

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2021, 7:00 P.M.
BOARD OF ALDERMEN
MINUTES

MAYOR MIKE WILCOX

ALDERMAN PAUL ROETTGER

ALDERMAN AARON NAUMAN

ALDERMAN LISA CAPSHAW CUSHING

ALDERMAN BERRY LANE

ALDERMAN RICH FANNING

ALDERMAN SARAH VITALE

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, Alderwoman Lane, Alderwoman Capshaw Cushing
Alderman Nauman, Alderwoman Vitale

Absent: Alderman Fanning

APPROVAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

Mayor Wilcox asked if there were any changes or corrections to the Agenda for the November 15, 2021, meeting. Alderman Roettger moved approval of the agenda for the November 15, 2021, meeting. Alderman Nauman seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER 1, 2021 MEETING

Mayor Wilcox asked if there were any changes or corrections to the Board minutes from November 1, 2021, meeting. Alderman Nauman moved approval of the November 1, 2021, meeting. Alderman Lane seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT- OCTOBER 2021

Mr. DeClue reported that the October Treasurer's Report was provided to the Board in the packet and stated that the City continued to see a strong performance. Mr. DeClue noted that the City would be in even better shape if some currently vacant commercial properties were filled.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Boy Scout, Dillon Ervin, 308 E. Bodley Ave.

Mr. Ervin introduced himself and reported on his proposal for an Eagle Scout project, building bat houses for Glendale locations including the Public Works campus. Mr. Ervin stated that he lived in Kirkwood and sent a proposal to the Board members around the dais. Alderman Vitale stated that she thought the idea was a very good idea.

Mr. Ervin stated that there had not been any bat houses created lately by his troop 360. Mr. Ervin added that he planned to supervise the building of three houses adding that the design was included in the proposal given to the Board. Mr. Ervin planned to install one bat house at City Hall one on Kirkham near the brick wall and a pre-existing house at public works. Mr. Ervin stated that he would supervise the replacement of a new poll for the public works house. Alderman Nauman asked about the benefits of a bat house. Mr. Ervin stated that bats were environmentally friendly for insect pest control and the houses would help the endangered Indiana species native to MO. Mr. Ervin stated that there were currently 30,000 bats in the area adding that there had been 300,000 at one time.

Mayor Wilcox asked about the timing. Mr. Ervin stated that construction would begin over the winter at his home with other scouts adding that the houses would be installed in the spring as the weather warms. Mr. Erwin stated that the houses would be put up in the early spring so an aging process can take place which would rid the houses of a human scent. Mr. Ervin stated that he was able to work out a location on Kirkham for one house in agreement with Mr. Jones and Mr. DeClue.

Mayor Wilcox asked how far along Mr. Ervin was in the approval process with the Eagle Scout board. Mr. Erwin stated that the Eagle Board review was the next step.

Alderman Nauman stated that he was Mr. Ervin's Eagle Scout coach and would recuse himself from the Board of Aldermen's vote to approve the plan. Alderman Nauman stated that he had known Mr. Ervin for many years and followed Mr. Ervin's progress from his earliest ranks before Eagle Scout. Alderman Nauman stated that the Bat house project would be a good Eagle Scout project adding that he encouraged scouts to come to the BOA first for practice and approval of a project and noted that Mr. Ervin was a great scout worthy of the progress.

Alderman Capshaw Cushing motioned approval the Eagle Scout Bat Project proposed by Mr. Ervin. Alderman Vitale seconded the motion which was unanimously approved with the exception of Alderman Nauman who recused himself from the vote due to his participation as Eagle Scout sponsor.

Alderman Vitale stated that Mr. Ervin was a great public speaker, answered our questions which is sometimes hard and commended Mr. Ervin for his answers. Alderman Vitale wished Mr. Ervin good luck. Alderman Lane stated that she would like to see the installation once it was completed.

