipal election held on Tuesday, April 2, 2019

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Mayor Wilcox called the meeting to order at 7:56 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Alderman Roettger, Alderman Schoemehl, Alderman Baugus, Alderman Nauman, Alderman Lane, Alderman Schuster

Absent: None

Mr. DeClue administered the swearing in of Justin Hidritch, Firefighter/Paramedic.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN

Mayor Wilcox extended thanks to Alderman Lane for serving as Acting President of the Board of Aldermen for the past year and recommended Alderman Schuster be appointed Acting President for the upcoming year.

Alderman Baugus moved to appoint Alderman Schuster as Acting President of the Board of Aldermen. Alderman Nauman seconded the motion.

ANNUAL APPOINTMENT OF CITY OFFICIALS

Mr. DeClue reported that in accordance with the Municipal Code, certain city officials must be appointed annually at the first Board of Aldermen meeting in May when newly elected officials are sworn into office. These appointed officials include City Attorney, Prosecuting Attorney, City Treasurer, City Engineer, and City Clerk. All incumbents are recommended for reappointment.

Alderman Baugus moved approval of motion with reading by caption only. Alderman Lane seconded the motion.

James Hetlage City Attorney
Ed McSweeney City Prosecutor

Gaylord Risley City Treasurer
Tom Weis City Engineer
Ben DeClue City Clerk

There being no further discussion or questions, Mayor Wilcox asked for a motion. Alderman Lane moved to reappoint the above individuals to their respective offices for the upcoming year. Alderman Schoemehl seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

ORDINANCES REQUIRING SECOND READING, AND FINAL ADOPTION

B05-19 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT FOR AUDITING SERVICES WITH FICK, EGGEMEYER & WILLIAMSON, FOR A THREE (3) YEAR PERIOD COMMENCING JULY 1, 2019

Alderman Nauman moved approval of the second reading of Ordinance B05-19, with reading by caption only. Alderman Roettger seconded the motion.

Mr. DeClue read the ordinance by caption only.

Mr. DeClue reported that as previously reported, the City solicited bids, one bid was received from the existing auditor, Figg, Eggemeyer and Williamson. Mr. DeClue noted that their contract was a 3 year contract, with a \$200 increase per year, and noted that the bid was affordable, and their service was good thus far.

Mayor Wilcox asked if there were any questions or comments regarding the ordinance. Hearing none, the ordinance was unanimously approved.

RESOLUTIONS

R12-19 A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE WEEK OF MAY 12 – 18, 2019, AS NATIONAL POLICE WEEK, AND WEDNESDAY, MAY 15, 2019, AS PEACE OFFICER’S MEMORIAL DAY

Alderman Lane moved approval of the reading of Resolution R12-19, with reading by caption only. Alderman Baugus seconded the motion.

Mr. DeClue read the resolution by caption only.

Chief Beaton stated briefly that Police Week was enacted by Congress many years ago, noting that it was a tradition within the City of Glendale that the 15th of May was always the Memorial Day honoring law enforcement officers, past and present for their dedicated service to the community.

There being no additional discussion or questions, Mayor Wilcox called for a vote which was approved unanimously.

WORK SHOP: CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM

Mr. DeClue opened the workshop noting that the Board was aware of the 5 year CI plan, and added that the department heads would give their reports, and at the next meeting, the Board would be asked to approve the program, and then begin budget discussions.

Mr. DeClue stated that the workshop would be a discussion regarding changes and/or additions.

Chief Beaton opened the workshop noting that there would be no major changes to the Police CIP, but noted that the Telephone Recording System listed in the report was new. Chief Beaton stated that with the addition of the new phone system, the department needed a new recording system.

Alderman Schoemehl asked about what conversations were allowed to be recorded.

Chief Beaton stated that because the police department was public, the department could record everything, adding that historically, conversations had been recorded. Chief Beaton added that because of the new phone system, there has only been a short period when the department did not have the capability.

Mr. Jones, Superintendent of Public Works.

Mr. Jones reported that Berry Oaks, Bismark, Belvedere, Wingfield, Flower Hill Court and Flynn Forest would be resurfaced in 2019.

Alderman Roettger asked if the resurfacing program will be complete in 5 years.

Mr. Jones stated that the plan was 8 years out.

Mr. Jones reported that the N. Berry Road sidewalk installation was slated for fall, 2019 and spring, 2020, but would be paid this year; the Trim Grant project was approved and completed this year with the culmination of tree plantings on Luther Ct.; the Public Works Complex building was nearly complete, awaiting two garage doors for final completion; the dump truck which was last replaced in 2007 would be replaced soon. Mr. Jones noted that its life expectancy was 15 to 20 years.

Mr. Jones stated that Idlewild Lane would be replaced this upcoming year, following the completion of Venneman Alley last year. Mr. Jones noted that it would be dug up and re-done similar to Venneman Alley.

Mayor Wilcox asked what was meant by 'replaced, dug up and redone'.

Mr. Jones stated that Idlewild will be taken down to its base, and re-asphalted for a full replacement.

