

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN
OF THE
CITY OF SHREWSBURY, MISSOURI
February 9th, 2010**

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Shrewsbury, Missouri was held at 7:00 p.m. this 9th day of February, 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 R. Alexander
Acting City Clerk.....Jonathan D. Greever
Acting City Attorney.....Michael Darning

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

Approval of Minutes:

Alderman Purvis made a motion to approve, as submitted, the minutes of the Regular Session of the Board of Aldermen on January 12th, 2010. Alderman Scherer seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Alderman Kauffmann stated that he wished to amend the minutes of the Work Session of the Board of Aldermen on January 19th, 2010 to reflect the addition of his question regarding the definition of a supermajority along with the answer given.

Alderwoman Buckley stated that she wished to amend the minutes of the Work Session of the Board of Aldermen on January 19th, 2010 to reflect her question regarding the willingness of big box retailers to perform development absent the existence of TIF. She also stated that she would like the minutes to reflect a question she had asked regarding the likelihood of the presentation numbers varying much, along with the answer given.

Alderman Kauffmann made a motion to amend the minutes of the Work Session of the Board of Aldermen on January 19th, 2010 to reflect the addition of the above-referenced amendment proposals. Alderwoman Buckley seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Alderman Travaglini made a motion to approve, as amended, the minutes of the Work Session of the Board of Aldermen on January 19th, 2010. Alderwoman Gorman seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Bills:

Mayor Gates stated that the list of bills slated for consideration included bills for police radios, Fire Department air compressor repairs, and payment on the 2008 Lease Hold Revenue Bonds. There being no discussion over the bills, Alderman Purvis made a motion to approve the bills submitted for payment. Alderwoman Gorman seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Hear Citizens:

Jim Feeney of 5011 Exeter stated that he had attended the "Heart of the Community Awards" dinner held by the Webster Groves and Shrewsbury Area Chamber of Commerce. He stated that the Citizen of the Year Award recipient, Sister Suzanne Wesley of Cardinal Ritter Senior Citizens, gave a nice speech, a portion of which he wanted to read. She had stated that she wished to thank the Fire and Police Departments of the City of Shrewsbury for their timely, caring and professional approach to providing services to the community.

John Bub of 7408 Williamsburg Colonial Lane asked if there was any news regarding development for Kenrick Plaza. Mayor Gates stated that the City was reviewing some preliminary issues, but at that time, there wasn't much to discuss.

John Bub then stated that he was concerned about several car "break-ins" at Powerhouse Gym and asked if Police Chief Keller could address this issue in his report.

Police Chief Keller stated that there had been two incidents at the Powerhouse Gym parking lot involving car "break-ins". He stated that this type of issue was common for gym parking lots across the region. He further stated that in regard to the above-referenced incidents, the suspects had been identified and two arrests had been made.

Bids/Proposals*Riding Lawn Mower*

Parks Director Bernstein stated that the old riding mower was 10 years old and was having serious mechanical issues. He stated that \$3,500 had been budgeted for this expenditure in the capital fund and that all proposals were under budget. He recommended that the Board accept the bid from Erb Equipment Company in the amount of \$2,440 since it was the lowest and best bid.

Alderman Purvis made the motion to accept Director Bernstein's recommendation to buy the John Deer riding mower from Erb Equipment for \$2,440. Alderman Scherer seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

Ballroom Curtains

Director Bernstein stated that he appreciated the Board's decision to budget for the purchase of ballroom curtains. He stated that, with the Board's approval, the City would also rent out these curtains when not in use by the City. The primary purpose for these curtains, he continued, was for use in the City's theater shows. He stated that five proposals were received, and he recommended that the Board accept the bid from Production Support Services, Inc. in the amount of \$2,442.08. Director Bernstein stated that although this bid was not the lowest bid, it represented the best bid since the company was local, had frequently worked with the City, and had provided great technical support for the City in the past.

Alderwoman Buckley made the motion to accept Director Bernstein's recommendation to purchase the ballroom curtains from Production Support Services, Inc. for \$2,442.08. Alderwoman Gorman seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

Police Patrol Cars

Police Chief Keller stated that the budget included funds to purchase two police cars. He stated that eight requests for proposals were sent out and that five had been returned, none of which were under the budgeted amount. As a result, the bidding process was reopened, eight requests for proposals were sent out and four bids were submitted. The lowest bid from the second round was \$31,392, which was lower than the first round's lowest bid. Despite this, the bid was still \$1,408 over budget. The dealers stated that they could not reduce the bid price further due to the soft market conditions. Since the repair costs for the cars slated for replacement would be substantial, Chief Keller recommended that the Board accept the bid from McMahon Ford for the two police patrol cars in the amount of \$31,392 as the lowest and best bid.

