

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN
OF THE
CITY OF SHREWSBURY, MISSOURI
September 18, 2007**

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Shrewsbury, Missouri was held at 7:04 p.m. this 18th day of September, 2007 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 Jim Feeney
Alderwoman..... Chris Gorman
Alderwoman..... Felicity Buckley
Alderman..... Mike Travaglini

constituting the Board of Aldermen.

There were also present:

City Administrator Barry Alexander
City Clerk..... Cody Hawkins
City Attorney Jerry Murphy

MOMENT OF SILENCE:

Mayor Bert Gates asked that we observe a moment of silence out of respect for Alderman Elmer Kauffmann's mother who passed away.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Alderman Mike Travaglini made a motion to approve, as submitted, the minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Aldermen of August 14, 2007. Alderwoman Chris Gorman seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Alderman Travaglini made a motion to approve, as submitted, the minutes of the Work Session of the Board of Aldermen of August 14, 2007. Alderwoman Gorman seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Alderman Jim Feeney made a motion to approve, as submitted, the minutes of the Public Hearing and Work Session of August 28, 2007. Alderman Travaglini seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Alderman Feeney made a motion to approve, as submitted, the minutes of the Work Session of July 31, 2007. Alderman Travaglini seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

REPORTS AND COMMISSION MINUTES:

Alderman Ed Purvis made a motion to approve, as submitted, the reports and Commission minutes. Alderwoman Felicity Buckley seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

BILLS:

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

HEAR CITIZENS:

Resident Don Smith of 7333 Sutherland approached the Board and stated that he was very happy with the new trash service. Mr. Smith stated that he did have frustration with the hauler putting the trash cans back into the street rather than in the grass right of way. Mayor Gates stated that due to the narrow streets in the City, the matter would be addressed with Christian Disposal.

Mr. Smith stated that he was unhappy with a possible new business, Titlemax, to be located in the old Burger King building. Mr. Smith stated that there are already two of these types of businesses in the area and is questioning why a third business would be placed in the City.

Resident Sandy Odenwald of 7316 Sutherland addressed the Board regarding the Titlemax issue. Ms. Odenwald asked what the business would be zoned.

City Administrator Alexander stated that the businesses are zoned C1 and C2 planned.

Ms. Odenwald asked if the City had any control as to what type of businesses went into C2 planned districts.

Administrator Alexander explained that under the C2 zoning code, a list of permitted businesses include banks and financial institutions.

Administrator Alexander explained that in other zoning codes, such as St. Louis County, these types of businesses are well-defined, explaining the definition of a financial institution at length.

Administrator Alexander stated that the City's code doesn't fully define "financial institution".

Mayor Gates explained that these types of businesses cannot be kept out of the City due to the nature of their business. Mayor Gates stated that a Special Use permit can be required on these types of businesses, which provide restrictions such as hours of business.

Attorney Jerry Murphy explained a case in St. Ann, MO regarding a similar type of business. Attorney Murphy explained that the case was argued in the Missouri Supreme Court and it was determined that the company could indeed operate in the City of St. Ann.

Alderwoman Buckley asked if the City could work with East-West Gateway to redevelop Watson from the theater to Rothman Furniture to do historic redevelopment.

Mayor Gates and the Board of Aldermen discussed the area at length including who owns the property, and upkeep on the property, as well as future ideas for the area along Watson Road.

Resident Tom Painer of Kenrick Manor area also expressed his concern over the Titlemax business. Mr. Painer stated he checked with the Division of Finance for the state of Missouri and title loan businesses are a separate type of business from a bank.

Administrator Alexander stated that the business type needs to be defined clearly in a code. Administrator Alexander stated that the Shrewsbury Code does not properly define these types of businesses and that is something that will be addressed with the Board of Aldermen and the Mayor.

Mr. Painer stated that by doing a Google search on this company, he has found a list of numerous complaints on this business.

Mr. Painer stated that he is all for new businesses coming in and generating revenue. However, Mr. Painer stated that he is concerned about the traffic flow when looking into development at Kenrick Plaza. Mayor Gates and the Board addressed the Kenrick Plaza area at great length.

An additional resident addressed the Board stating that they are also concerned about the Titlemax business. He stated that he is a resident of the Kenrick Manor subdivision and that at the recent subdivision meeting, most of the residents are upset about the business. The resident asked where the new businesses are and why they are not coming into Shrewsbury.

Mayor Gates stated that the City is trying to work on this issue, but again, part of the issue is demographics.

Resident Ann Riti of 7704 Lansdowne stated that she also agrees on the Titlemax issues. In addition, Ms. Riti stated that she would love to see some beautification around the bus stop area at the Murdoch and Lansdowne area. Ms. Riti also stated she would like to see the ordinance regarding parking restrictions on the City streets more heavily enforced. Ms. Riti also stated that the cars from area businesses could park at the American Legion lot and possibly pay a small fee to avoid overflowing into the City streets.

Alderwomen Chris Gorman stated to the Mayor she would like to be involved with any development meeting the city has, especially Kenrick Plaza. In addition, Alderwomen Gorman stated she would like to be involved with any beautification of the city.

Mayor Bert Gates stated it would be more productive if the developer/owner initially met with Administrator Alexander and himself and then the Board could be brought in for the planning process once there was an agreement to redevelop/develop.