Mr. Jones reported that the parking lot at public works needed to be resurfaced as well.

Alderman Nauman asked if the driveway approach near the Boy Scout parking area would be included in the parking lot pavement plan.

Mr. Jones stated that it all came down to the budget.

Mr. Jones reported that the E. Essex Ave. STP was expected to pass which will allow the City to partner with Kirkwood to repave and add sidewalks to the Glendale border. Mr. Jones stated that the City of Kirkwood planned to do the same all the way to Dickson.

Alderman Nauman asked what the re-application fee was paid to Weiss Engineering.

Mr. Jones stated that it was \$1,500.00

Alderman Schoemehl stated that there had been discussion about looking at repairing the easterly direction of Essex, noting that it continued to be a safety concern for the neighborhood and City. Alderman Schoemehl added that the street created a safety concern, with the pitch of road, traffic, and residents walking, adding that it remains a treacherous stretch of roadway.

Mr. Jones stated that with the return of grant money from the west Essex project, the City can plan to repair the east Essex portion with those funds which would be added back to the CIP.

Alderman Schoemehl asked if the plan would include sidewalks.

Mr. Jones stated that the City would speak with the engineer.

Mr. Johns reported that the Queen Anne project was ready to begin, noting that the bidding process was next on the agenda for MSD.

Mr. Jones reported on the possible widening of Austin Place, from Lockwood to Beverly, noting that the extension had been budgeted for a couple years. Mr. Jones stated that some parts of the street would be widened by 3' other areas not at all.

Mr. Jones stated that letters with a survey were sent to the affected residents, and following a review of the surveys, it was found that there was a 50-50 split decision from the responding residents. Mr. Jones stated that before the City moved forward, he would like a discussion and opinion from the Board.

Alderman Schoemehl asked how the police and fire feel about the matter.

Chief Beaton stated that from a public safety perspective, the wider the street the better, adding that it would be especially beneficial for the fire truck and ambulance service. Chief Beaton stated that he was in favor of widening the street, and was sure the fire department would feel the same way. Chief Beaton noted that he understood the resident's point of view as well.

Alderman Schoemehl asked about Austin parking restrictions.

Chief Beaton stated that there was ‘no parking’ on one side of the street, noting that every inch counts.

Mr. DeClue stated that residents advise that emergency vehicles could get down the road now.

Alderman Roettger commented about the change in character of the roadway.

Alderman Schoemehl asked if there would be a problem if the City made no parking available on both sides of the street.

Alderman Nauman asked if the trees were owned by the City.

Mr. Jones stated that they were on the right of way, and were mainly scrub trees, but added that one tree was a worthwhile canopy tree.

Mr. DeClue stated that the staff was unanimous with project, but noted that the department would go in a different direction if the Board preferred not to widen the street.

Alderman Nauman asked how many neighbors were concerned about the project.

Mr. Jones stated that 8 letters were received, with and even split between for and against, noting that 2 of the letters against were from a husband and wife.

Mayor Wilcox thanked Mr. Jones for his report.

Chief VanGaasbeek reported on the Fire Department CIP noting the following:

Fire Engine Replacement was the principal item, and noted that a savings fund was already in place for the next generation fire truck; the Cardiac Monitor warranties and service would expire soon; SCBA replacement would be the second on the list; the Command Vehicle (Tahoe) runs fine and not in need of a replacement; and the Rapid Response Vehicle was at the end of its life; the Reserve Pumper was in need of repair, and a \$11,000 bid had been received to date with the expectation of a few more bids; Turn Out Gear retired on a regular basis, and is budgeted each fiscal year; there is a need for Ballistic Helmets, and the purchase will be done through a group purchase; and finally, the EOC supply request is an annual request, and the same every year.

Chief VanGaasbeek reported that the dayroom was holding water during construction on the concrete pad, noting that right before the carpet was laid it was given a 95% rating which would allow the carpet adhesive to work. Currently, the moisture content has increased to 98 or 99% which was causing the carpet and tile to come up in many rooms including the bed rooms and day room etc. Chief VanGaasbeek stated that a bid for moisture mitigation has been requested to pull all the carpet, sand blast put down to the epoxy glue and re-carpet. Chief VanGaasbeek stated that there were no other problems in any other area, but added that they would test out the replacement in the day room to make sure the new system works.

Alderman Roettger asked about a guarantee for the original work.

Chief VanGaasbeek stated that they could not get a guarantee, noting that when the area was tested, the 95% rating allowed for the epoxy and carpet to be added.

Alderman Nauman asked if there had been any discussion about a guarantee.

Chief VanGaasbeek stated that there was not a contingency discussed at the time it tested at 95% and since that time, more moisture had been detected, and added that the contractor assured the department that it would work. Chief VanGaasbeek added that the readings had been taken at different times.

Alderman Nauman asked what was causing the moisture.

Chief Beaton stated that they did a mitigation process in the police department and noted that it was not cheap.

Mayor Wilcox asked if this released the department from contract responsibility.

