

MINUTES
BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING
MONDAY, AUGUST 11, 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 Graves.

APPROVAL OF THE JULY 14, 2008 BOARD OF ALDERMEN MINUTES- Mayor Marti asked if there were any comments regarding the July 14, 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 Bach. The Board voted 3-0 in favor of the approval.

APPROVAL OF THE JULY 14, 2008 EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES- Mayor Marti asked if there were any comments regarding the July 14, 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 Bach. The Board voted 3-0 in favor of the approval.

APPROVAL OF THE JULY 29, 2008 EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES- Mayor Marti asked if there were any comments regarding the July 29, 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 Bach. The Board voted 3-0 in favor of the approval.

APPROVAL OF THE AUGUST, 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 August, 2008 voucher as submitted. Alderman Stewart so moved, seconded by Alderman Graville. The Board voted 3-0 in favor of the approval of the voucher.

TREASURER'S REPORT-Treasurer Funk reviewed the July, 2008 treasurer's report with the Board.

CITIZEN COMMENTS- Mayor Marti asked if there were any comments regarding issues that were not stated on the agenda. The comments were as follows:

1. Larry Listenberger of 68 Fortune Lane asked to be reimbursed for a tire repair caused by a pothole in Oakland. The Board stated that they would take the request under advisement.

2. John Pini of 400 S. Sappington wants to put a circular driveway on the Sappington side of his home and wanted to talk to the Board regarding his options.

3. Elmer McNulty of 127 Park wants to know when the Board of Aldermen will address the overlay and storm issues on Park Avenue. Alderman Bach gave Mr. McNulty a background on what has been done regarding this street in the past several years to include meetings with MSD, our City Engineer and city staff. Mr. McNulty stated that in 1985, MSD placed Oakland on a 10-year priority plan to repair the culvert at Big bend, Park and Oakland and asked City staff to look into why it was never done.

PUBLIC FORUM

Jay Wohlschlaeger of SWT Design presented a power point presentation to get citizen input on ideas for improvements regarding both city parks and green spaces. Citizen comments are attached. Upon hearing all the comments, Mr. Wohlschlaeger stated that he would have a conceptual plan available at the Community Picnic on October 4 for review and then another Public Forum would be held on October 13 for final citizen input.

PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Marti declared the Public Hearing on the 2008 Proposed Tax Rate open. There were no citizens present. Mayor Marti closed the Public Hearing.

ORDINANCE

#758 AN ORDINANCE LEVYING AND ESTABLISHING THE RATE OF ANNUAL TAXES TO BE COLLECTED FOR THE YEAR 2008 BY THE CITY OF OAKLAND, MISSOURI:

The Board agreed to table the reading of the ordinance until the next meeting. The Board voted 3-0 to reschedule the regular September meeting to August 27 in order to approve the tax rate before the deadline and due to the conflicting dates with the Missouri Municipal League Conference, which will be held September 7-10.

RESOLUTION

#2008-05 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A POLICE/FIRE MEMORIAL IN BACKSTOPPERS PARK:

Mayor Marti gave the Board background of who bid specifications were given to and the number received. There being no further comments, Alderman Graville motioned for the approval of the resolution, seconded by Alderman Stewart. Motion carried 3-0.

SPECIAL DISCUSSION

Set Workshop Dates for City Standards and Policies-the Board members agreed to wait until Alderman Graves returned to set the next workshop date.

Reschedule Date of next Board Meeting-The Board again confirmed that the next Board meeting would be held on Wednesday, August 27 in place of the September, 2008 Board meeting.

Police and Fire Proposed Bid Specifications-City Administrator Yahl reviewed questions regarding the bid specifications with the Board and City Attorney Starr. Upon discussion, it was agreed that City Attorney Starr would help with some placement of wording and a final draft would be given to the Board before the next meeting.

Refuse Contract Proposed Bid Specifications-City Administrator Yahl asked to table this review until the next meeting. The Board agreed 3-0.

Historic Preservation Ordinance Review-Upon review of the current Historic Preservation Ordinance, the Board agreed to leave the ordinances as is and asked City Administrator Yahl to write a letter to Mr. Pugh of 4 Westwood Forest to let him know the outcome of their review.

City Administrator's Report

City Administrator Yahl asked the Board's help in what to do about several resident issues. City Attorney Starr gave legal opinion to the Board members.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES-Mayor Marti requested that the Board go into executive session in regard to personnel matters after the regular Board meeting. Alderman Graville so moved, seconded by Alderman Bach. Motion carried 3-0.

There being no further comments, Alderman Stewart motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Alderman Graville. Motion carried 3-0.

These minutes accepted as submitted this 27th day of August, 2008.

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

PUBLIC FORUM COMMENTS
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BACKSTOPPERS PARK

Whitney Watson/916 Baltimore Place-would like to see ADA playground equipment and connect path from Library to the Park.

Mike Burke/918 Woodleigh Cove-would like to prioritize the plantings so that they are maintainable by the City of Oakland.

Elmer McNulty/211 Park-does not like the idea of plantings or bushes at Holmes/Melshire as they obscure vehicles, trucks, bikers, etc. Wants to see trail open.

Mary Burke/918 Woodleigh Cove-would like to see connection from bike trail to parking lot and also a connection from library to park. Also feels there should be more benches by the playground.

Chris Graville-told the residents that the city has tried to work with the Library to get them to connect their parking lot to the park and hope to see them submit plans in the near future.

Chris Graville said that Dan Wind, owner of Oak Bend Office Building, created a path from his office building to the park as a cut through and also has stated that he encourages park users to park on his lot evenings and weekends when his office is closed.

Carol Cobbs/450 S. Holmes-dog walkers should have a separate lane than bikers. Also need to educate the residents about path etiquette.

Susan Luecker/428 Sappington concerned about fast pace of bike traffic near playground. Suggested a "Children at Play" sign be installed. Would like to see picnic tables added on the playground so parents/children can share a snack together or give a parent a place to stay, that is still close to their children on the playground.

LOEWNAU PARK

John Pini/400 S. Sappington would like to see traffic control measures taken near the triangle at Sappington and Oakland, possibly speed bumps from Sappington to the end of the park.

City Administrator Yahl stated that it was also in the plan to add trash cans, a new message board, park entry marker, picnic tables and address lighting issue near creek.

Chris Graville stated that he would like to see a secure place to watch the trains so children can stand and watch.

Mayor Marti asked if there were any plantings that could deaden the noise from the passing trains, but Mr. Wohlschlaeger did not know of any.

Elmer McNulty/211 Park suggested the playground should be installed on the NE corner of the park.

SIGNAGE

Susan Luecker/428 Sappington likes the idea of signage throughout the City and in the parks

Elmer McNulty-211 Park suggested that the monuments be engraved so no one steals the bronze or other precious metals.