

**CITY OF WELDON SPRING  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
MAY 24, 2012**

**CALL TO ORDER:** The regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Weldon Spring was held on Thursday, May 24<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 Licklider.

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

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

*Alderman Jelen made a motion to approve the minutes from the 04/26/12 as amended and Alderman Robb seconded the motion. The motion carried.*

Alderman Baker abstained.

**PUBLIC FORUM – CITIZENS COMMENTS:**

No one spoke.

\* (Alderman Barrett entered the meeting at this point.)

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

There were “No” public hearings.

**TREASURER’S REPORT:**

*Alderman Robb made a motion to approve the unpaid bills for the period covering 05/01/12 through 05/15/12 and Alderman Jelen seconded the motion. The motion carried.*

**Alderman Kolb** questioned the Outdoor & More grass cutting bill.

*Alderman Jelen moved to approve the April Financials and Alderman Kolb seconded the motion. The motion carried.*

**Alderman Jelen** questioned the information on page 10 regarding the sewer replacement fund in the amount of \$2358.00 and the sewer operation maintenance. He asked if there were any city monies involved and the Mayor answered “no”.

*Alderman Jelen made a motion to approve the unpaid bills for the period covering 04/16/12 through 04/30/12 and Alderman Robb seconded. The motion carried.*

*Alderman Jelen then moved to approve the paid bills for the period covering 04/01/12 through 04/30/12. Alderman Barrett seconded the motion. The motion carried.*

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**A.) – WINDOW REPLACEMENT BID UPDATE – (Discussion/Motion)**

The **City Administrator** (Michael Padella) said that Bi-State inspected the windows at City Hall and found that all but four (4) of the present windows are Anderson windows.

He said that he was informed that these windows would then qualify for credits if we replaced the windows with new Anderson windows. Mr. Padella said that he was quoted the amount of \$8,254.00 for the replacements and he recommended that the City select Bi-State Window & Door to install replacement Anderson windows as quoted originally. *Alderman Jelen moved to authorize the replacement of the windows in City Hall by Bi-State Window & Door in the amount of \$8,254.00. Alderman Barrett seconded the motion. The motion carried.*

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

##### **A. – MISSOURI STATE HIGHWAY PATROL 2012 RUN – (City Administrator)**

**Beth Knight** (Event Coordinator) for the MSHP five mile run said that last years event was very successful and had approximately 350 entrants. She said that the majority of the proceeds from this year's event would be going to the "BackStoppers" with a small portion going to the "Masters". Ms. Knight also mentioned that the event this year will be on November 10<sup>th</sup> and the run will cover the same course as last year.

*Alderman Jelen made a motion that the City sponsors the 2012 MSHP run with the contribution of \$250.00. Alderman Bruce Robb seconded the motion. The motion carried.*

*Alderman Jelen than made a motion that the City approve and assist the actual 2012 MSHP run. Alderman Barrett seconded the motion and the motion carried.*

##### **C.) FIREWORKS SALES – (Motion To Approve)**

The **City Administrator** stated that the following companies have applied to the City for the operation of fireworks stands:

- 1.) Powder Monkey Fireworks (location: 5934 South Highway 94)
- 2.) Hale Fireworks LLC (location: 777 Independence Rd.)
- 3.) Powder Monkey Fireworks (location: 1120 Wolfrum Rd.)
- 4.) Meramec Specialty Co. (location Rt. 94 & Siedentop Rd.)

**Mr. Padella** stated that the fees are \$4000.00 per stand plus a \$500.00 surety bond that is refundable. He said that the stands usually open around June 19<sup>th</sup> or 20<sup>th</sup> and close between July 5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup>.

*Alderman Kolb moved to approve the four (4) companies that have submitted their applications and Alderman Jelen seconded the motion. The motion carried.*

##### **D. ITEMS FOR NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS INFORMATIONAL PACKET – (Discussion – Ald. Jelen)**

**Alderman Jelen** said that the City Clerk had given them a sheet which indicates everything that will be included in future newly elected official's packets. He asked that if the Aldermen had anything additional, they should contact the City Clerk (Moe Kwiatkowski).

#### **REPORTS & COMMITTEES:**

##### **A– City Administrator:**

**3.) County Highway Maintenance Agreement:** The City Administrator (Michael Padella) said that the City had received the "draft" Maintenance Agreement from the County. He commented that many questions still remain and numerous cities have

contacted their County Councilmen to request that the current draft be tabled or voted against. He continued by saying that it was up for vote on 05/29/12.

**4.) TRIM Grant Opportunity:** Mr. Padella said that due to an influx of calls concerning tree removal along potential future phases for road improvement projects in the city, he contacted the Missouri Department of Conservation and they provide a TRIM Grant that allows for funding assistance up to a 60% match to local governments. He said that the grants can be used for a variety of tree related activities. Many questions were raised as far as having adequate staff to maintain the trees after planting, watering, trimming, etc. *Alderman Kohrs made a motion to authorize the City Administrator to submit a formal grant application for the TRIM program. Alderman Jelen seconded the motion and the motion carried.*

**5.) Proposed Future Road Projects:** The City Administrator said that he has received numerous phone calls from residents who have questions and concerns about potential future road projects. He felt that a plan needed to be developed on how best to address the concerns and educate the residents on the purpose of the road projects. He thought that a Work Session would be needed to discuss this before we have a public engagement with the residents.

