

**MINUTES**  
**BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING**  
**MONDAY, MAY 12, 2008 – 7:00 P.M.**

MAYOR PAUL MARTI  
ALDERMAN MAUREEN GRAVES  
ALDERMAN CRAIG BACH  
ALDERMAN CHRIS GRAVILLE  
ALDERMAN ANDREW STEWART  
CITY ADMINISTRATOR/CLERK KATHY YAHL  
CITY ATTORNEY HELMUT STARR

***OLD BUSINESS***

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER- by Mayor Marti at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL- showed that all Board members were present.

Mayor Marti introduced Bob Ballsrud of Gilmore Bell who discussed types of municipal bonds that the City may be interested in.

Mayor Marti introduced Marie Dennis of Access Engineering, who was representing Great Rivers Greenway, to discuss Board approval of painting the bridge across Highway 44. Upon discussion, the Board stated that if Great Rivers would send a letter committing to replacing the dead vegetation along Backstoppers Park in Oakland, they would approve the painting of the bridge.

APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 14, 2008 BOARD OF ALDERMEN MINUTES- Mayor Marti asked if there were any comments regarding the April 14, 2008 Board of Aldermen minutes as submitted. There being none, Mayor Marti requested a motion for the approval of the minutes as submitted. Alderman Stewart so moved, seconded by Alderman Graville. The Board voted 4-0 in favor of the approval.

APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 14, 2008 EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES- Mayor Marti asked if there were any comments regarding the April 14, 2008 Executive Session minutes as submitted. There being none, Mayor Marti requested a motion for the approval of the minutes as submitted. Alderman Stewart so moved, seconded by Alderman Graville. The Board voted 4-0 in favor of the approval.

APPROVAL OF THE MAY, 2008 VOUCHER- Mayor Marti asked if there were any questions regarding the voucher. There being none, Mayor Marti requested a motion for the approval of the May, 2008 voucher as submitted. Alderman Graves so moved, seconded by Alderman Graville. The Board voted 4-0 in favor of the approval of the voucher.

TREASURER'S REPORT-Treasurer Funk reviewed the April, 2008 Treasurer's Report and upon discussion with Mr. Funk and the Board, a budget workshop was set up for Monday, May 19 at 6:00 pm at Mr. Funk's office.

CITIZEN COMMENTS- Mayor Marti asked if there were any comments regarding issues that were not stated on the agenda. There were none. City Administrator Yahl reviewed the new police report outline with the Board members.

#### RESOLUTIONS

#2008-04 A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF OAKLAND, COUNTY OF ST. LOUIS, STATE OF MISSOURI, ACCEPTING THE ABSTRACT OF THE ANNUAL CITY ELECTION HELD ON THE 8TH DAY OF APRIL, 2008 AS RETURNED TO THE CITY BY THE BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS OF ST. LOUIS COUNTY:

Mayor Marti read the Resolution and asked for a motion to approve. Alderman Bach so moved, seconded by Alderman Stewart. Motion carried 4-0.

ADJOURNMENT SINE DIE-Mayor Marti adjourned the meeting. City Administrator Yahl administered the oaths of office to Aldermen Bach and Stewart.

#### ***NEW BUSINESS***

Mayor Marti called the meeting to order and roll call was taken of the new Board, showing all present.

#### ORDINANCE

#754 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF OAKLAND, MISSOURI, AMENDING ARTICLE V "BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION" CHAPTER 530 "REGULATING BILLBOARDS IN THE CITY" BY ADOPTING NEW SECTIONS 530.091 "RESETTING OF BILLBOARDS" AND 530.121 "SEVERABILITY" AND BY AMENDING SECTIONS 530.010 "DEFINITIONS" AND 530.030 "LIGHTING-AMPLIFIED SOUND-DISPLAYS":

Mayor Marti requested a motion for the first reading of Ordinance #754. Alderman Stewart so moved, seconded by Alderman Bach. City Attorney Starr read the ordinance. Roll Call was taken. City Attorney Starr reviewed the new state updates to the billboard codes with the Board members. City Attorney Starr read the ordinance again. Roll call was taken. The ordinance was approved 4-0 as follows: Alderman Graves-aye, Alderman Stewart-aye, Alderman Bach-aye and Alderman Graville-aye.

