

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
OF THE  
CITY OF SHREWSBURY, MISSOURI  
January 12, 2010**

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Shrewsbury, Missouri was held at 7:00 p.m. this 12<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2010 for the transaction of such business that may come before the meeting.

There were present:

Mayor ..... Bert L. Gates  
Alderman..... Ed Purvis  
Alderman..... Elmer Kauffmann  
Alderman..... Mike Travaglini  
Alderwoman..... Chris Gorman  
Alderwoman..... Felicity Buckley  
Alderman..... Sam Scherer

constituting the Board of Aldermen.

There were also present:

City Administrator..... Barry Alexander  
Acting City Clerk..... Jonathan Greever  
Acting City Attorney..... Jerry Murphy

The meeting came to order at 7:00 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Alderman Purvis made a motion to amend the minutes of the Work Session of the Board of Aldermen for November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2009 to reflect his participation in the discussion regarding a mid-year budget review process. Alderman Travaglini seconded the motion to amend and the amendment was unanimously approved. Alderman Purvis made a motion to approve the minutes as amended, Alderwoman Gorman seconded the motion, and the Board unanimously approved the minutes.

Alderwoman Gorman made a motion to approve, as submitted, the minutes of the Work Session of the Board of Aldermen of December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2009. Aldermen Scherer seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Alderman Scherer made a motion to approve, as submitted, the minutes of the Regular Session of the Board of Aldermen of December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2009. Alderwoman Gorman seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

**BILLS:**

Alderman Travaglini made a motion to approve the bills submitted for payment. Alderwoman Gorman seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

**BIDS/PROPOSALS**

*2010 Linelazer 3900 Paint Sprayer*

Street Superintendent Wagner presented the bid results for a 2010 Linelazer 3900 Paint Sprayer with one spray gun. He recommended the Board accept the bid from Hydraflow Equipment Co. for the amount of \$4,195.00 as the lowest and best bid. He also stated that the item was budgeted under the Capital Improvement Fund.

Alderman Purvis made the motion that the Board approve the purchase of the sprayer from Hydraflow for the amount stated. Alderman Scherer seconded the motion, and the Board unanimously approved the motion.

*Motorola Portable Radios*

Police Chief Keller presented the bid proposal for the five state-mandated XTA2500 P25 compliant Motorola Portable Radios for the amount of \$9,322.15. He stated that the State issued a grant for 100% of the cost of the radios and that no matching funds were required from the City. Since the recommended supplier, St. Louis Electronics, is a "sole source" provider of the radios and has a contract for this service with the State of Missouri, Chief Keller recommended that the Board authorize the purchase of the radios.

Alderman Travaglini made a motion that the Board approve the purchase of the radios for the amount stated. Alderwoman Gorman seconded the motion.

Mayor Gates asked if there was any discussion on the matter.

Alderman Purvis asked Chief Keller if these were the radios that were compliant with the new E-911 regulation.

Chief Keller stated that these were the compliant radios.

The Board unanimously approved the purchase of the radios.

**Presentation:**

Metro Representative Mark Phillips gave a presentation to the Board regarding Metro's financial state and its long range goals.

He mentioned that Metro had made necessary cuts in March 2009. He added that although a State emergency appropriation of \$12 million had enabled Metro to restore approximately 30% of the cuts, this funding was only a one time appropriation.

Mr. Phillips discussed the importance of mass regional transit systems. He stated that a collaboration of several entities had recently initiated a long range planning process for the regional transit system. He added that the development of the draft plan relied heavily upon broad based engagement by the public.

Mayor Gates stated that Metro does good transit work throughout the nation with little funding and encouraged everyone to consider participating in Metro's outreach programs.

**HEAR CITIZENS:**

Lee Halbert from 7506 Murdoch stated that he was concerned about the traffic on Murdoch. He stated that he had lived at that location for 17 years, and had noticed a recent increase in the volume of traffic on Murdoch, as well as an increase in the aggressiveness and carelessness of those driving on that street. He said that drivers drove too fast, used lanes illegally, and drove on the shoulder. He further stated that a driver had recently rear-ended his wife's car, and that it was this incident that had finally brought him before the Board.

Mayor Gates stated that Murdoch is a St. Louis County street, and as such, the City could only provide enforcement. He guaranteed that the City would emphasize enforcement in that area to curb this behavior.

Mr. Halbert stated that he wanted to thank the Police Chief and the police officers for their responsiveness.

Mayor Gates stated that he could remind Shrewsbury's residents in the next newsletter to be considerate when driving.

Alderman Scherer asked if Mr. Halbert had noticed any decrease in Murdoch traffic since Highway 40 opened back up.

Mr. Halbert stated that he had not noticed any change, but added that he thought much of the issue was caused by the lane changes that were made.

Alderman Travaglini asked Chief Keller about the viability of putting signs up that state "no passing on the shoulder."

Alderwoman Buckley stated that such a sign existed.

Chief Keller added some supporting data, citing 16 accidents and nearly 300 traffic violations over the previous 2 years on that stretch of Murdoch. He further stated that the police had made additional efforts to increase enforcement in the area.