Chief VanGaasbeek stated that it did.

Mr. Hetlage stated that there would be discussion about this issue later.

Chief Beaton stated that the moisture concerns were discussed at the meetings, and it was noted that the engine bay was mitigated properly, but not other areas.

Alderman Nauman asked how long the repairs to the pumper would extend its life.

Chief VanGaasbeek stated that it would be 5 years, maybe more.

Alderman Schoemehl asked how the sale would affect our rating.

Chief VanGaasbeek stated that the sale would increase the ISO rating, noted that the pumper rating would increase approximately a half point, and added that the ISO rating was on a 3 to 5 year schedule before new rating would be conducted.

REPORTS

Mr. DeClue

Mr. DeClue reported that the elevator was working again, noting that it was repaired before the open house. Mr. DeClue noted that the contractor's service was good, and ICS had been working along with the City to repair the elevator.

Mr. DeClue reported that meetings continued with Deb LeMoine from Oakland, furthering discussions on the park agreement. Mr. DeClue stated that they were looking at ways the cities can collaborate.

Mr. DeClue reported that he and Chief Beaton would be attending lunch tomorrow to celebrate Officers Matt Mason and Dan Phillips who were nominated for the John J. McAee award, from the Mental Health America of Eastern Missouri. for their service performed during a suicide attempt.

Chief Beaton stated that the MHA was a health organization which among other things, offered 40 hours of crisis intervention training which taught officers how to deal with mental illness. Chief Beaton stated that it was a city program which was supported by many groups. Chief Beaton stated that the officers were nominated for their performance during a suicide event which saved the life of an individual. Chief Beaton noted that it was a prestigious award, adding that the luncheon would be held at the MAC downtown St. Louis

Joanne Carr

None

Alderman Roettger

Alderman Roettger congratulated Firefighter Hidritch, adding that the Board was happy to welcome him to the department.

Alderman Schoemehl

None

Alderman Lane

Alderman Lane reported that due to the Hancock Amendment, Kirkwood would be required to roll back property tax to homeowners in the Kirkwood school district, and asked if it would affect our tax.

Mr. DeClue stated that he would check into the request and respond.

Alderman Lane welcomed Mayor Wilcox to the Board.

Alderman Nauman

Alderman Nauman thanked Peggy Magee all her service planning the National Day of Prayer.

Mayor Wilcox stated that Mrs. Wilcox looks forward to planning next year's event.

Alderman Nauman reported that he attended the First Responders' BBQ and thanked Dispatcher Kathy Sneed and Firefighter Greg Kozlowski for their outstanding service and offered congratulations.

Alderman Nauman reported that he had been contacted by one resident regarding construction noise during off hours, and noted that there should be a review of the current ordinance.

Alderman Nauman noted that the complaint related to construction work beginning at 7:00 am.

Alderman Lane noted that most construction employees were on duty by 7:00 am and ended their work day early.

Mr. Jones stated that if there was a change, the City would need to adjust the public work department hours.

Alderman Nauman advised that he would give contact information to Mr. DeClue regarding the complaint.

Alderman Nauman reported on a recent concern of residents regarding aggressive solicitors, who were violating the City Ordinance, and were not abiding by 'No Solicitation' notices placed on residences. Alderman Nauman noted that the hours for solicitation seemed excessive. Alderman Nauman thanked Officer Melugin for dealing with the problem.

Alderman Nauman stated that it seemed a good time to review ordinances.

Alderman Lane stated that a solicitor's work day should end at 6:00 pm, adding that 8:00 pm was too late.

Alderman Nauman reported that the Dispatch subcommittee had met, which was made up of Alderman Lane, Alderman Schoemehl, Chief VanGaasbeek, Chief Beaton, Mr. DeClue, and himself. Alderman Nauman stated that the subcommittee met twice last week to accommodate everyone's schedule, and noted that minutes would be drafted for the meetings.

Alderman Nauman stated that there was homework to do by all the members, and added that the meetings set the groundwork for future plans.

Alderman Schuster

Alderman Schuster congratulated Mayor Wilcox as the new mayor, and all his colleagues on the Board.

Alderman Schuster reported that he received a postcard describing the details regarding the tax rollback.

Alderman Baugus

Alderman Baugus asked that all correspondence with Mr. Truemper be shared with the Board.

Alderman Baugus reported that he attended the Memorial Breakfast, added there was a moving program, and noted that there had been no officers lost in the line of duty for quite a while, until this year.

Alderman Baugus thanked both the Police and Fire Departments for their service.

Mayor Wilcox

Mayor Wilcox reported that he attended the newly elected officials meeting held by the County Municipal League and would be attending a State Municipal League meeting soon.

Mayor Wilcox recognized Mayor Magee for his 24 years of service to the City of Glendale.

Mayor Wilcox thanked family and friends for attending the meeting this evening.

MISCELLANEOUS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Schuster moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Alderman Lane. The motion was unanimously approved.

These minutes are approved as submitted this 20th of May, 2019.

Joanne Carr
Deputy City Clerk