#755 AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF OAKLAND, MISSOURI, AMENDING SECTION 530.080 (C) "PERMITS REQUIRED" AND SECTION 605.050 "LICENSING FEES" TO IMPOSE A BUSINESS LICENSE TAX ON BILLBOARDS AND TO SUBMIT THE PROPOSED BUSINESS LICENSE

TAX TO THE QUALIFIED VOTERS OF THE CITY FOR THEIR APPROVAL  
AT THE PRIMARY ELECTION ON AUGUST 5, 2008:

Mayor Marti requested a motion for the first reading of Ordinance #755. Alderman Stewart so moved, seconded by Alderman Graves. City Attorney Starr read the ordinance. Roll Call was taken. The Board members agreed to explain this licensing fee in the next newsletter before the election. City Attorney Starr read the ordinance again. Roll call was taken. The ordinance was approved 4-0 as follows: Alderman Graves-aye, Alderman Stewart-aye, Alderman Bach-aye and Alderman Graville-aye.

RESOLUTIONS

#2008-05 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE CITY OF GLENDALE PUBLIC WORKS FOR MOSQUITO FOGGING DURING 2008:

Alderman Stewart motioned for the reading of the resolution, seconded by Alderman Graville. City Attorney Starr read the resolution. There being a quorum present, the resolution was approved 4-0. \

#2008-06 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH SWT DESIGN FOR PLANNING SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH THE PLANNING GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE MUNICIPAL PARK GRANT COMMISSION OF ST. LOUIS COUNTY FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO OAKLAND PARKS AND GREEN SPACES:

Alderman Stewart motioned for the reading of the resolution, seconded by Alderman Graville. City Attorney Starr read the resolution. There being a quorum present, the resolution was approved 4-0. \

SPECIAL DISCUSSION

Set Public Hearing for Proposed Budget FY2008-09- Alderman Graves moved to set a Public Hearing for the June 9 meeting for citizen input regarding the Proposed Budget for FY2008-09. Alderman Graville seconded the motion, All Board members voted for the approval of the motion 4-0.

Street Improvements-Alderman Bach reviewed the proposed street improvements with the Board and then motioned for the approval of funds not to exceed \$2,000 for our city engineer to begin developing bid specification. Next, Alderman Bach discussed his concerns for the City's liability for the replacement of the Brent/Argonne Culvert. Upon discussion, it was determined that City Attorney Starr would review MSD's opinion on the culvert and any correspondence from MSD regarding ownership of the culvert to further research if the culvert is owned by MSD or the City.

The Board discussed various street signs along Argonne and their height. Code Compliance Officer Hanser stated that he would review the code and make a recommendation to the Board.

Revised Memorial Drawing-Mayor Marti reviewed a revised drawing with the Board. Upon discussion, the Board agreed to have Mayor Marti design the proposed drawing and bid specifications for the project. Alderman Graves asked the Board to define "Backstoppers Park", wanting to know if the Park is for the Backstoppers organization or for fallen officers. The Board thought it was for both. Code Compliance Official, Greg Hanser discussed St. Louis County's Library Board proposal to install steps connecting the library and the park. City Administrator Yahl stated that she asked the representatives from the Library to submit a letter and drawing to the Board outlining their proposal. The Board agreed.

Selling old street signs-Upon discussion, the board thought it would be nice to give the old street signs as attendance prizes at the picnic instead of selling them.

Opt Out Holiday Ordinance-The Board agreed 4-0 to introduce an ordinance to opt out of the sales tax holiday in August.

#### CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

The Board confirmed there would be 5 attending the St. Louis County Municipal League dinner.

Alderman Bach received a request to install sidewalks on both sides of Holmes Avenue. Alderman Stewart agreed. Alderman Bach stated that it was not part of the proposed grant application created by Weis Design Group. Alderman Bach stated that he remembered discussion of there being an easement issue on the Oakland side, which would make installing sidewalks difficult.

#### REPORTS OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN

Mayor Marti requested that the Board approve the cutting of the strip of property owned by the City at 107 Minturn as part of the landscaping contract. Alderman Graves so moved, seconded by Alderman Stewart. Motion carried 4-0.

Alderman Graves stated that she received a call from resident Elmer McNulty who has asked to serve on the Master Plan Committee. She also received a complaint about Ameren leaving their tree clippings behind 1 Fortune Lane. City Administrator Yahl stated she would contact Ameren about the issue.

Alderman Graville thanked both Mayor Marti and Code Compliance Officer Greg Hanser for working on a Saturday to help with the matter of his tree falling onto a neighbor's house.

Alderman Stewart requested a motion to go into Executive Session following the regular Board meeting to discuss matters pursuant to RSMo 610.021 (1, 2 & 3). Alderman Bach seconded the motion. Motion carried 4-0.

There being no further discussion, Alderman Bach motioned for adjournment, seconded by Alderman Graville. Motion carried 4-0.

These minutes accepted as submitted this 9<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2008.

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Kathleen E. Yahl, CMC/MRCC  
City Administrator/Clerk