Mayor Gates stated that the City would increase the enforcement efforts.

### **ORDINANCE**

(Contract Renewal for Shrewsbury Police Services for the Village of Mackenzie)

Mayor Gates introduced Bill No. 2578, a proposed Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute a contract with the Village of Mackenzie to provide police services to said village for a term to begin January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2010. Upon motion made by Alderman Kauffmann, seconded by Alderman Scherer and unanimously passed, and in accordance with Section 79.130 as approved by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, the Bill was read by Title the first time. Mayor Gates opened the ordinance for discussion. Upon no discussion a motion was made by Alderman Kauffmann, seconded by Alderwoman Gorman, and unanimously passed, and in accordance with Section 79.130 as approved by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, the Bill was read by Title only the second and final time. Alderman Kauffmann then made a motion that Bill No. 2578 be adopted to become Ordinance No. 2574. Alderman Scherer seconded the motion and upon roll call, the following vote was recorded: Alderman Kauffmann, "Aye"; Alderman Purvis, "Aye"; Alderman Travaglini, "Aye"; Alderwoman Gorman, "Aye"; Alderwoman Buckley "Aye" and Alderman Scherer "Aye".

There being a majority of votes in favor, the Mayor declared the motion passed and that Bill No. 2578 was adopted as Ordinance No. 2574.

(Contract Renewal for the Tenancy of the City Center)

Mayor Gates introduced Bill No. 2579, a proposed Ordinance authorizing the annual renewal of the lease dated March 1, 2008, between the City of Shrewsbury, Missouri, Improvement Corporation and the City of Shrewsbury, Missouri, for the tenancy by the City of Shrewsbury City Center. Upon motion made by Alderwoman Gorman, seconded by Alderman Kauffmann and unanimously passed, and in accordance with Section 79.130 as approved by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, the Bill was read by Title the first time. Mayor Gates opened the ordinance for discussion. Upon no discussion a motion was made by Alderman Kauffmann, seconded by Alderman Scherer, and unanimously passed, and in accordance with Section 79.130 as approved by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, the Bill was read by Title only the second and final time. Alderman Kauffmann then made a motion that Bill No. 2579 be adopted to become Ordinance No. 2575. Alderman Scherer seconded the motion and upon roll call, the following vote was recorded: Alderman Kauffmann, "Aye"; Alderman Purvis, "Aye"; Alderman Travaglini, "Aye"; Alderwoman Gorman, "Aye"; Alderwoman Buckley "Aye" and Alderman Scherer "Aye".

There being a majority of votes in favor, the Mayor declared the motion passed and that Bill No. 2579 was adopted as Ordinance No. 2575.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

None

**REPORTS:**

Director Bernstein stated that the auditions for the Wizard of Oz were coming up the following weekend. He stated that a large number of children had signed up for the auditions and that the theater program had an increase in scheduled shows. He further stated that the adult lounge had opened up and that he had received positive feedback from residents.

Superintendent Wagner discussed the snow removal work his department had performed during the recent snow storm.

Police Chief Keller stated that the new officer, Jason Dietl, had started work on December 28<sup>th</sup>. He also mentioned that Mr. & Mrs. Schuster from the 7800 block of Murdoch donated \$50 to the police department.

Fire Chief Fox stated that Jim Sepe from Tri-Square Construction had donated \$500 to the smoke detector fund. He reported that the removal of the Laclede Gas towers was progressing well and briefed the Board on a minor spill that had occurred on Shrewsbury Avenue.

Alderman Purvis thanked the Fire Chief for sending the precondition letter to the company tasked with the removal of the towers.

Director Jett recapped the November financial analysis statement that he had previously released to the Board and said that he was working on the December analysis statement.

Administrator Alexander reminded the Board that the Webster Groves/Shrewsbury Area Chamber of Commerce "Heart of the Community" Awards Dinner was scheduled for February 5<sup>th</sup>. He added that the MML Legislative Conference was scheduled for February 17<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> in Jefferson City. He asked the members of the Board to let him know if they wished to attend either event. Administrator Alexander further stated that the Board would need to hold a work session soon.

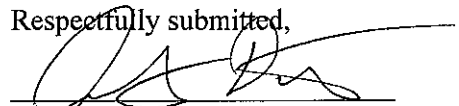
Mayor Gates reiterated that regional transportation capacity is vital to the economic health of a region, and he accordingly encouraged the listeners to seriously consider the proposed half cent tax increase for Metro on the upcoming April ballot.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

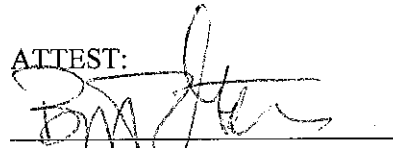
There being no further business to consider, Alderman Travaglini made a motion to adjourn. Alderman Scherer seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Jonathan D. Greever,  
City Clerk/Assistant to the City Administrator

ATTEST:

  
Bert L. Gates,  
Mayor