

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2019, 7:00 P.M.
BOARD OF ALDERMEN
MINUTES

MAYOR MIKE WILCOX
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 7:00 PM by Mayor Wilcox

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Alderman Schoemehl

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Alderman Baugus motioned to amend the tentative agenda with the removal of Ordinance B 17-19 due to insufficient information from St. Louis County and the State of Missouri. Alderman Schuster seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 3, 2019 MEETING

Mayor Wilcox asked if there were any changes or corrections to the Board minutes from September 3, 2019. Alderman Schuster moved approval of the minutes as submitted. Alderman Roettger seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

SWEARING IN OF NEW POLICE OFFICER- BRIAN C. KOENIG

Mayor Wilcox swore in Brian C. Koenig with his family present.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

None

TREASURER'S REPORT – AUGUST 2019

Mr. DeClue reported that the utility collections were down due to a milder early summer and a wetter season, adding that electric and water usage will continue to be tracked.

Mr. Lawrence reported that phone revenue continued the downward trend, there was overtime payroll in the Police Department and there were unexpected expenses in revenues.

Mr. DeClue noted that bringing Officer Koenig on board will add to staffing.

RESOLUTIONS

R31-19 A RESOLUTION URGING BI-STATE METRO TO PRESERVE METROBUS LINE #56 SERVICE

Alderman Lane moved approval of the reading of Resolution R31-19. Alderman Roettger seconded the motion.

Mr. DeClue reported that Metro Bus approach the city regarding a new bus stop. Metro met with Mr. DeClue and Mr. Jones to discuss bus route 56 and the bus stop west of Berry Road which had ties to Glendale and downtown Kirkwood. Mr. DeClue noted that this bus stop meant a lot to some people in Glendale including Gracie Mehan. Mr. DeClue stated that Metro planned to remove the bus stop which everyone knows as “Gracie’s Bus Stop” and added that the Mehan’s were committed to making one last effort to save the stop which was planned to be eliminated at the end of the month. Mr. DeClue also stated that the removal of the bus stop would impact Westwood Catering and Hanneke’s Grocery Store in addition to the general public who ride the bus to Kirkwood.

Mr. DeClue stated that with this resolution, the City of Glendale would urge Metro to continue service, adding that up to this point, Metro had declined to change their plans.

Mayor Wilcox stated that residents had reached out indicating they did not want the line to disappear and noted that an email was sent to Bi-State Bus who have not yet responded. Mayor Wilcox added that the Kirkwood Mayor would also initiate a resolution, adding that there was a possibility of coordinating efforts. Mayor Wilcox noted that Mayor acknowledged his email and would have a conversation soon. Mayor Wilcox noted that social media had been used to advance the cause, and Mr. DeClue noted the same.

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

ORDINANCES REQUIRING FIRST, SECOND READING AND FINAL ADOPTION

PUBLIC HEARING: 2019 PROPERTY TAX RATES-Cancelled due to a delay in receipt of new rates. New meeting to be held on Monday, September 30, 2019.

B17-19 AN ORDINANCE LEVYING AND FIXING THE TAX RATE IN THE CITY OF GLENDALE FOR THE YEAR 2019 ON ALL PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION IN SAID CITY FOR GENERAL

MUNICIPAL PURPOSES; FOR THE PURPOSE OF ACCUMULATING
A FUND TO PAY THE CITY'S PENSION FUND FOR FIRE AND
POLICE PERSONNEL; AND FOR THE PURPOSE OF
ACCUMULATING A FUND TO PAY THE CITY'S DEBT SERVICE
FUND FOR PUBLIC SAFETY FACILITIES

Reading Cancelled-see above.

DISCUSSION ITEM: PERSONNEL MANUAL UPDATE

Mr. DeClue reported that discussions had been held with department heads which generated minor changes for a proposed update

Mr. DeClue noted the following changes including adjustments in the sick time rules and the smoking policy which would include the prohibition of smoking, the use of tobacco or the use of e-cigarettes would be prohibited within City offices, facilities and vehicles.

Mayor Wilcox asked about the process of moving forward with the proposed changes.

Mr. DeClue noted that if the changes would be included in an ordinance which would come up for discussion and a first and second reading and could become effective January 1, 2020.

Alderman Roettger stated that a ban on smoking on City property seemed overly broad, noting that employees should be allowed to step out of the building, out of sight, and be allowed to smoke, and asked about e-cigarettes.

Mr. DeClue stated that the policy was silent on e-cigarettes.

Mayor Wilcox stated that a spot made available but obscured from public view would be acceptable.

