

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN
OF THE
CITY OF SHREWSBURY, MISSOURI
June 9, 2009**

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 June, 2009 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
Alderman..... Chris Gorman
Alderman..... 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

Absent:

City Attorney..... Jerry Murphy

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Alderman Purvis made a motion to approve, as submitted, the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Aldermen of May 12, 2009. Alderman Scherer seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Alderman Purvis made a motion to approve, as submitted, the minutes of the Work Session of the Board of Aldermen of May 6, 2009. Alderman Scherer seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Alderman Purvis made a motion to approve, as submitted, the minutes of the Work Session of the Board of Aldermen of May 12, 2009. Alderman Gorman seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

REPORTS AND COMMISSION MINUTES:

None

BILLS:

Alderman Purvis made a motion to approve the bills submitted for payment. Alderman Scherer seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

HEAR CITIZENS:

Citizen Chris Polka (5014 Kain) asked for the total cost of the Pool Bath House renovation. Park Director Bernstein stated \$337,000. Mr. Polka stated he saw some improvements on the inside, but back when the proposition was passed, information was given out that a new Bath House would be built due to structural hazards. Mr. Polka stated he is upset and the expenses of the renovation are not worth the price and does not like it.

Citizen Laura Catlett (5102 Deville) stated she goes to the pool with her daughter and showers there at times. Mrs. Catlett stated the positive items are the life guard staff is better this year and the front of the building (ticket booth) is not as big of a deal. Mrs. Catlett stated the concession area is a problem, she is disappointed in the food quality and time in getting the food. Mrs. Catlett stated the pizza takes ten

minutes and costs five dollars, the fries and cheese sticks are baked not fried. In addition, the persons working the concession stand are not trained to handle resident complaints. Mrs. Catlett stated the concession was out of products and people had to wait in a long line to get food.

Citizen Mary King (7317 Sutherland) stated she is not happy about AT&T digging holes for wires and leaving her property a mess. Ms. King stated AT&T left dirt piles and said they would get sod to fix the area. Ms. King stated they did not fix the area and put down grass seed not sod. Ms. King asked if there is anything the City can do about the project. Administrator Alexander stated he has spoken to AT&T and they are coming back to fix the problems.

Citizen Ann Riti (7704 Lansdowne) asked why the water fountain at the pool was moved to add a new addition. Park Director Bernstein stated the new addition is a storage area for ice boxes and a freezer.

Citizen Rita Killian (7406 Murdoch) stated issues with not being able to bring in containers this year. Ms. Killian stated only junk food is available at the concession. Ms. Killian also stated concerns about the wait time for food, long lines and no lockers in the locker rooms.

Citizen Cindy Kopff (7425 Weil) stated she knows a lot was done at the Pool Bath House in the concession area, but is disappointed with the Bath House shower area. Ms. Cuff stated there are no hooks or private drying areas. Also there is nowhere to put anything in the bathroom and only one sink.

Citizen Nancy Pfitzinger asked who approved the changes to the Pool Bath House. Ms. Fitzinger stated Alderwoman Buckley told her that she (Board) did not approve the changes. Alderwoman Buckley stated she said that she did not see or approve drawings for all of the changes. Mayor Gates stated the Board has approved all the changes to the Bath House and drawings were available, but were not asked to be seen. Ms. Fitzinger stated if the Board did approve the changes to the Bath House than they should be held accountable. Ms. Fitzinger stated her other concerns are about beautification in the City and the City should form a Committee for Beautification.

Rebecca Spradling (7404 Lansdowne) stated they liked the improvements to the shower room, but it needs more hooks and places to sit. Ms. Spradling stated they do not like the ticket booth, plants in the front of the building or the windows with safety wire in them and asked who the designer was. City Engineer Tom Weis explained the building was designed meet a need and fix an existing use. Mr. Weis stated the building is a working facility with needs that had to be met within an existing structure. Park Director Bernstein stated the Public Works Superintendent Wagner, Administrator Alexander, City Engineer Weis and he reviewed the designs and asked the Board if they had any concerns during the process.

Alderman Purvis and Alderwoman Buckley both commented that there was design discussion about an iron gate entrance idea that the Board turned down.

Alderwoman Buckley read highlights from a letter from Kurt Odenwald. The main concerns in the letter were about the look of the building, concession issues and overall disappointment with the project.

Park Director Bernstein stated the concession issues are already being addressed after the first weekend of being open. Director Bernstein stated management is in the concession area now to improve time and food delivery.

City Engineer Weis stated a lot of these issues can be addressed in time.

Citizen Ann Riti stated she wants the City to look nicer, to have beautification throughout the City. Ms. Riddy stated the City should have charming details. Alderman Travaglini agreed that a committee would be a good idea. Ms. Riti also stated AT&T boxes could be decorated with art. Mayor Gates asked Ms. Riti if she would like to form and chair a beautification committee.