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT APPOINTMENT- WHITNEY ROPER

Mr. DeClue reported that Sally Lefler, tendered her notice of resignation from the Board of Adjustment to the Mayor. Mr. DeClue stated that the Mayor was nominating Ms. Whitney Roeper to fill the vacant seat and that her resume was included in everyone's packets.

Ms. Roper introduced herself to the BOA. Alderman Lane stated that the Board of Adjustment was chaired by Tom Lane, her husband. Alderman Lane added that the Board of Adjustment

followed the City codes and ordinances in their thoughtful process of reviewing variance requests made by Glendale residents.

Alderman Vitale motioned to approve the nomination of Ms. Roper to a position on the Board of Adjustment. Alderman Roettger seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

RESOLUTIONS

R37-21 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH HAPPY TREE SERVICE FOR TREE AND STUMP REMOVAL AND TREE PRUNING

Alderman Lane moved approval of the reading of Resolution R37-21. Alderman Vitale seconded the motion.

Mayor Wilcox asked for a report.

Mr. DeClue reported that part of the TRIM grant is used to cut down and remove trees and stumps following a review of the trees by a professional arborist which occurred earlier this year and because Glendale is a Tree City, the City was eligible for 75% rebate of our \$15,000 cost. Mr. DeClue reported that the City will receive approximately \$10,000 in return once the project is completed.

Mr. Jones talked briefly about the aspects of the TRIM grant and noted that the City had a completely refreshed inventory done of all the trees on the City right-of-way and did a query for hazardous trees. Mr. Jones stated that the City Forester inspected all the trees and determined which trees needed to be pruned or removed. Mr. Jones stated that bids were sought and would include the removal of the green giant Arborvitaes which have been damaged by a root fungus. Mr. Jones added that as remaining trees become infected by the fungus, they will also be removed and replaced with a better choice, a variety that is native to our area. Mr. Jones stated that more native trees will be included in the grant which was approved as written. Mr. Jones stated that \$5,000 was budgeted for the project.

Alderman Roettger asked if the bidding process required an RFP. Mr. DeClue stated that the grant did not require an RFP but that Mr. Jones sought bids from at least three different companies. He also noted Happy Tree is very frequently the low bidder on these projects.

Alderman Nauman asked if some of the trees to be removed would be Ash trees. Mr. Jones stated that the infestation of the Ash Borer has tapered off. Mr. DeClue also noted that infestation had slowed.

Mayor Wilcox called for a vote which was unanimously approved.

R38-21 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF TWO REZNOR 150K INPUT HEATERS WITH MISCELLAENOUS

HANGER MATERIALS FOR USE AT THE PUBLIC WORKS
FLEET MAINTENANCE AND STORAGE BUILDING

Alderman Nauman moved approval of the reading of Resolution R38-21. Alderman Lane seconded the motion.

Mayor Wilcox asked for a report.

Mr. DeClue reported that this resolution was for a contract for HVAC units for the Public Works Department. Mr. DeClue stated that following an inspection at PW it was found that the units were cracked adding that taking the units out of service for repairs would be more expensive. Mr. DeClue noted that cost of the HVAC units exceeded his authority for approval but added that it was imperative that we have heat in the sheds at PW.

Mayor Wilcox called for a vote which was unanimously approved.

R39-21 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT FOR THE
PURCHASE OF A 2022 DODGE DURANGO AWD POLICE
PURSUIT RATED VEHICLE FROM GLENDALE CHRYSLER
JEEP DODGE

Alderman Roettger moved approval of the reading of Resolution R39-21. Alderman Nauman seconded the motion.

Mayor Wilcox asked for a report.

Mr. DeClue reported that the annual budget called for the addition of a new police vehicle adding that this vehicle will be replacing the last Charger in the fleet. Mr. DeClue reported that there was a trade in value of \$5,000.00 with Glendale-Chrysler adding that it would have been more expensive to use the state bid due to vehicle transportation costs, noting that the purchase price was only \$100.00 off the state bid.

