

**CITY OF WELDON SPRING  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
FEBRUARY 14, 2012**

**CALL TO ORDER:** The regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Weldon Spring was held on Tuesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at approximately 7:30 P.M. The meeting was held at the Weldon Spring City Hall, which is located at 5401 Independence Road. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Donald Lickliger.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Everyone present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM:** The following Aldermen were present: Jelen, Kolb, Kohrs, Robb and Barrett. A quorum was declared.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

*Alderman Jelen made a motion to approve the minutes from the 01/26/12 as submitted and Alderman Robb seconded the motion. The motion carried.*

**PUBLIC FORUM – CITIZENS COMMENTS:**

**A. – CHIEF ROB WYLIE – COTTLEVILLE FIRE DISTRICT – (C.A.R.E.S.)**

**Chief Wylie** passed out copies referencing “Proposition CARES” which is scheduled for the April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2012 ballot. He said that it was a community created proposal for necessary firefighters, training and up-to-date equipment. Chief Wylie continued by saying that the District has already made drastic cuts in training, programs and operations and that future reductions could not be made without directly impacting the level of service that is provided to the community. The Chief continued by saying that this was a .27 cent revenue increase and would cost (on average) less than \$2.00 per week for the owner of a \$200,000 home. He also mentioned the fact that eventually, if the Proposition fails, homeowners insurance would be affected and rates would probably go up which would cost the homeowner more than what the proposed increase would be.

**Alderman Jelen** asked what would happen if the proposition does not get approved. Chief Wylie said that personnel would be the first to feel the cuts.

**Alderman Kolb** mentioned that currently the District has four (4) firehouses and asked if it would be feasible to close one of the stations and only operate with three (3).

**Chief Wylie** responded by saying that you can’t cut expenses and ask the others to pick up the slack. He continued by saying that the District is at minimum standards now. The Chief thanked the Mayor and Board for their time and patience.

**B. CRAIG TIHEN AND JEFF OHLMS – COTTLEVILLE FIRE DISTRICT –  
(Presentation)**

Firefighter Tihen was not present. **Firefighter Ohlms** said that back in November of 2011, Alderman Bruce Robb was a fireman for a day. Firefighter Ohlms said that the class was called “Fire Ops 101” and was the first of its kind to ever be held either in St. Charles County or the St. Louis area. Firefighter Ohlms presented a plaque and a helmet to Alderman Robb and thanked him for his participation.

**Alderman Robb** said that he enjoyed the program immensely but also learned that time

is of the essence when it comes to a fire. He continued by saying that when things get tough, the first thing you cut is the fat and after that, there's only muscle and bone. He asked that the public support the District's effort.

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

There were "No" public hearings.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

*Alderman Robb moved to approve the unpaid bills for the period covering 01/16/12 to 01/31/12. Alderman Jelen seconded the motion. The motion carried.*

*Alderman Jelen made a motion to approve the paid bills for the period covering 01/01/12 through 01/31/12 and Alderman Barrett seconded the motion. The motion carried.*

*Alderman Robb then moved to approve the January Financials. Alderman Kohrs seconded the motion also carried.*

**Alderman Kolb** said that she had some confusion as far as understanding the language of the financial report.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

There was "no" Old Business.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. – CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT SERVICES – INDEPENDENCE ROAD (PHASE II) – (Motion Needed)**

*Alderman Jelen moved to take New Business (A.) off the agenda for discussion and Alderman Robb seconded. The motion carried.*

The **City Administrator** (Michael Padella) explained to the Board how the Selection Committee, which consisted of (Alderman Jelen, Zoning Commissioner-Joe Nichols and Part-Time City Engineer-Harold Belzer) reviewed, met with and recommended Cochran Engineering to perform construction management services for the Independence Road (Phase II) project. Mr. Padella said that he was endorsing the Selection Committee's choice and recommended that the Board of Aldermen approve his recommendation.

