

**MINUTES**  
**BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING**  
**MONDAY, JANUARY 14, 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

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

ROLL CALL- showed that all Board members were present with the exception of Alderman Graville.

APPROVAL OF THE DECEMBER 10, 2007 BOARD OF ALDERMEN MINUTES- Mayor Marti asked if there were any comments regarding the December 10, 2007 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 Graves. The Board voted 3-0 in favor of the approval.

APPROVAL OF THE DECEMBER 10, 2007 EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES- Mayor Marti asked if there were any comments regarding the December 10, 2007 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 Bach. The Board voted 3-0 in favor of the approval.

APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY, 2008 VOUCHER- Mayor Marti asked if there were any questions regarding the voucher. Alderman Stewart stated that as the website is down, we should get some type of credit for that from Unidev and we should write on the Website that it is under construction, with our phone/address. Mayor Marti requested a motion for the approval of the January, 2008 voucher as submitted. Alderman Stewart so moved, seconded by Alderman Graves. The Board voted 3-0 in favor of the approval of the voucher.

TREASURER'S REPORT-Treasurer Funk reviewed the December, 2007 Treasurer's Report with the Board members.

CITIZEN COMMENTS- Mayor Marti asked if there were any comments regarding issues that were not stated on the agenda. There were none.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION-Kirkwood Police Officer Tom Ballman spoke with the Board of Aldermen about the CERT program and that there were still 5 trainee openings

left to fill for the Feb 6-March 26 session. City Administrator Yahl stated that she would e-mail and mail a letter about it to all the block captains.

Kirkwood Parks and Recreation Director, Murray Pounds stated that Great Rivers Greenway has offered to pay to continue Grant's Trail from Holmes up to Scott Avenue and showed the Board a diagram of the proposed project. Alderman Stewart suggested that they research a bike trail along Holmes. Alderman Stewart motioned for the approval of the Board to send a mutual letter to Union Pacific to let them know they are in favor of this project. Alderman Bach seconded the motion and stated that if this project was completed, more money may be available within the scope of our grant project for the reconstruction of Holmes Avenue. The Board approved the motion 3-0.

#### ORDINANCES

**#749 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND BINDING UNILATERAL AGREEMENT WITH AT&T MOBILITY RELATING TO BUSINESS LICENSE TAXES:**

Mayor Marti requested a motion for the first reading of this ordinance. Alderman Stewart so moved, seconded by Alderman Bach. Alderman Stewart read the ordinance. Roll call was taken. Alderman Stewart read the ordinance a second time. Roll call was taken. The Ordinance was approved 3-0 as follows: Alderman Graves-aye, Alderman, Bach-aye and Alderman Stewart-aye.

**#750 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND BINDING UNILATERAL AGREEMENT WITH SPRINT RELATING TO BUSINESS LICENSE TAXES:**

Mayor Marti requested a motion for the first reading of this ordinance. Alderman Stewart so moved, seconded by Alderman Bach. Alderman Stewart read the ordinance. Roll call was taken. Alderman Stewart read the ordinance a second time. Roll call was taken. The Ordinance was approved 3-0 as follows: Alderman Graves-aye, Alderman, Bach-aye and Alderman Stewart-aye.

**#751 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AND BINDING UNILATERAL AGREEMENT WITH US CELLULAR RELATING TO BUSINESS LICENSE TAXES:**

Mayor Marti requested a motion for the first reading of this ordinance. Alderman Stewart so moved, seconded by Alderman Bach. Alderman Stewart read the ordinance. Roll call was taken. Alderman Stewart read the ordinance a second time. Roll call was taken. The Ordinance was approved 3-0 as follows: Alderman Graves-aye, Alderman, Bach-aye and Alderman Stewart-aye.

**#752 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE CITY OF KIRKWOOD DATED JANUARY 1, 2008 TO UTILIZE ENGINEERING/DESIGN SERVICES WITH**

WEIS DESIGN GROUP FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF HOLMES  
AVENUE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR SUCH:

Mayor Marti requested a motion for the first reading of this ordinance. Alderman Graves so moved, seconded by Alderman Bach. City Attorney Starr read the ordinance. Roll call was taken. City Attorney Starr read the ordinance a second time. Roll call was taken. The Ordinance was approved 3-0 as follows: Alderman Graves-aye, Alderman, Bach-aye and Alderman Stewart-aye.

SPECIAL DISCUSSION

Plowing Private Streets-Alderman Stewart stated that he had a request to ask the Board to consider plowing the private streets and asked if letters could go out to those residents on private streets to see if there was an interest in the idea. Alderman Graves and Bach were opposed to the idea. The discussion was closed.

Billboard Ordinance-Alderman Graves stated that there are all sorts of articles about bills in the Legislature discussing non-conforming billboards and being grandfathered. City Attorney Starr gave a legal opinion on the matter. The Board agreed 3-0 to have City Attorney Starr review our code to see if anything has changed in the legislation since we last updated the billboard ordinance. City Attorney Starr will bring his findings to the February meeting.

Park Grant/Relocation of Interpretive Sign-City Administrator Yahl stated that Alderman Stewart had requested that the Interpretive sign in the park be moved to a safer place within the park as currently it is right along the main part of the Trail. The Board agreed 3-0 to review a move of the sign in the Spring by the company who installed it originally.

Long-Range Plan Committee-Mayor Marti stated that he felt this new committee should have seven members to include himself, Alderman Stewart, City Administrator Yahl, and resident volunteer Alan Schertel. Mayor Marti asked the Board for 3 more names for the committee.

Current City Contracts-City Administrator Yahl reviewed the list of City contracts with the Board. The Police and Fire Services contract expires June 30, 2008. The Board agreed to work on the bid specifications for the bid process to be ready for the next meeting. City Attorney Starr agreed to e-mail the last bid specifications and City Administrator Yahl agreed to forward that on to the Board. City Administrator Yahl asked the Board to bring open dates to the next meeting so that visits to the proposed city facilities could be arranged. Alderman Graves stated that 2 things she wanted to discuss with all the proposed bidders was emergency management and how issues happening in another jurisdiction that affect Oakland would be handled (i.e. apartments across from Fortune Lane along Holmes).

Action Items Listing-City Administrator Yahl reviewed the newly created "Action Items List" with the Board members. Alderman Graves stated that she liked the list, but would

like to see things that could, be added to the calendar. The Board asked City Administrator Yahl to prioritize the list for the next meeting.

City Administrator's Report-City Administrator Yahl asked the Board to review the latest City Administrator's Report and let her know if they had any questions.

A Meeting Recap was done by the Board. Alderman Stewart motioned for approval to go into Executive Session following the regular Board meeting to discuss real estate matters. Alderman Graves seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

#### REPORTS OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN

Alderman Bach stated that the trash service missed his trash pickup again and wanted to make sure it was picked up this week. Also, he asked if there was an excavation permit to dig into the street at 750 E. Madison. City Administrator Yahl confirmed that there was a permit and stated that she would call the refuse service about him being missed.

Alderman Graves asked if the staff knew there was a Breman Bank sign outside of the Oak Bend Office Building. City Administrator Yahl stated that a temporary sign permit was issued to Breman Bank by Code Officer Greg Hanser. Alderman Graves asked that this be placed on the Action Items List.

There being no further business, Mayor Marti requested a motion to adjournment. Motion was made by Alderman Stewart, seconded by Alderman Bach. Motion carried 3-0.

These minutes accepted as submitted this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2008.

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