#### MINUTES BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2013– 7:00 P.M.

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

<u>MEETING CALLED TO ORDER-</u> by Board President Andrew Stewart at 7:00 p.m. at the Webster Groves Christian Church.

<u>ROLL CALL-</u> showed that all Board members were present with Mayor Marti out following surgery.

<u>APPROVAL OF THE AUGUST 2013 BOARD OF ALDERMEN MINUTES</u> Alderman Stewart asked if there were any comments regarding the minutes as submitted, there being none, he requested a motion for the approval of the minutes as submitted. Alderman Hensley so moved, seconded by Alderman Godsy. The Board voted 4-0 in favor of the approvals.

<u>TREASURER'S REPORT AND APPROVAL OF THE SEPTEMBER VOUCHER</u> The September vouchers were reviewed along with financial statements for the month. The Board voted 4-0 in favor of approving the voucher and expenses subject to the holding of the check for Black Creek pending completion of work to the satisfaction of the Code Enforcement Officer.

<u>PUBLIC HEARING</u> REGARDING THE PROPOSED 2013 REAL ESTATE, COMMERCIAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX RATES FOR THE CITY OF OAKLAND, MISSOURI The hearing was tabled until September 30 at 6 pm for updated Board of Equalization numbers.

ORDINANCE NUMBER 825 AN ORDINANCE LEVYING AND FIXING THE TAX RATE IN THE CITY OF OAKLAND, COUNTY OF ST LOUIS, STATE OF MISSOURI FOR THE YEAR 2013 ON ALL PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION IN SAID CITY FOR GENERAL MUNICIPAL PURPOSES PER ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00) VALUATION AT A RATE OF \$0.2020 ON ALL RESIDENTIAL REAL ESTATE, \$0.2520 ON ALL COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE AND \$0.2370 ON ALL PERSONAL PROPERTY The ordinance was tabled until September 30 at 6pm for updated Board of Equalization numbers.

<u>ORDINANCE 826</u> AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF OAKLAND MISSOURI PROVIDING FOR THE AMENDMENT OF SECTION 120.020(16) OF THE CODE OF THE CITY OF OAKLAND MISSOURI REGARDING OPEN AND CLOSED MEETINGS. RECORDS AND VOTES PURSUANT TO RECENT CHANGES IN MISSOURI STATE LAW. Alderman Godsy moved for the first and second reading and subsequent passage of Ordinance 826, Alderman Hensley seconded the motion, a quorum was confirmed and the ordinance was read by Attorney Starr who then explained recent updates to state law regarding open records and the need to update the ordinance to be consistent with state law. A quorum was confirmed and Attorney Starr read the ordinance a second time. The ordinance passed 4-0.

<u>ORDINANCE 827</u> AN ORDINANCE REAPPOINTING CITY OFFICIALS Alderman Godsy moved for the first and second reading and subsequent passage of Ordinance 827, Alderman Hensley seconded the motion, a quorum was confirmed and the ordinance was read by Attorney Starr. There was no discussion. A quorum was confirmed and Attorney Starr read the ordinance a second time. The ordinance passed 4-0.

<u>RESOLUTION 2013-3</u> A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPLICATION TO THE MUNICIPAL PARKS GRANT PROGRAM FOR A GRANT IN AID FOR SOME OR ALL OF THE COSTS OF A PARK IMPROVEMENT PROJECT IN MINTURN PARK Alderman Godsy moved and Alderman Hensley seconded the resolution which passed by a vote of 4-0.

<u>RESOLUTION 2013-4</u> A RESOLUTION IMPOSING A SIX MONTH MORATORIUM ON THE ISSUANCE OF PERMITS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT, CONSTRUCTION, OR PLACEMENT OF WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS INFRASTRUCTURE, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO WIRELESS CELL TOWERS, EQUIPMENT AND FACILITIES WITHIN THE CITY OF OAKLAND MISSOURI AND MATTERS RELATED THERETO Following a discussion with the City Attorney explaining the current state of the law on the issue Alderman Godsy moved and Alderman Hensley seconded the resolution which passed by a vote of 4-0.

<u>CITIZEN COMMENTS</u>: The Board reviewed citizen comments that arrived by letter regarding the condition of the street on Madison and overgrowth on Argonne. Code enforcement Officer Hanser will follow up on the overgrowth issues and the City will continue to review the condition of streets each year but noted that Madison had been found to be in good condition, and ought not be compared to private streets not served by the City.

<u>CODE COMPLIANCE OFFICER'S REPORT</u>: Mr. Hanser discussed the clean up of a fallen tree and the bids being sought for honeysuckle removal.

## SPECIAL DISCUSSION:

1) The City picnic is set for September 21 and all residents are invited.

2) The trash contract renews annually unless cancelled by 10/1. The Board reviewed input from the City Attorney and noted the excellent service received to date and determined to allow the contract to renew for next year.

3) The Board reviewed the status of street work in the City and discussed the fact that the contract for this work had to be rebid for 2014. At that time the City will look into the possibility of a longer contract with a plan to over-seal major streets on a set schedule of a few each year. Tom Weis has been asked to look into such a rotational schedule.

4) The application to change the status of Argonne to Minor Carrier has been recommended for approval and is pending with MODOT.

5) and 6) The Park grant application will be made by SWT and the City Administrator was authorized to apply to obtain two Trova sculptures on loan from the County. The Board reviewed photos and condition reports for each of the available pieces and ranked their preferences for the application.

7) Judge Paul Hunker will retire at the end of the year and Mayor Marti is meeting with a potential nominee. The Mayor is working on designing a retirement gift.

8) City Administrator's Report: The Board updated their contact information for the County's Emergency contact listings. The need for electronic document storage was discussed, as well as the need to determine which, if any, documents in the storage facility could be destroyed or changed to electronic storage due to crowding.

# REPORTS FROM MAYOR AND ALDERMEN

Alderman Steuby had noting further.

Alderman Hensley commented that recent tree work was helpful.

Alderman Stewart noted the recent obituary for resident Michael Allen.

Alderman Godsy had nothing further.

MISCELLANEOUS- None

These minutes accepted as submitted this 14th day of October, 2013

Deborah LeMoine City Administrator/Clerk

# MINUTES OF SPECIAL PUBLIC MEETING MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2013 – 6:00 P.M.

<u>MEETING CALLED TO ORDER</u> All Board members were present with Alderman Hensley available by phone.

<u>PUBLIC HEARING</u> REGARDING THE PROPOSED 2013 REAL ESTATE, COMMERCIAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX RATES FOR THE CITY OF OAKLAND, MISSOURI The Mayor opened the public hearing and the City Administrator read the assessed valuations for each category of property, reviewed the tax rate proposed and the method by which it was calculated, and the estimated tax revenues to be generated by category. The Board discussed the tax rates and there were no questions from the public.

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## CITIZEN COMMENTS (INCLUDING A DISCUSSION OF A POTENTIAL COMMUNITY

<u>GARDEN</u>) There were no citizen comments but the City Administrator noted that Bethesda's Program Director is in conversation with Mr. Horstman about a potential garden on Bethesda's main property.

These minutes accepted as submitted this 14th day of October, 2013

Deborah LeMoine City Administrator/Clerk