**Kurt Daniels** (Principal at Cochran Engineering) addressed the Mayor and Board and spoke a little about his company and what their plans were for the City. Mr. Daniels said that Anthony Gironde III would be the Project Manager and would be on site every day.

**\*\*\*** *Alderman Kohrs made a motion to amend the agenda by adding Bill # 990 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CONTRACT AGREEMENT WITH COCHRAN ENGINEERING FOR CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT ON INDEPENDENCE ROAD, PHASE II, AND MATTERS RELATING THERETO. Alderman Jelen seconded the motion and the motion carried.*

*Alderman Kohrs then made a motion to introduce Bill # 990 for its first reading and Alderman Robb seconded the motion. The motion carried.*

*Alderman Kolb then moved to impose the emergency clause and read Bill # 990 twice at tonight's meeting due to time constraints. Alderman Barrett seconded the motion. The motion carried.*

*Roll Call on Emergency Clause: Kolb-yes, Barrett-yes, Baker-absent, Robb-yes, Jelen-yes and Kohrs-yes.*

Alderman Kohrs then read Bill # 990 for the second and final time.

*Roll Call on passage: Kohrs-yes, Jelen-yes, Barrett-yes, Kolb-yes, Baker-absent and Robb-yes.*

Bill # 990 passed becoming Ordinance # 12-03.

*\*\*\* Alderman Jelen made a motion to amend the agenda and ask the City Engineer (Mike Meiners) to discuss potential road projects (2012). Alderman Kolb seconded the motion and the motion carried.*

**City Engineer** (Mike Meiners) explained the goals of the City's Comprehensive Plan and explained some of the pitfalls and possible funding deadlines for application submittals. He said that the monies allocated for the Independence Road (Phase II) is 2011 monies but there would be no money available in 2012 and 2013.

**Mayor Licklider** said that the Board needed to pick at least two (2) proposed projects to start applications on for possible funding in 2014. He suggested that one project be (Independence Road – Phase IV).

After much discussion, *Alderman Jelen moved to authorize the City Engineer to begin the application process for funding for Independence Road – Phase IV). Alderman Barrett seconded the motion. The motion carried. There were four (4) “yes” votes and one (1) “no” votes. Alderman Robb voted no.*

There was further discussion on the proposed road either behind or in front of the Dairy Queen Restaurant at Independence Road and Highway 94.

*Alderman Jelen made a motion that the City Engineer be allowed to initiate discussion with the owners of the Dairy Queen Restaurant and bring back at the next board meeting. Alderman Robb seconded the motion. The motion carried.*

## **REPORTS & COMMITTEES:**

### **A– City Administrator:**

8.) – (Francis Howell Middle School – Fun Run) - The **City Administrator** (Michael Padella) said that the School Resource Deputy had contacted him inquiring as to the process for initiating a fun run on public streets within the City for a fundraiser.

### **B. - City Attorney:**

No report given.

**C. – Planning & Zoning Commission:** No report given.

**D. – Committee Reports:** No report given.

## **RECEIPTS & COMMUNICATIONS:**

**Mayor Licklider** mentioned the Mayor’s Charity Ball that was scheduled for March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2012.

He also stated that the issue regarding the St. Peters Boundary Agreement has hopefully been resolved. He also brought up a proposal that the St. Charles County Highway Department is considering, which was more or less a “Pay As You Go” type contract.

**Alderman Kolb** said that the St. Charles County Library has obtained a copy of the resident elephant “Flora” for people to view. She also mentioned that she helps clean up along Wolfrum Road and found that people apparently dump strange things along the

roadside such as safes, car titles, ammunition and what seemed to be stolen items. **Alderman Jelen** said that he had been in touch with former Alderman Mark Cherry and he was willing to help Alderman Jelen and the Board put together another community survey.

**WORK SESSION:**

No Work Session called for.

**CLOSED SESSION:**

No Closed Session was called for.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

*Alderman Kolb moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 P.M. and Alderman Barrett seconded the motion. The motion carried.*

Respectfully submitted: \_\_\_\_\_  
M. Kwiatkowski, MRCC  
City Clerk

