

MINUTES
BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING
MONDAY, JULY 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 Stewart.

APPROVAL OF THE JUNE 9, 2008 BOARD OF ALDERMEN MINUTES- Mayor Marti asked if there were any comments regarding the June 9, 2008 Board of Aldermen minutes as submitted. There being none, Mayor Marti requested a motion for the approval of the minutes as submitted. Alderman Bach so moved, seconded by Alderman Graville. The Board voted 3-0 in favor of the approval.

APPROVAL OF THE JUNE 9, 2008 EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES- Mayor Marti asked if there were any comments regarding the June 9, 2008 Executive Session minutes as submitted. There being none, Mayor Marti requested a motion for the approval of the minutes as submitted. Alderman Bach so moved, seconded by Alderman Graves. The Board voted 3-0 in favor of the approval.

APPROVAL OF THE JULY, 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 July, 2008 voucher as submitted. Alderman Bach so moved, seconded by Alderman Graves. The Board voted 3-0 in favor of the approval of the voucher.

CITIZEN COMMENTS- Mayor Marti asked if there were any comments regarding issues that were not stated on the agenda. Mr. & Mrs. Bob Pugh of 4 Westwood Forest stated that they did not agree with the Board's decision to allow the Historic Preservation Commission to landmark a house. Upon discussion between the Pugh's and the Board members, Alderman Graville stated that the topic would be added to the August agenda for discussion to review the current ordinance.

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Marti declared the Public Hearing on the 2009 Proposed Community Development Black Grant Funds open. There were no citizens present. City Administrator Yahl reviewed the outcome of meeting with Community Development

Coordinator Patrick Hanses and explained that the Board could use the funds in 2009 for ADA street compliance such as improving sidewalks, crosswalks and other infrastructure. There being no further comments, Mayor Marti closed the Public Hearing.

Alderman Bach motioned for the Board to transfer the \$15,000 remaining in our Home Improvement Program for 2008 to infrastructure, seconded by Alderman Graville. Motion carried 3-0.

Alderman Bach motioned for the Board to utilize their 2009 allocation of \$20,000 to infrastructure projects and if eligible applicants are in need of the Home Improvement Program, the Board will revisit giving the monies available back to that program. Alderman Graville seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-0.

SPECIAL DISCUSSION

Westborough Country Club Improvement Plan-City Administrator Yahl asked if these proposed improvements to the Westborough facility would need to go before the Plan Commission. City Attorney Starr stated he wanted to review further before giving an opinion.

Proposed Street Improvements-Alderman Bach discussed the proposed street improvement agenda from Weis Design Group. Upon discussion, the Board asked City Administrator Yahl to send a letter to the residents of Baltimore and Pelican who attended our Board meetings requesting help on their street concerns and explain what the cost estimates for the repairs would be. Alderman Graves suggested that the Board hold a workshop to determine specific procedures to determine what street projects get on the capital improvements list. Upon discussion of the current crosswalk sinkage, the Board agreed they had to be repaired. Alderman Bach motioned to approve Weis Design Group to go out for bid with the following directions:

1. Make the crosswalks an option of 1) stamped concrete or 2) fix current crosswalks by removing sand and putting proper filler in without removing the base.
2. Make the rock swale at Lowenau Park an option.
3. Delete the projects of Baltimore and Pelican due to cost as a bond issue may cover these projects.

Alderman Graves seconded the motion. The Board voted 3-0 in favor of the motion.

Set Public Hearing for Tax Rate-Alderman Graville motioned to set a Public Hearing to be held on August 11 in order to get the Proposed Tax Rate into the State by September 1, seconded by Alderman Graves. Motion carried 3-0.

Set Date for August Public Forum for Park Planning Grant Design- Alderman Graves motioned to set a Public Hearing to be held on August 11 in order to hold a Public

Forum for our Park Planning Grant Design, seconded by Alderman Graville. Motion carried 3-0.

Discuss Police/Fire Contract Timeline/Set Workshop Time- Upon discussion of the proposed time line, the Board agreed to open bids first and then do tours of those they are considering. City Administrator Yahl stated she would revise the timeline and e-mail the Board a new copy. July 29 at 7pm was chosen for the date of the workshop regarding the bid specifications. August 5 at 7pm was chosen for the new Long Range Plan Committee to meet to begin working on a new 10-year plan for capital improvements.

Set Workshop time for Refuse Contract discussion-As there won't be many changes to the contract, it was agreed that the verbage of the bid specifications could be discussed at the August 11 Board meeting.

Memorial Bids for Backstoppers Park-Mayor Marti has been working on getting quotes from several different sources and upon discussion, the Board agreed to accept a supplier for the monument only and bid out the construction based on the following bids:

Monuments of St. Louis	\$13,987.00
Roseborough	\$ 9,600.00
Hallmark Stone Co.	\$ Free as a donation to the City of Oakland

Upon opening the bids, Alderman Bach motioned to approve Hallmark Stone's donation for the monument only, seconded by Alderman Graville. Motion carried 3-0.

Alderman Bach motioned that bid specifications be published and sent out as soon as possible so that a decision can be made at the next meeting, seconded by Alderman Graville. Motion carried 3-0.

Set Date for Community Picnic-The Board agreed to confirm this year's Community Picnic for Saturday, October 4 from 12:00 noon to 4:00 pm. The Board members suggested various vendors to be contacted for this year's picnic.

CITY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

City Administrator Yahl stated that she will be on vacation the week of July 20-27.

Mayor Marti, Alderman Graves and City Administrator Yahl confirmed that they will be attending the Missouri Municipal League Conference scheduled for September 7-10 in Springfield, Missouri.

City Administrator Yahl stated that Mayor Marti approved a request of up to \$1,000 for street tree maintenance. With that allocation, Outdoor Solutions was able to maintain all the street trees on Monroe, Oakland and Argonne. They also did 7 of 15 trees on Sappington. No work on Holmes was completed. Patrick said the work is running about \$18-20 per tree to include, spading edge away from grass, snipping suckers, de-weeding area and mulching. City Administrator Yahl asked the Board for a motion to approve an

expenditure to complete at least the 8 trees left on Sappington and possibly the Holmes Avenue trees as well. Alderman Bach motioned to complete the street maintenance on the remainder of the trees, seconded by Alderman Graville. Motion carried 3-0.

City Administrator Yahl asked the Board if they wish to replay to Elmer McNulty's request. The Board agreed to send a letter to Mr. McNulty to encourage lobbying for funds to be given to Oakland for our sewer improvements.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

Alderman Graville told the Board members that he had a contact who handled ISO information and could give the City some help in increasing our rating.

Alderman Graves stated that she received a call from Melshire resident, Helen Sally about the state of the property at the Villas at Oak Bend. It appears there is no more construction being done and there are weeds, broken curbs, no curbs in some places and a full retention pond. Also trucks are still driving on SE Melshire and asked if signage with a truck with a line though it could be installed. City Administrator Yahl stated that she would have Greg Hanser review the Villas. Alderman Graville asked that the Police Department monitor the situation of large trucks and suggest what signage would work best for this area.

Alderman Bach stated that he would like the Board to increase the sewer lateral cap to \$2,500 based on the number of repairs done in the last few years. Alderman Bach motioned for the increase of \$2,500 for the sewer lateral cap, seconded by Alderman Graves. Motion carried 3-0.

Mayor Marti requested that the Board go into executive session after the regular Board meeting. Alderman Stewart was called to verify his attendance at the meeting via speaker phone. There being no further business, Alderman Graves motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Alderman Bach. Motion carried 4-0.

These minutes accepted as submitted this 11th day of August, 2008.

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