

MINUTES
BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 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.

APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 24, 2008 BOARD OF ALDERMEN MINUTES- Mayor Marti asked if there were any comments regarding the March 24, 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 Graves. The Board voted 4-0 in favor of the approval.

APPROVAL OF THE MARCH 24, 2008 EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES- Mayor Marti asked if there were any comments regarding the March 24, 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 Graves. The Board voted 4-0 in favor of the approval.

APPROVAL OF THE APRIL, 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 April, 2008 voucher as submitted. Alderman Graves so moved, seconded by Alderman Bach. The Board voted 4-0 in favor of the approval of the voucher.

TREASURER'S REPORT- Mayor Marti passed out the March, 2008 Treasurer's Report as Mr. Funk could not be in attendance in the meeting.

CITIZEN COMMENTS- Mayor Marti asked if there were any comments regarding issues that were not stated on the agenda. Debbie Cooper of 310 Pelican requested that the Board do something during their street improvement program to alleviate the amount of water that goes into her yard any time it rains. Alderman Bach stated that the City Engineer looked at her situation last year, but adding curbing would only redirect the water into her neighbor's yard. Aldermen Graville and Bach agreed to add it to the list to review this year. Attorney Starr stated that Ms. Cooper had a topographical situation that, in his opinion, was not the City's responsibility.

RESOLUTIONS

#2008-01 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A PLANNING GRANT AGREEMENT WITH THE MUNICIPAL PARK GRANT COMMISSION OF ST. LOUIS COUNTY FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO OAKLAND PARKS AND GREEN SPACES:

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

#2008-02 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT FOR LANDSCAPING MAINTENANCE SERVICES FOR THE 2008-09 SEASON:

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

#2008-03 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A LAPTOP COMPUTER AND ACCESSORY HARDWARE/SOFTWARE FOR ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES FOR THE CITY OF OAKLAND:

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

SPECIAL DISCUSSION

Crosswalks-The Board discussed the sinking crosswalks and the request of the Police Department to stripe at the crossings. The Board asked that City Engineer review the crosswalks, area lighting and markings, then attend the next meeting to discuss this matter with the Board.

Calendar-Action Items Listing-The Board discussed the new setup of the Action Items listing with the Board. A revised list will be given to the Board members twice a month. One before each Board meeting and one the day after the "done" sections are approved and the topics from the Board meeting have been entered.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

City Administrator Yahl stated that the Villas at Big Bend have asked that the City remove the 4 dead evergreens on the east side of the Park nearest their Villas due to unsightliness. They are having an open house and would like them removed within 10 days. The Board members agreed that they will be taken down, but not until the new landscape contractor begins the contract May 1.

City Administrator Yahl and Mayor Marti discussed the possibility of designing city pins, but the Board agreed that they are not in favor of the purchase at this time.

City Administrator Yahl discussed clearing out the Court records from the storage unit. The Board agreed not to pay extra for this and asked the Court Clerk to go through a box a month until things were updated.

REPORTS OF MAYOR AND ALDERMEN

Mayor Marti proposed a preliminary drawing of the Backstoppers Park memorial and passed copies out for the Board to review.

Alderman Stewart stated that he did not feel that an officer needed to be stationed at the Church during the entire Board meeting and if he stayed until Court was over, that would be enough. Alderman Bach agreed. Alderman Graville stated that the decision should be deferred to the Police Chief.

Alderman Stewart asked the Board if there was any interest in having a bond attorney come discussion some options with the City. The Board agreed to invite the bond attorney to the next meeting.

Mayor Marti stated that the St. Louis County Installation Dinner would be held on May 30 beginning at 6:30 pm for anyone wanting to attend.

Mayor Marti requested a motion to go into Executive Session following the regular Board meeting to discuss real estate pursuant to RSMo 610.021 (2). Alderman Stewart so moved, seconded by Alderman Graville. Motion carried 4-0.

There being no further comments, the meeting was adjourned.

After the Executive Session, Mayor Marti asked for a motion to go back into Open Session for a workshop. Alderman Stewart so moved, seconded by Alderman Graville. Motion carried 4-0. Mayor Marti opened the workshop.

City Administrator Yahl stated that on May 7, 2007, the Board approved the Oakland Operational Maintenance Program as a part of the goals for our MSD Stormwater Co-permittee program. City Administrator Yahl discussed several items to update in the program, but suggested that City Attorney Starr review it to verify we are safe from liability. The Board agreed to allow 2 hours for City Attorney Starr's office to review the document.

Next, City Administrator Yahl discussed employee evaluations and gave sample forms to the Board members. The Board agreed that an employee evaluation of Greg Hanser should be done by City Administrator Yahl and her report should be given to the Board at the next meeting.

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

These minutes accepted as submitted this 12th day of May, 2008.

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