

MINUTES
BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 11, 2016– 7:00 P.M.

MAYOR PAUL MARTI
ALDERMAN MIKE GODSY
ALDERMAN JAMES HENSLEY
ALDERMAN TOM STEUBY
ALDERMAN ANDREW STEWART
CITY ATTORNEY HELMUT STARR (through an associate)
CITY TREASURER CHARLES FUNK
CITY ADMINISTRATOR/CLERK DEBORAH LEMOINE

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER- by Mayor Marti at 7:00 p.m. at the Webster Groves Christian Church.

ROLL CALL- showed that all Board members were present.

APPROVAL OF THE NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER 2015 BOARD OF ALDERMEN MINUTES Mayor Marti asked if there were any comments regarding the November minutes as submitted, there being none, he requested a motion for the approval of the minutes as submitted. Alderman Godsy so moved, seconded by Alderman Stewart. The Board voted 4-0 in favor of the approval. Mayor Marti asked if there were any comments regarding the December minutes as submitted, there being none, he requested a motion for the approval of the minutes as submitted. Alderman Godsy so moved, seconded by Alderman Stewart. The Board voted 4-0 in favor of the approval.

TREASURER'S REPORT AND APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY VOUCHER The financial reports and voucher were reviewed. The Board voted 4-0 in favor of approving the voucher and expenses.

PUBLIC HEARING The Mayor recused himself and Alderman Stewart opened a public hearing to discuss the re-allocation of \$20,000 in Community Development Block Grant funds to the Home Improvement Program in order to provide \$5,000 forgivable loans to income eligible homeowners for the purpose of abating residential housing deficiencies. This funding was awarded to the City for 2015 and is currently available. The CDBG Public Hearing Handout was reviewed and those present were given an opportunity to comment. The public hearing was closed and the Board expressed a desire to make funds available so that all eligible homeowners who have applied might take part in the program and Alderman Hensley then moved and Alderman Godsy seconded a motion to transfer the previously allocated 2015 funds to the Home Improvement Program and the Board voted 4-0 to re-allocate the funds. The Mayor then rejoined the meeting.

ORDINANCE NUMBER 844 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT FOR REFUSE, YARD WASTE AND RECYCLABLES COLLECTION IN THE CITY BEGINNING FEBRUARY 1, 2016. Alderman Stewart moved for the first and second reading and subsequent passage of the ordinance, and Alderman Godsy seconded the motion. The City Administrator read the ordinance and confirmed a quorum, then reviewed each of the three bids received. The Board heard presentations from each of the three bidders, all of whom were present at the meeting. The Board asked questions about references, truck types, pick up days, recycling programs, previous experience, and price for each type of cart. The Board discussed the merits of adding refuse and yard waste carts to the contract. The Board heard comments from citizens present. The Board evaluated the bids to determine which would be the most advantageous based on price, ability to perform, level of service (including the cost of all three types of carts) and the other factors specified in the bid package. Alderman Stewart expressed a desire to have all three types of carts included in the contract and made a motion to accept the Waste Management bid which included carts for refuse, recycling and yard waste and to enter into a contract with Waste Management beginning February 1, 2016. Alderman Steuby seconded that motion. The Mayor then read the Ordinance a second time. Alderman Stewart and Alderman Steuby voted yes and Alderman Hensley and Alderman Godsy voted no. The Mayor then voted yes to break the tie. The ordinance passed by a vote of 3-2.

CITIZEN COMMENTS: The Board heard an email from a concerned citizen about trees on the Bethesda property. The Board heard suggestions from the Landscape contractor regarding additional spring maintenance proposals and invited her to submit those proposals for detailed review. The Board also heard concerns about traffic on Oakland and Sappington and agreed to pass those concerns to the Police Department.

SPECIAL DISCUSSION:

- 1) Park Avenue Update: Dan Wind reviewed the current draft of plans and his estimates for the project, he is working to have final plans ready for the Board to review on February 8 in order to submit to MSD by February 15.
- 2) Bethesda Flood Plain Permit issues were revised and the Mayor appointed Dan Wind as City Flood Plain Administrator for purposes of reviewing their application.
- 3) The Election Filing Deadline of January 19 was noted.
- 4) City Administrator's Report: Issues with the quality of Street Sweeping were reviewed and it was determined the City would begin looking for a new service provider.

REPORTS FROM MAYOR AND ALDERMEN

Alderman Steuby discussed code compliance issues with Mr. Hanser.

Alderman Hensley had nothing further.

Alderman Stewart addressed code compliance issues with Mr. Hanser.

Alderman Godsy noted a news story of courts allowing canned food to be donated in lieu of paying fines on certain types of offenses and asked that the Court look at this possibility.

MISCELLANEOUS- None

These minutes accepted as submitted this 8th day of February 2016.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Deborah P. LeMoine".

Deborah LeMoine City Administrator/Clerk