

**CITY OF WELDON SPRING
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN
JUNE 28, 2012**

CALL TO ORDER: The regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Weldon Spring was held on Thursday, June 28th, 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, Barrett and Robb. A quorum was declared.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Alderman Baker made a motion to approve the minutes from the 05/24/12 as amended and Alderman Barrett seconded the motion. The motion carried.

PUBLIC FORUM – CITIZENS COMMENTS:

No one spoke.

PUBLIC HEARING:

A.) Consideration of Amendments to the City’s Subdivision Regulations that will make the Subdivision Regulations Consistent with the City’s newly developed Development Review Guide.

Mayor Licklider opened the Public Hearing and asked if there was anyone present who wished to speak.

No one spoke.

The Mayor closed the Public Hearing.

TREASURER’S REPORT:

Alderman Baker made a motion to approve the unpaid bills for the period covering 05/16/12 through 06/15/12 and Alderman Kohrs seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Alderman Kohrs moved to approve the paid bills for the period covering 05/01/12 through 05/31/12. Alderman Jelen seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Alderman Kolb questioned the amount paid for easements on Wolfrum Road for the Wolfrum Road reconstruction project. The easement pay-outs were \$10.00 apiece. There was also a question raised regarding a Neighborhood Improvement District (NID) payment in the amount of \$4600.00.

Alderman Kolb abstained.

Alderman Robb moved to approve the May Financials and Alderman Barrett seconded the motion. The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

A.) – ST. CHARLES COUNTY ROAD MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT – UPDATE -

– (Discussion)

The **City Administrator** (Michael Padella) said that the CITIES GROUP which is comprised of authorized representatives from New Melle, Flint Hill, St. Paul, Josephville, Weldon Spring, West Alton, Dardenne Prairie and Cottleville have met twice on the Agreement that St. Charles County has proposed.

There was concern expressed by some of the Board members as to the Board having to decide what road work needed to be done first.

The City Administrator said that there will be a work order procedure set up with the County before any work would be initiated.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. – LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWALS – (Motion to Approve)

1.) Walgreen's – Robbin Griffith

2.) Lutheran Senior Services – Jeffrey Goldone

Alderman Baker moved to approve the liquor license renewals for both Walgreen's (Robbin Griffith) and Lutheran Senior Services (Jeffrey Goldone). Alderman Jelen seconded the motion and the motion carried.

B.) – CUIVRE RIVER ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE – TREE MAINTENANCE - (Discussion/Motion)

Mayor Lickliger indicated that Cuivre River was cutting everything down close to their power lines and his only concern was that the residents would be notified before the electric company goes in and just starts cutting.

Alderman Kolb said that she met with representatives from both Cuivre River and the pipeline company. She felt that after Cuivre River was finished there would be a lot of devastation.

Mayor Lickliger said that he met with Cuivre River also and told them about the City's Tree Ordinance and reminded them that they were not a public entity and since they were not classified as such he felt that they would have to replace certain trees that they may take down.

Alderman Baker wanted the City to get verification from St. Charles County and see if there was any documentation that states that they can take trees out. He said that he understood the trimming process but didn't believe that they could just remove trees.

Mayor Lickliger said that he would have the City Administrator check into it.

C. – 2011 FISCAL YEAR AUDIT REPORT – (City Administrator)

The **City Administrator** informed the Board that they had copies of the audit report for the fiscal year 2011. He asked that they look them over and hopefully approve at the next meeting.

D. – SOD FOR WOLFRUM ROAD CONSTRUCTION – (Discussion/Motion)

Mayor Lickliger mentioned that we had seeded several times on a persons property after the Wolfrum Road reconstruction but the grass never took so according to the homeowners easement agreement, it called for sod if the seed didn't take. The Mayor suggested that we wait until October before we put the sod down.

Alderman Robb made a motion to approve the sod for Terry Wilder at 77 Greenburg

Court (at Independence Road and Wolfrum Road) in an amount not to exceed \$1200.00, unless the seed comes up and begins to grow. Alderman Jelen seconded the motion. The motion carried.

E. – ORDINANCE ON SUBDIVISION CHANGES – (Ald. Jelen)

Alderman Jelen moved to introduce Bill # 992 for its first reading and Alderman Barrett seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Alderman Baker passed out a list of questions and concerns that he had with the bill as introduced.

Alderman Jelen said that he wanted a copy of these concerns sent to the City Planner (Hilary Murphy) and would also like the P&Z members input on these concerns before the proposed ordinance goes further.

Bill # 992 was tabled per City Code.

F. – AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE PUBLIC SAFETY BY PROHIBITING THE CUTTING THROUGH A PARKING LOT OR PRIVATE PROPERTY TO AVOID A TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICE AND MATTERS RELATING THERETO – (Ald. Kohrs)

Alderman Kohrs moved to introduce Bill # 993 for its first reading and Alderman Jelen seconded the motion. The motion carried.

There was discussion over the dangerous situation at Westwood Drive and O’Fallon Road whereby drivers are cutting through the strip mall’s parking lot to avoid the signal light and other issues.

