

**PUBLIC MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2020 – 7:00 P.M.  
VIRTUAL MEETING ONLY DUE TO PANDEMIC  
CITY OF OAKLAND-BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING  
MINUTES**

At 6:00 PM the Board held a work session and discussed potential text changes to the zoning code and the tree preservation code with the Building Commissioner.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER by Mayor Stewart at 7:10 PM.

ROLL CALL showed that all Board members were present, and the meeting was open to citizens.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES Alderwoman Lueker moved and Alderman Godsy seconded a motion to approve the October open meeting minutes as submitted and the motion passed by a vote of 4-0.

REVIEW OF TREASURER’S REPORT AND APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER EXPENSES The financial statements for the month were reviewed, noting that the payroll had been reviewed and approved by the Treasurer. The Board voted 4-0 in favor of approving the voucher. The Board then heard a report from the City Auditor, Keith Slusser, who reported the completion of a clean, unmodified audit with no deficiencies. The Board then authorized \$720 in expenses for technology upgrades for the City Treasurer and also authorized the Treasurer to seek bids for a new payroll provider.

UPDATES FROM CITY ENGINEER/BUILDING COMMISSIONER AND CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER Mr. Hanser reviewed bids received for tree maintenance needed in the City and the Board approved a bid from Reliable Tree Care for multiple projects in the City totaling \$4,504.00.

CITIZEN COMMENTS Former Mayor Bill Sauerwein asked the Board to consider an ordinance to prohibit smoking in City parks, as heavy smoking in the parks is hindering park usage for other park users and bikers on the trail. The Board discussed the merits of such an ordinance and reviewed similar ordinances in neighboring communities then asked the City Attorney to draft an ordinance for consideration in December.

**SPECIAL DISCUSSION**

- 1) The Board discussed the relative merits of a utility gross receipts audit and decided to table the possibility at this time.
- 2) The Board decided to schedule another work session to discuss tree preservation on December 16.
- 3) Mayor Stewart nominated Ted Zimmerman to the Planning and Zoning Commission. Alderman Godsy moved to approve the nomination and Alderwoman Lueker seconded the motion which passed 4-0.

4) The Board discussed seeking bids for a long-term tree maintenance contract and agreed to craft a bid package and seek bids over the winter.

5) The City Administrator reported on trash service at the Villas, the status of the City's CARES application, the Board of Adjustment meeting schedule, and the invitation to participate in a winter food drive with the City of Glendale, which the Board supported. Signs will be created to support the food drive.

Alderwoman Lueker had nothing further.

Alderman Godsy requested an update from the City Engineer about possible upgrades to the Oakland Ave. pedestrian bridge. Mr. Stecher noted that the cost of prefabricated options is being investigated.

Alderman Morisse asked the Board about participation in Municipal League meetings and agreed to attend on occasion.

Alderman Steuby had nothing further.

Mayor Stewart had nothing further.

The meeting was adjourned by a vote of 4-0.

These minutes accepted as submitted this 16th day of December 2020.

\_\_\_\_\_Deborah LeMoine, City Clerk.