Mr. DeClue noted that there were areas behind the facilities available for employees use.

DISCUSSION ITEM: DISPATCH STUDY

Alderman Nauman thanked the members of the Dispatch Study committee for all their hard work related to the study, noting that options for outsourcing and insourcing opportunities were included in the attached study.

Alderman Roettger stated that he appreciated all the information provided by Alderman Nauman and the Dispatch Committee.

REPORTS

Ben DeClue

Mr. DeClue reported that the marquee sign for the front of City Hall had been sent out as an RFP, adding that it was hoped that the Marquee Sign would be reading by the Christmas Tree lighting on December 6, 2019.

Mr. DeClue reported that he and Alderman Schuster attended the September MML conference, sitting in on discussions concerning LAGERS conversion programs and the session on using native plant species instead of invasive plant species. Mr. DeClue noted that part of that discussion included the exploration of a partnership with St. Louis County in planting the median strip on Lockwood with native species.

Mr. DeClue reminded the Board that there would be a LAGERS presentation by Jeff Kempker for employees on Friday afternoon, September 20th in the City Hall auditorium.

Joanne Carr

Ms. Carr reported that the plans for the 40th annual Firehouse Run was underway and added that she attended the Kirkwood-Des Peres Area Chamber of Commerce luncheon to present a proclamation from the City of Glendale to the chamber.

Alderman Roettger

Alderman Roettger suggested that employees have their questions ready for the upcoming LAGARS presentation where all questions can be answered.

Alderman Baugus

Alderman Baugus stated that he was thankful for the Mayor's engagement in the City and the Mayor's noticeable love of the City.

Alderman Lane

None

Alderman Schoemehl

None

Alderman Nauman

Alderman Nauman reported that the Board had not discussed the Kirkwood Park and Recreation agreement recently, noting that Oakland and Glendale were going to explore a new contract with Kirkwood Parks for pool service. Alderman Nauman stated that the Board needed to understand the current status and possibly look at more services at the park for the residents including ice rink services, adding that it would not cost the City anything if we backed out.

Alderman Nauman asked that the Board revisit the Solicitors permit changes.

Mr. DeClue agreed with Alderman Nauman noting that he was working on an ordinance based on suggested changes discussed at a prior meeting.

Alderman Nauman reported that Vector Control sprayed for mosquitoes on Thursdays and noted that residents were unhappy about the spraying. Alderman Nauman noted that St. Louis County said that they would honor the 'do not call list', noting that residents were not sure if the County was complying with requests. Alderman Nauman asked that the City coordinate with the County to make sure the list was being followed. Alderman Nauman added that it would be useful to include an educational awareness piece in the newsletter.

Mr. DeClue stated that following testing for various types of mosquitoes, when necessary, Vector Control would continue spraying noting that spraying was one small part of the larger management plan for Glendale through Vector Control. Mr. DeClue noted that there was an active 'no spray list' but noted that one street was left off the list in error. Mr. DeClue noted that the error had been corrected and would issue an article about the program in the Spring newsletter.

Mayor Wilcox noted that a resident called the State's Attorney General about the matter.

Mr. DeClue noted that Vector Control stated that the 'No spray list' would be honored.

Alderman Schuster

Alderman Schuster thanked Mr. DeClue and Mr. Jones for all the work they did regarding the basement flooding on Brownell.

At this time, Mr. DeClue noted that the Board needed to schedule a special meeting for the Property tax Ordinance on the 30th of September to allow for proper reporting of the Public Hearing which would proceed the meeting, adding that it would be the item on the agenda for the 7:00 pm Monday evening meeting.

Jim Hetlage

None

Mayor Wilcox

Mayor Wilcox reported that he attended a meeting at the MML conference last week and noted in summary that the Governor had not had time to convene a meeting with the Mayors of the State given the amount of time that had elapsed since taking office. Mayor Wilcox noted that the Webster Groves Mayor was the leader of the 'Mayor's Group' stated that Mayor's should collaborate due to similar concerns, adding that with a voice together Mayors could communicate in Jefferson City when needed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Alderman Lane moved to adjourn to Executive Session. Alderman Schuster seconded the motion. There being no further questions or discussion, Mayor Wilcox called for a vote:

Ayes: Alderman Roettger, Alderman Baugus, Alderman Nauman,
Alderman Lane, Alderman Schuster

Nays: None

Not Present: Alderman Schoemehl

ADJOURNMENT

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

These minutes are approved as submitted this 7th day of October 2019.

Joanne Carr
Deputy City Clerk