BIDS/PROPOSALS: Fireman's Fund Insurance Grant Equipment; approved

Fire Chief Bill Fox explained that bids were sent to five area vendors for the purchase of fire nozzles with the funds from the Fireman's Fund Insurance Grant. Three bids were received and are as follows:

Banner Fire Equipment	\$5,479.00
Leo M. Ellebracht Co.	\$3,532.00
Battalion Three, Inc.	\$4,048.00

Chief Fox recommend accepting the bid from Banner Fire Equipment in the amount of \$5,479.00 as the lowest and best bid.

Alderman Kauffmann made a motion to accept the bid from Banner Fire Equipment in the amount of \$5,479.00. Alderman Travaglini seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

LETTER OF SUPPORT: Cardinal Ritter Senior Services; approved

Mayor Gates stated that the City received a letter from Cardinal Ritter Senior Services asking for support for remodeling in the area. Mayor Gates presented Mr. Garen Miller, architect and citizen of 5115 St. Charles Place.

Mr. Miller explained that Cardinal Ritter is wishing to remodel and make improvements to St. Joseph and Holy Infant apartments. They are proposing building addition modifications as well as emergency power generator upgrades and elevator upgrades among a few other things.

The proposed additions would require road relocations and occasion to address the planning board.

Mr. Ken Numberger representing Cardinal Ritter addressed the Board regarding the project.

Mr. Numberger stated that the refinancing of the building can be done with Tax Exempt Bond Financing allowing financing and additions. The deadline for this is October 1.

Mr. Numberger stated that the facilities were also out of electric during the storms. To avoid having the senior residents without power, generators will be added to the new units.

Mr. Numberger stated that he would need support of the City of Shrewsbury to begin the process for this project. Mr. Numberger stated that certified letters may be sent to some City officials. Mr. Numberger stated that there would also have to be a future resolution passed by the Board to allow St. Louis County to issue bonds.

Mayor Gates stated that the City has had a good relationship with the Archdiocese and he is in favor of writing the letter of support for this remodeling project. After discussion, Alderman Purvis made a motion to approve a letter of support from the Mayor and the City of Shrewsbury. Alderman Travaglini seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

Alderman Purvis stated he received a letter from Sue and George Thompson from 7319 Devonshire. The letter commended the firefighters for their thoughtfulness and concern to check on their health regarding the recent heat spell. Mayor Gates stated that the Shrewsburians also commended the firefighters for checking on them during this time period.

NEW BUSINESS:

Alderman Jim Feeny stated that he would not be seeking re-election in April.

REPORTS:

Fire Chief Bill Fox stated that the Fire Department's policy is to check on the residents after a couple consecutive days of high temperatures. Chief Fox stated he attended a meeting regarding fireworks safety

and requirements regarding fireworks. Chief Fox stated that this has been beneficial due to the decision to have fireworks at this year's Fall Festival.

Police Chief Jeff Keller stated that the hiring process for a new police officer will start on Monday. The new officer will be sworn in on Monday. Chief Keller stated that the Special Olympics fundraiser collected \$1,350 this year at Shop and Save for a combined total of \$1,767 raised. Chief Keller stated he would like to thank Sgt. Pete Bommarito and Jeff Beaton for their efforts. Chief Keller stated that a transformer blew and knocked out power, but the generator at the Public Safety Building kicked in and worked beautifully. Chief Keller stated that the digital crime scene camera has been ordered and should be in soon. Chief Keller also stated that he received a letter of appreciation regarding Det. Sgt. Frank Ringenbach for the manner in which he handled a family's concerns regarding harassing phone calls.

Public Works Superintendent Wagner stated that the street project was pushed back a little due to a water main break on St. Charles. Superintendent Wagner stated that the damage is being corrected and he expects things to move along smoothly.

Parks & Recreation Director Marc Bernstein stated that due to the transformer going down, three motors were lost at the pool. Therefore, the pool stayed open as long as possible, but did have to close early. Director Bernstein stated that generator bids will be in on Friday and the generator will be installed by the end of the year. Director Bernstein reminded everyone that the Fall Festival is next Saturday and that fireworks will start at 9 pm. Director Bernstein stated that signs are being posted to make residents aware of the fireworks. Director Bernstein stated that inflatable playground will be free this year, the hole-in-one will be up and running again and John Kennebeck will be preparing food.

City Administrator Barry Alexander stated that there is a need for a Work Session in a week to two weeks from tonight's date. Administrator Alexander asked the Mayor and Board if they would be available on Tuesday, October 2. The Mayor and Board unanimously agreed that that date would work for them.

Mayor Gates stated that the County Municipal League meeting will be coming up on Thursday. Mayor Gates stated he attended the Missouri Municipal League Conference in Kansas City last week and he encourages anyone to attend these meetings in the future. Mayor Gates congratulated Administrator Alexander on his 10th year as the first City Administrator for the City of Shrewsbury.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Alderman Purvis made a motion to approve an executive session to take place following this regular Board of Aldermen meeting. Such closed meeting with closed vote and closed record is to take place in the Aldermanic Chambers and said meeting, vote and records are closed pursuant to RSMo 610.021 (3) as it relates to matters of personnel. Alderwoman Buckley seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

ADJOURN:

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cody Hawkins, City Clerk

ATTEST:

Mayor Bert L. Gates