**VIRTUAL PUBLIC MEETING**

**MONDAY APRIL 13, 2020 – 7:00 P.M.**

**CITY OF OAKLAND-BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING**

**MINUTES**

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

ROLL CALL showed that all Board members were present with audio and video connections, and noted that the public were able to join the meeting as well.

APPROVAL OF THE MARCH, 2020 BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING MINUTES as submitted. Alderman Godsy moved and Alderwoman Lueker seconded the approval of the open meeting minutes, and the minutes were approved by a vote of 4-0. Alderman Godsy then moved and Alderwoman Lueker seconded the approval of the closed meeting minutes, and the minutes were approved by a vote of 4-0.

REVIEW OF TREASURER’S REPORT AND APPROVAL OF APRIL EXPENSES The

financial statements for the month were reviewed, noting that the payroll had been reviewed and

approved by the Treasurer. The Board voted 4-0 in favor of approving the voucher. The Treasurer also noted that sales tax revenue was likely to decrease as a result of current pandemic restrictions, but no projections were currently available.

UPDATES FROM CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER, LANDSCAPE CONTRACTOR AND CITY ENGINEER The City Engineer reviewed his written report with the Board, giving updates on the final stages of Sappington Road improvements including the final division of expenses with Missouri American Water and the City of Glendale. Potential change orders were discussed, including a Glendale resident request for reimbursement which was tabled for referral to the City of Glendale. Core sampling of the new asphalt by Brucker Engineering was approved at a cost within the Mayor’s spending limit. Pricing for stamped color concrete crosswalks in the City was reviewed with a total cost of $13,782 and an adjusted cost to Oakland of $4,282. Alderman Hensley moved and Alderman Godsy seconded the approval of this expense and it carried 4-0. Street stipe painting was reviewed and tabled because a different crew would be required to stripe older streets. The plan for a dry creek bed in Minturn Park was reviewed with a cost estimate of $9,618-$10,818 to be paid from the parks budget. Alderman Hensley moved and Alderwoman Lueker seconded the approval of the bid which passed 4-0. Mr. Stecher updated the Board on the remediation of the pond drainage issue on Lexington, the installation of a guard rail on Argonne, and a stop box issue on Park Avenue. Mr. Stecher agreed to further review the stop box issue and associated costs and report back to the Board.

The Board also commended the City Landscaper for the excellent display of spring bulbs.

CITIZEN COMMENTS The Board heard comments from citizens who had joined the meeting by Zoom, and referred a concern about invasive bamboo to the code enforcement officer.

SPECIAL DISCUSSION

1) Parking lots along the bike trail are closed pending reopening of parks in St. Louis County.

2) The City Engineer reviewed Sappington Road improvements above.

3) The City Engineer reviewed the remediation of the Lexington Pond above.

4) The Board noted that Waste Management trash service was uninterrupted by the pandemic.

5) The City Garage sale was postponed indefinitely due to the pandemic.

6) Planning and Zoning will postpone meeting until such time as meetings can take place in person.

7) The Board and the City Attorney reviewed potential changes to the Tree Preservation Plan with interested citizens who joined the meeting. The City Attorney was asked to prepare a draft ordinance revision for discussion.

8) The City Administrator updated the Board on CDBG funds in the city and the 2020 public hearing.

Alderwoman Lueker had nothing further.

Alderman Godsy had nothing further.

Alderman Hensley had nothing further.

Alderman Steuby had nothing further.

Mayor Stewart had nothing further.

These minutes accepted as submitted this 11th day of April, 2020.

 Deborah LeMoine, City Clerk.