

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN
OF THE
CITY OF SHREWSBURY, MISSOURI
DECEMBER 9, 2008**

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 December, 2008 for the transaction of such business that may come before the meeting.

There were present:

Mayor..... Bert L. Gates
Alderman Elmer Kauffmann
Alderman Ed Purvis
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
Asst. to the City Administrator/City Clerk..... Cody Hawkins
City Attorney..... Mike Daming

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Alderman Ed Purvis made a motion to approve, as submitted, the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Aldermen November 11, 2008. Alderman Mike Travaglini seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Alderman Ed Purvis made a motion to approve, as submitted, the minutes of the Work Session of the Board of Aldermen October 28, 2008. Alderman Mike Travaglini seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Alderman Ed Purvis made a motion to approve, as submitted, the minutes of the Work Session of the Board of Aldermen November 10, 2008. Alderman Mike Travaglini seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Alderman Ed Purvis made a motion to approve, as submitted, the minutes of the Work Session of the Board of Aldermen November 18, 2008. Alderman Mike Travaglini seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

REPORTS AND COMMISSION MINUTES:

Alderwoman Felicity Buckley made a motion to approve, as submitted, the Reports and Commission minutes. Alderwoman Chris Gorman seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

HEAR CITIZENS:

None

BIDS:

1. Commercial Insurance (Barry Alexander, City Administrator).
City received two bids from Travelers Insurance and One Beacon Insurance (brokered by Steve Marsh). Travelers Insurance bid \$84,864.00 and One Beacon Insurance bid \$85,574.00. Administrator Alexander recommended One Beacon Insurance due to better deductibles and coverage on public entity employer liability. Alderman Ed Purvis made a motion to accept the bid from One Beacon Insurance in the amount of \$85,574.00. Alderman Mike Travaglini seconded the motion and the Board unanimously agreed.

ORDINANCE (CARE Contract); approved

Mayor Gates introduced Bill No. 2550, an Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute a contract with St. Louis County Police Department to utilize the St. Louis County Police Department's computer assisted report entry system (CARE). Upon motion made by Alderman Ed Purvis, seconded by Alderman Mike Travaglini 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 Bert Gates opened the ordinance for discussion. Upon no discussion a motion was made by Alderman Ed Purvis, seconded by Alderman Mike Travaglini, 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 Ed Purvis then made a motion that Bill No. 2550 be adopted to become Ordinance No. 2547. Alderman Mike Travaglini 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".

ORDINANCE (FY 2009 Budget); approved

Mayor Gates introduced Bill No. 2551, an Ordinance approving the 2009 Budget on the City of Shrewsbury, Missouri, appropriating from the revenue and reserves of the city funds therefore and providing for adjustments thereof. Upon motion made by Alderman Ed Purvis, seconded by Alderman Sam 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 Bert Gates opened the ordinance for discussion. Alderwoman Felicity Buckley asked if we could hold passing the Budget until we find out how many will be enrolled in Health Insurance, because premium might change. Alderwoman Chris Gorman agreed due to the difficult Budget this year. Alderman Mike Travaglini stated the Budget is a tool and many item could be disputed or changes and it is not a reason to hold up passing the Budget. Mayor Bert Gates confirmed Alderman Travaglini's comment. Mayor Bert Gates stated if there is a large effort difference the Board could amend the Budget later in the year. Alderwoman Felicity Buckley agreed to move forward on passing the Budget since the issue could be revisited and amending if needed later in the year. Upon no further discussion a motion was made by Alderman Sam Scherer, seconded by Alderwoman Chris 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 Mike Travaglini then made a motion that Bill No. 2551 be adopted to become Ordinance No. 2548. Alderman Sam 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".

ORDINANCE (Salary Range); approved

Mayor Gates introduced Bill No. 2552, an Ordinance adopting minimum salary ranges to be paid to Policemen, Firemen, Administrative and General Employees of Shrewsbury, Missouri, and repealing all Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict with the provision of the Ordinance. Upon motion made by Alderman Ed Purvis, seconded by Alderman Mike Travaglini 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 Bert Gates opened the ordinance for discussion. Upon no discussion a motion was made by Alderman Ed Purvis, seconded by Alderman Sam 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 Ed Purvis then made a motion that Bill No. 2552 be adopted to become Ordinance No. 2549. Alderman Sam 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".

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

None

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Police Chief Jeff Keller stated the department received a letter from the County Highway Department stating the speed limit on Laclede Station Road would be changing from 30 to 35 miles per hour. Chief Keller stated CALEA will be performing their assessment on Saturday through Wednesday.

Fire Chief Bill Fox stated the Ameren substation fire was caused by a motor on a fan. Chief Fox stated the fire was small and service was back on shortly. The fire affected a lot of people, but there was good cooperation with Police. Chief Fox stated he will be attending a Municipal League conference on Pandemic Flu training.

Finance Director Rick Jett thanked the Department Head's and Board for their hard work this past month on the Budget. Director Jett stated he will be busy with insurance and end of the year financials in the coming weeks.

Public Works Director Tony Wagner stated the Board has his written report and that is all for now.

Parks Director Marc Bernstein stated the new parks brochure will be coming out soon. Director Bernstein stated he is working on the holiday lights at the pool.

City Administrator Barry Alexander stated he met with the Fire Department shop steward and went over the budget and insurance issues. Administrator Alexander stated the Department understands the issues and are supportive. Administrator Alexander stated they told him the Fire Union is in support of the tax transfer.

Assistant to the City Administrator Cody Hawkins asked the Board if they would approve of the use of an automated voice system to direct calls to the proper departments on the new phone system. The Board agreed with the use of the automated system.

ADJOURN:

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cody Hawkins, City Clerk

ATTEST:

Mayor Bert L. Gates