Mayor Wilcox called for a vote which was unanimously approved.

REPORTS

Ben DeClue

Mr. DeClue reported that one of the two vacancies in the Fire Department has been filled by a new Paramedic Firefighter who will start next week. Mr. DeClue stated that Firefighter Olivia Beste will be the first female in history working for the Glendale Fire Department. Mr. DeClue reported that Firefighter Cash retired from the department, Firefighter Jeff Mulock has moved on to one of the fire districts and the department is in the process of filling the second vacancy following multiple interviews. Mr. DeClue reported that Firefighter Greg Kozlowski was promoted to Lieutenant.

Alderman Roettger asked if Firefighter Cash was a paramedic. Mr. DeClue stated that he was not but added that the department only hires paramedics now, adding that a majority of the department are paramedics.

Alderman Roettger

Alderman Roettger thanked Mr. DeClue for resolving the parking lot issue and the compliance by the Fire Department.

Alderwoman Lane

Alderman Lane asked about Chief Silvernail. Mr. DeClue stated that the Chief is working out well. Alderman Roettger asked about the reporting rotations by department heads and Mr. DeClue said he would have the Department Heads make reports at regular intervals.

Alderman Lane reported that the ARB committee has been working on an update to its guidelines to present to the Board of Aldermen. Alderman Lane stated that the committee would be expecting questions from the BOA adding that the Board would be invited to a workshop in the future.

Mr. DeClue stated that the workshop would be held sometime during the first quarter of 2022 in March or April. Alderman Lane thought the committee would be ready in March.

Alderman Capshaw Cushing

Alderman Cushing reported that she was excited about the new Christmas tree and did take a picture of Mr. Jones and the tree.

Alderman Nauman

Alderman Nauman stated that rotating for reports was good but also noted that it would be valuable to have other Boards and Commission leaders come in for a report adding that the goal having each representative in would be the importance of finding out the greatest challenges for the entity, such as needing our support.

Alderman Nauman reported that there continues to be no movement with Glendale Chrysler adding that he had heard a few questions from some of the Brookside residents and arborist noting that one of the residents, Kevin Kissling was organizing the group.

Alderman Nauman thanked Mr. Jones and Mr. DeClue adding that they shared the Glenkirk letter for his use when meeting with the Monier residents and noted that the ball was in their court following the checklist given to them.

Mayor Wilcox agreed that the Board of Aldermen should see the members once a year, especially the boards that meet on a regular basis adding that there had been more turnover on the boards lately. Mayor Wilcox stated that he was appreciative of the new additions to the various boards adding that the City was tapping into new enthusiasm within the City and noted it would also give an opportunity to review information related to the boards.

Alderman Fanning

None

Alderwoman Vitale

Alderman Vitale thanked Mr. Jones for obtaining the tree in front of city hall noting that many residents have come to the tree to take pictures and added that it was a wise investment.

Jim Hetlage

None

Mayor Wilcox

Mayor Wilcox reported that the Tree lighting would be held December 3, at 6:30 pm, the Employee party would be held on December 10 at 6:30 pm in the City Hall auditorium and the Boards and Commission party would be held December 17, 7:00 pm at the Algonquin Golf Club.

Mayor Wilcox reported that sad news that Don Haneke passed away on November 3 adding that he made a call to Ms. Hanneke Westerbeck, letting her know that the Board had been thinking about them.

Mayor Wilcox reported that he spoke with Ms. Mary Hall recently, a Berrywood resident, adding that that she was very complimentary of Mr. Jones for removing branches etc. from the Berry Patch. Mayor Wilcox thanked Mr. Jones for working so well with residents.

Mayor Wilcox stated that he encouraged everyone to come to the December events.

ADJOURNMENT

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

These minutes are approved as submitted this 17th day of December 2021.

Joanne Carr
Deputy City Clerk