Citizen Maureen Hoock stated the Boy Scout troops would be willing to work on beautification projects. Ms. Hoock questioned the sign stating no food or drink as you come in to the pool should be moved and replaced with a welcome to Shrewsbury sign.

City Engineer Weis stated a couple of streets in the City are eligible for Federal grants (Weil, Trianon/Kenrick and part of Shrewsbury Avenue. Engineer Weis stated the grants can be used for banners, decorative lighting, brick crosswalks and other beautification elements. Engineer Weis stated the grants are 80% funding with a 20% match. Alderman Travaglini asked what Administrator Alexander and he did to make the street available for the grant. Engineer Weis stated traffic counts, study by East/West Gateway and it must be a connecting route, among other things. Engineer Weis stated the grant rounds are in March. Engineer Weis stated Shrewsbury, like all other Cities, did not get any funding from the stimulus money.

AUDIT PRESENTATION

Auditor Tammy Alsop stated she prepared the audit for the City. Ms. Alsop noted the unqualified opinion in the audit which is the highest rating you can receive. Ms. Alsop stated the General Fund is fairly level with only a deficit of \$12,000 which is good considering the bad economy. Ms. Alsop stated the Capital Project money was spent down almost \$1,000,000 which is what the City proposed to do. Ms. Alsop stated the Debt Service transfer will help. Ms. Alsop stated the refund of the 1998 Bonds saved the City around \$383,000. Ms. Alsop stated the pension plan is in good shape. Ms. Alsop stated the revenues were close to the budget and actually higher due to the cell phone settlement. Ms. Alsop restated the budget was only over about \$12,000 which is very good. Ms. Alsop asked if the Board had any questions.

Alderman Purvis asked if other cities' sales tax is declining. Ms. Alsop stated yes, the trend is around 3%, the same as in Shrewsbury.

LIQUOR LICENSE

License for sale of all kinds of liquor by the drink: St. Louis Sports Zone Bar and Grill, PCB Bowling, Mango Restaurant and St. Louis County Memorial Post 111

Approved

License for sale of liquor in original package: Traffic Oil, Dierberg's, and Shop N Save

Approved

License for sale of beer and wine by the drink (Temporary): Cure of Ars Church (picnic) and St. Michael's Parish (soccer tournament)

Approved

License for wine tasting: Dierberg's

Approved

Bids

(Southwoods Concrete Slab Replacement, City Engineer Weis and Street Superintendent Wagner)

City Engineer Weis explained the bids for the street slab replacement.

City Engineer Weis stated Benz-Park is the recommended bidder at \$242,660. Alderman Travaglini made a motion to accept the bid from Benz-Park in the amount of \$242,660. Alderwoman Gorman seconded the motion, and the entire Board unanimously agreed.

City Engineer Weis and the Board discussed the remaining bond funds and using the left over money for more concrete slab replacement. Administrator Alexander stated the Board will discuss this issue at the next Work Session.

Alderwoman Gorman stated a Work Session should be set soon to discuss the issues at the pool and concrete slab replacement; Alderman Travaglini agreed.

Alderman Travaglini stated he would be available any time except the week of June 22nd.

Alderman Kauffmann and Mayor Gates asked City Engineer Weis to start a list identifying more concrete slabs that need to be replaced.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

None

REPORTS:

Police Chief Keller stated the St. Michael's parade yesterday went well with no accidents and nothing else to report.

Fire Chief Fox stated the Public Works Department did a nice job on the replacement of the driveway to the Fire Department Engine Bay. Chief Fox stated if the City receives any complaints about the Fire Department not throwing out candy at the St. Michael's parade they got caught on a call in Clayton and did not have time to get candy for the parade. Chief Fox stated resident John O'Brien is now a Shrewsbury Firefighter. Chief Fox stated the new ambulance will be in around the 28th of June.

Finance Director Jett stated the Board can call him with any question they have on the Audit. Director Jett stated the work comp audit is complete and the results should be received in a few weeks. Director Jett stated the new health insurance plan was implemented on June 1st, with only minor issues. The Mayor and Board thanked Director Jett for his hard work.

Administrator Alexander stated the St. Louis County Highway Department will remove the left turn only sign on east bound Murdoch on to Wilshusen and restripe for a turn lane.

Assistant Hawkins asked the Board what type of golf carts they would like for the Webster Grove parade. The Board decided on two – four seat golf carts.

Mayor Gates stated the chief forecaster for Edward Jones feels the recession is ending after comparisons to the past four recessions and based on indicators.

Alderman Travaglini stated the real estate market is picking up in the last few months.

ADJOURN:

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:47 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Cody Hawkins, City Clerk

ATTEST:

Mayor Bert L. Gates