**6.) Replacement of Playground Equipment:** Mr. Padella said that he believed that certain dated playground equipment be replaced. He said that the initial scope of this work is estimated to cost approximately \$40,000.00. He said that he has been working on developing specifications and had been meeting with various playground equipment vendors.

**Alderman Jelen** said that the Board doesn't really know "what" they want to do out there. He said that there is no plan.

**Mayor Licklider** said that he felt that the park was actually pretty well developed.

**Alderman Robb** said that he believed that the Board needs to identify a couple of areas, such as 1.) where do we want to be in one year, two years or three years?

**Alderman Jelen** said that he agreed and felt that the Board should sit down annually and set out our priorities.

**8.) Kids Fishing Day:** Mr. Padella said that the event is scheduled for Saturday, June 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM. He said that this year staff is recommending that t-shirts be given to all children participating.

*Alderman Robb made a motion to purchase t-shirts for fishing derby participants in an amount not to exceed \$500.00. Alderman Barrett seconded the motion and the motion carried.*

**9.) Additional Golf Cart for Park:** Mr. Padella said that staff is requesting authorization to purchase a used golf cart in an amount not to exceed \$4000.00 before July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2012. *Alderman Kolb moved to approve the purchase of a used golf cart for the city park in an amount not to exceed \$4000.00 with a purchase made before July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2012. Alderman Barrett seconded the motion and the motion carried.*

**10.) Independence Day Celebration:** The City Administrator submitted a list of activities and items which required funding for the Fourth of July event to be held at the City Park. He said that the total budget for this event is \$6,000.00.

*Alderman Kolb then made a motion to approve an amount, not to exceed \$6000.00 for the Independence Day event to be held at City Hall with a final expense total submitted after the event. Alderman Robb seconded the motion and the motion carried.*

**11.) Communication Connectivity:** Mr. Padella said that in order to extend the computer network, phone system, sound system and alarm system from the City Hall facility to the Parks building, hardwiring was necessary. He said that this will require boring a conduit between the facilities and pulling hardwires through.

*Alderman Jelen moved to approve an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00 for the boring and installation of communication wiring between the City Hall and Parks building.*

*Alderman Robb seconded the motion and the motion carried.*

**12.) Sound System for Parks:** The City Administrator also mentioned that he was currently developing technical specs for an outdoor and indoor amplified sound system for the City Park and parks building. He said that he would like everything hooked up by the July 4<sup>th</sup> festivities and asked that the Board authorize an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00 for this system.

*Alderman Jelen moved to allow the City Administrator to approve the purchase of a sound system for the City Parks and Parks building in an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00. Alderman Kohrs seconded the motion and the motion carried.*

**B. - City Attorney:** No report given.

**C. – Planning & Zoning Commission:**

**Alderman Jelen** said that there will be a June meeting for Planning & Zoning.

**D. – Committee Reports: Mayor Lickliger** said that he would like the Board to consider having one meeting only for the months of June, July and August due to the lack of agenda items.

*Alderman Jelen made a motion to have one Board meeting only for the months of June, July and August 2012 with that meeting scheduled for the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month.*

*Alderman Barrett seconded the motion and the motion carried.*

## **RECEIPTS & COMMUNICATIONS:**

**Alderman Kolb** said that some of the residents in Rodelle Woods are interested in possibly dedicating their street to the City.

There was discussion over the recent pipeline issues and various issues with vegetation and trees that will end up being removed due to the fact that they are in the 50 foot easement.

**Alderman Kohrs** mentioned that one of his neighbors saw a mountain lion in their yard about a month ago. He said that coyotes had also been spotted.

**Alderman Jelen** said that he would need help for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July as far as parking goes. He also mentioned that a “Budget Committee” would need to be formed soon.

**Alderman Robb** said that the access road between the Highlands Subdivision and the golf course is to be filled in eventually and that dead trees and vegetation have been cut down. He said that the property belongs to the golf course.

**Mayor Lickliger** said that the staff had a farewell party for Deputy Whaley (St. Charles County Sheriffs Department) who recently went to work for the Cottleville Fire District. The Mayor also mentioned that he received a phone call from a resident wanting to know “why” the City was putting up a chain-link fence on Pittman Hill Road. The Mayor said that he told her that the County was doing this, not the City.

## **WORK SESSION:**

No Work Session called for..

**CLOSED SESSION:**

No Closed Session was called for.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

*Alderman Kolb moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:35 P.M. and Alderman Kohrs seconded the motion. The motion carried.*

Respectfully submitted: \_\_\_\_\_

M. Kwiatkowski, MRCC

City Clerk