Alderman Travaglini made a motion that the Board accept the bid from McMahon Ford for \$31,392. Alderman Purvis seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

Record Storage System

Police Chief Keller stated that a record storage system was budgeted under the bond issue portion of the budget for \$10,000. He stated that the Police Department's current storage space was full and that that this system would enable the Police Department to greatly expand its storage capacity. He stated that the Peterson Group had a contract with the federal government for this product, and that as a result, the City could receive a discount. The Peterson Group's bid of \$9,875.94 was significantly lower than any other bidders. Therefore, Chief Keller recommended that the Board accept the proposal from the Peterson Group for \$9,875.94 for the purchase and installation of the storage system.

Alderman Scherer made the motion that the Board accept the bid from the Peterson Group for \$9,875.94 for the record storage system. Alderwoman Gorman seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed.

Ordinance

(Designation of Fire Lanes)

Mayor Gates introduced Bill No. 2580, a proposed Ordinance amending the Traffic Code of the City of Shrewsbury, Chapter 355, Section 355.100, Schedule XIV to reflect the addition of fire lanes designated herein. Upon motion made by Alderman Travaglini, 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 the first time. Mayor Gates opened the Bill for discussion, and turned the floor over to Mr. James Brady of 5330 Kenrick Parke Drive. Mr. Brady, speaking on behalf of Kenrick Parke Condominium Association, explained that although the fire lanes had existed for nearly twenty-five years, there was no capacity for police enforcement since the lanes were not included in the Municipal Code. Frequent and recent violations precipitated the request to include these lanes into the Fire Lane Schedule. Upon the absence of further discussion, a motion was made by Alderman Travaglini, seconded by Alderman Purvis, 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 Travaglini then made a motion that Bill No. 2580 be adopted to become Ordinance No. 2576. Alderman Purvis 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. 2580 was adopted as Ordinance No. 2576.

Liquor License Renewals

Mayor Gates stated that St. Michael's Parish was applying for liquor licenses for the various functions that it hosts throughout the year. He proceeded to read the following license applications: an annual license for the sale of beer and wine by the drink on the premises, a temporary license for the sale of all kinds of liquor by the drink off premises (auction), two temporary licenses for the sale of beer and wine by the drink off premises (soccer tournament), and three temporary licenses for the sale of beer and wine by the drink on premises (picnic and basketball tournament).

There being no discussion, Alderman Purvis made a motion for the Board to accept all of the liquor license applications submitted by St. Michael's Parish. Alderman Scherer seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

None

Reports:

Director Bernstein stated the upcoming theater production auditions had greater turnout than anticipated and added that he was pleased with the growth of the theater program.

Fire Chief Fox stated that the fire lane designation had included consultation with Street Superintendent Wagner because of the effect it would have on snowplowing. He also stated that the Fire Department had resuscitated several individuals and assisted a resident who was choking. Finally, he stated that the Fire Department had assisted a female resident who gave birth in her driveway.

Police Chief Keller stated that in response to a resident's complaint about traffic behavior on Murdoch in the January Regular Meeting, the Police Department had employed more resources to step up enforcement in that area. He stated that over a five day period, the Police Department had placed the speed display trailer both ways and found that about nine thousand vehicles passed both ways in that time period. The speed limit is 35 miles per hour and the average speed recorded during the five day period was 33 miles per hour. He further stated that 85% of the traffic was traveling 37 miles per hour or less. He stated that the Police Department would continue to monitor the situation.

Chief Keller also presented Shrewsbury's annual crime report for 2009. He stated that despite the tendency for crime to increase during difficult economic times, the overall Shrewsbury crime rate had reduced by 24% and the traffic accident rate had reduced by 12%.

Mayor Gates stated that several people had told him that Shrewsbury had the best employees and that they appreciated the level of service provided by all of the City's employees.

Finance Director Jett stated that January had been a very busy month and that much had been accomplished.

Administrator Alexander stated that he did not have anything to add to his written memo to the Board.

Mayor Gates reported that the Webster Groves and Shrewsbury Area Chamber of Commerce's "Heart of the Community Awards" banquet had gone well and that Shrewsbury's Citizen of the Year Award went to Sister Suzanne Wesley of Cardinal Ritter Senior Citizens. He added that he appreciated all that she had done for the community. He also stated that the Fire and Police Department had rescued a dog that was injured and lying on the ground outside the public safety building. Mayor Gates reported that the dog underwent surgery, was doing well, and that the dog's owner wanted to thank the safety personnel for their assistance.

Alderman Gorman asked if Superintendent Wagner was at home recovering from working long snow hours.

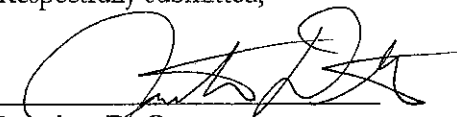
Mayor Gates and Administrator Alexander stated that he was recovering from extensive snowplowing.

Adjournment:

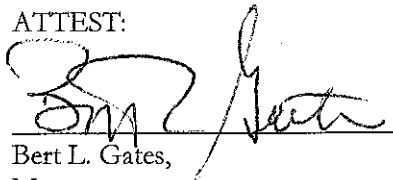
There being no further business to consider, Alderman Travaglini made a motion to adjourn. Alderman Kauffman seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


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

ATTEST:


Bert L. Gates,
Mayor