

**MEETING MINUTES
OAKLAND BOARD OF ALDERMEN
April 17, 2024**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER by Mayor Tom Steuby at 7:00 PM.

ROLL CALL. The Mayor called the meeting to order. The City Clerk called the roll. Alderpersons Lueker, Heaton, Daake and Morisse were present and constituted a quorum.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES. Alderperson Lueker moved to approve the Minutes of the March 28, 2024 meeting of the Board of Aldermen. Alderperson Heaton seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 4-0 with Alderpersons Daake, Lueker, Morisse, and Heaton voting Aye, no one voting Nay.

APPROVAL OF VOUCHER. Alderperson Lueker moved to approve the Voucher of April 2024. Alderperson Daake seconded the motion. The motion to approve the Voucher passed by a vote of 4-0 with Alderpersons Daake, Lueker, Morisse, and Heaton voting Aye, no one voting Nay.

TREASURER'S REPORT. Treasurer Charles Funk presented the April financial statement and indicated that the entries were generally as expected nine months into the fiscal year.

CITIZEN COMMENTS. There were no citizen comments.

NEW BUSINESS. Alderperson Lueker moved to postpone Resolution 2024-03: A resolution accepting the Certification of the April 2, 2024 General Municipal Election to the May meeting since the certified results had not been received prior to the meeting. Alderperson Heaton seconded the motion to postpone. The motion then passed by a vote of 4-0 with Alderpersons Daake, Lueker, Morisse, and Heaton voting Aye, no one voting Nay.

OLD BUSINESS. Discussion of the proposed amendments to the Tree Preservation Ordinance were postponed by consent until a draft of the proposed changes could be obtained from former Mayor Andrew Stewart.

REPORTS OF CITY ENGINEER AND CODE OFFICIAL. The written reports of the City Engineer and Code Official were accepted. The City Engineer gave status updates on projects, including E. Madison Avenue ready for construction as soon as sewer drains delivered and weather cooperates; 802 Lockwood Avenue, which required a number of corrections related to drainage issues and that required new drawings not yet received; the new grass on the ditch at Oakland and Trellis seems to be growing well; and the swale and berm in Minturn Park seems to be functioning as designed. He also reported that FEMA is inundating cities with requests for information, including photos and addresses of all properties along creeks.

The Code Official reported that he received a noise complaint regarding Westborough County Club using leaf blowers before 6 a.m. The City Administrator said he would call Westborough re this issue.

REPORT OF CITY ADMINISTRATOR. The City Administrator had no additional items to report.

REPORTS OF MAYOR AND ALDERPERSONS. Alderperson Heaton stated she received a complaint about a crumbling curb at Frisco and Lennore, which is included on Alderperson's street report. She also stated that the City property off Oakland Avenue near her home is full of leaves and weeds where a large honeysuckle was removed last year. She also stated that the sidewalk and curb abutting 800 Westwood Place were cracked and damaged and needed to be repaired by the contractor who damages them.

Alderperson Lueker reported that someone had mowed the swale at Oakland and Trellis but there were still high weeds remaining. She also stated that the entrance to Woodleigh Cove had been damaged, but was told that is a private street. She stated that someone had painted two parking spaces in the right of way on the upper part of Pelican, and that water is pooling on the lower end of Pelican. She referred the Board to her street report, which lists various potholes and other maintenance issues on several streets in her ward.

Alderperson Daake reported that there were significant potholes on Schultz and on Sappington at Scott, and also on S. Holmes across from the Backstoppers Park parking lot. He also asked the Code Official to look into a complaint about property backing up to 842 Westwood Place.

Alderperson Morisse reminded the City Administrator to add the most recent newsletter to the website, so that it would be current.

Mayor Steuby stated that he was submitting a list of street repairs needed to Ford Asphalt for an updated bid.

MOTION FOR CLOSED SESSION. There was no motion for a closed session.

ADJOURNMENT. Alderperson Lueker moved to adjourn the regular meeting. Alderperson Heaton seconded the motion. The Board then passed the motion by a vote of 4-0 with Alderpersons Daake, Lueker, Morisse, and Heaton voting Aye, no one voting Nay.

These Minutes were approved by the Board of Aldermen this 30th day of May 2024.

ATTESTED:



City Clerk Helmut Starr