The **City Clerk** stated that a sheriff’s deputy brought this concern to the City’s attention due to the fact that there have been several close calls in that area.

Alderman Kohrs suggested various other methods that could also help alleviate the congestion problems in that area and also felt that if the Board passes this ordinance then a sign should be posted warning drivers that they cannot cut through the lot to avoid traffic signals or traffic signs.

Alderman Jelen said that he would like our City Engineer (Mike Meiners) to contact MoDOT and have the signal light changed so that there was no right turn on red allowed at Highway 94 and O’Fallon Road.

There was further concern that if this ordinance was passed that deputies would start ticketing drivers in other parts of the City that might be cutting through private property to avoid signal or traffic signs, so it was the Board’s consensus that the ordinance would indicate (Westwood Drive/O’Fallon Road at Highway 94) only.

Alderman Baker then moved to amend the Bill as discussed and Alderman Jelen seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Alderman Kohrs made a motion to read Bill # 993 as amended and Alderman Jelen seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Roll Call: Kohrs-yes, Barrett-yes, Kolb-no, Baker-yes, Robb-yes and Jelen-yes.

Bill # 993 passed becoming Ordinance # 12-05.

G. – AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE PURCHASE AND POSSESSION OF TOBACCO PRODUCTS BY PERSONS UNDER THE AGE OF EIGHTEEN AND ENACTING PENALTY PROVISIONS – (Ald. Robb)

Alderman Robb moved to introduce Bill # 994 and Alderman Jelen seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The **City Clerk** again stated that a deputy brought this concern to the City.

Alderman Robb moved to read Bill # 994 for the second time at tonight's meeting.

Alderman Jelen seconded and the motion carried.

Roll Call: Robb-yes, Jelen-yes, Kohrs-yes, Barrett-yes, Kolb-yes and Baker-no.

Bill # 994 passed becoming Ordinance # 12-06.

H. – AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING PROPERTY OWNERS FROM ALLOWING PERSONS UNDER THE AGE OF TWENTY-ONE YEARS TO DRINK OR POSSESS INTOXICATING LIQUOR OR BEER – (Ald. Barrett)

Alderman Barrett made a motion to introduce Bill # 995 for it's first reading. Alderman Jelen seconded the motion and the motion carried.

The **City Clerk** stated that there have been issues within the City where parents have been allowing their children to have parties and alcohol has been served. She stated that in one incident a parent had been arrested for interfering with a police officer.

Alderman Barrett then made a motion to read Bill #995 for the second and final time and Alderman Jelen seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Roll Call: Barrett-yes, Jelen-yes, Kohrs, yes, Kolb-yes, Baker-yes and Robb-yes.

Bill #995 passed becoming Ordinance # 12-07.

REPORTS & COMMITTEES:

A– City Administrator:

6.) – (June Newsletter) - The **City Administrator** (Michael Padella) stated that since the Board did not have a regular Board meeting on June 12th, 2012, they reviewed the draft Newsletter via email. He asked that the Board approve the cost of \$3,297.00 for the printing of the most recent Newsletter.

Alderman Jelen made a motion to pay Busken Printing \$3,297.00 for the printing of the most current City Newsletter and Alderman Robb seconded the motion. The motion carried.

B. - City Attorney: No report given.

C. – Planning & Zoning Commission:

D. – Committee Reports:

RECEIPTS & COMMUNICATIONS:

Alderman Kolb said that she had received a call/concern about the 94 Bait & Tackle Shop and also Weldon Spring Parkway.

Alderman Jelen said that he had received a request from the *Falon Dong* organization requesting that the Board of Aldermen pass a Resolution. He asked what the Board wanted to do about this.

It was the consensus of the Board to not pass a Resolution.

Alderman Jelen said that he also wants a Subdivision Trustee meeting as soon as it can be arranged and he also asked for help for parking cars for the upcoming Fourth of July event at City Hall.

Alderman Jelen also addressed “Emergency Preparedness and said that even though we have a small CERT group we need to be better prepared in case of a city-wide emergency. He continued by saying that the Board are the leaders of this City and we

need to guide and lead our people when necessary. He said that the Cottleville Fire Department would be willing to assist us in preparing an emergency plan but felt that perhaps City staff and perhaps the Sheriff should also be included.

Alderman Robb said that he would like to see more information on newly passed ordinances in the Newsletter issues and perhaps even on the City website.

The **City Administrator** said that he would do a press release on the ordinances that were passed tonight.

Alderman Robb also suggested that we need to make some headway on getting more MoDOT information out to our residents.

WORK SESSION:

No Work Session called for.

CLOSED SESSION:

Alderman Kohrs moved to go into closed session in accordance with RSMo Section 610.021(1) to discuss matters of litigation, legal actions and/or communications from the City Attorney. Alderman Jelen seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Roll Call: Kohrs-yes, Jelen-yes, Barrett-yes, Kolb-yes, Baker-yes and Robb-yes.

Board went into Closed Session at 9:10 PM

Board reconvened back into Open Session at 9:35 PM.

ADJOURNMENT:

Alderman Kolb moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:40 P.M. and Alderman Jelen seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted: _____

M. Kwiatkowski, MRCC

City Clerk