

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
OF THE  
CITY OF SHREWSBURY, MISSOURI  
April 10, 2007**

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Shrewsbury, Missouri was held at 7:00 p.m. this 10<sup>th</sup> day of April 2007 for the transaction of such business that may come before the meeting.

Upon roll call, there were present:

Mayor..... Bert L. Gates  
Alderman..... Elmer Kauffmann  
Alderman ..... Ed Purvis  
Alderman ..... Mike Travaglini  
Alderman ..... Jim Feeney  
Alderman... Keith Koenigsfeld  
Alderwoman..... Chris Gorman

constituting the Board of Aldermen.

There were also present:

City Administrator..... Barry Alexander  
Assistant to the City Administrator/City Clerk..... Cody Hawkins  
City Attorney ..... Jerry Murphy

**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 March 13, 2007. Alderman Jim Feeney seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Alderman Jim Feeney made a motion to approve, as submitted, the minutes of the Work Session of the Board of Aldermen of March 13, 2007. Alderman Mike 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. Alderman Keith Koenigsfeld seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

**BILLS:**

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

**HEAR CITIZENS:**

Citizen Joe Russo stated his name and residence as being 7222 Nottingham. Mr. Russo stated he had several concerns about privacy, noise, drainage and the disturbance of the land between his property and Ameren. Mr. Russo submitted pictures to the Board that showed gullies formed by water runoff in the direction of his and neighbors properties. Mr. Russo had several questions for the Board to address: Is this all Ameren is going to do for drainage (seed, straw and fiber mesh barriers)?, Who has ownership of the easement by the railroad track (it is not being maintained)?, How is all this going to affect property value?, Is there any kind of ordinance that can be crafted for privacy issues and drainage?, Has there been any knowledge gained from the last meeting on how the property in Des Peres obtained a privacy fence from Ameren? In addition, Mr. Russo stated concerns with the small and dying plants that replaced the

large and mature trees removed from the property and the number of vehicles coming in and out of the Ameren parking area.

Building Commissioner Dick Gaffney addressed some of Mr. Russo concerns. Commissioner Dick Gaffney stated the City has been in constant contact with Ameren. In addition, the City suggested a meeting to Ameren consisting of the City, Citizens and Ameren to sit down and discuss these issues. Commissioner Dick Gaffney stated that Ameren is talking to their upper levels of management about putting up some type of privacy screen on the existing fence or putting up a new fence. Commissioner Gaffney also addressed that the City and Ameren have been in contact about the drainage and washout issues and that a ditch has been designed to carry the water away from the area. Commissioner Gaffney and Street Superintendent Tony Wagner addressed Mr. Russo's question about the easement not being maintained by the railroad and said the City would look into the issue.

Street Superintendent Tony Wagner stated the easement is owned by the railroad and should be maintained by them.

Mayor Bert Gates stated the City will address the weed issue on the railroad easement.

Administrator Barry Alexander stated for a project this size a plan was submitted to the City. In addition, the drainage aspect of the plan has just not been completed. Administrator Alexander agreed the planting on the property in question is poor. Administrator Alexander continues to suggest that the best route is to try and cajole Ameren into improving the project.

Administrator Alexander stated in relation to Mr. Russo's other questions that there are no ordinances that can be crafted to address all the concerns of the residents. If an ordinance was crafted to address the issues of privacy, noise, fencing, etc. all residents would have to abide by the ordinance and that is not feasible. The only issue the City can enforce by ordinance is the drainage issues on the property. In addition, that damage to property and other concerns would be more of a civil issue and not addressable by the City. Administrator Alexander stated it is up to Ameren as to what they do in reference to the plantings and that the City can not control what they put in or remove.

Mayor Bert Gates stated that a list of items the citizens would like to see done on the property needs to be created so that we can cajole them in to being good neighbors, but we can not force them. In addition, the City can not treat residents and businesses differently on these types of issues.

Administrator Alexander stated the problem is that Ameren has been there for years and many residents have too. Administrator Alexander stated we have competing property owners each trying to improve their property for their desired use.

Alderman Mike Travaglini stated to the residents to encourage Ameren to be a good neighbor.

Another Citizen who lives on Nottingham but failed to identify herself stated when she moved in, her realtor and Ameren said they would maintain a drainage ditch to prevent runoff, which they have not done. She stated that there has been a history of drainage issues and flooding in her basement as a result over the years. In addition, that an open trash container on different occasions on the Ameren property has resulted in trash blowing on to her property. The Citizen submitted pictures of her basement with water damage and debris on the Ameren property. She also stated that she has been in contact with the St. Louis County Assessor Office in relation to the issue.

Police Chief Jeff Keller stated he spoke with Ameren about the issue of noise coming from the trucks at night on Ameren's parking area. Chief Jeff Keller said Ameren stated they will move the trucks that are used during the night shift to the front of the parking area to distance the noise. In addition, the City could request the County to come out and test the decibel level to see if it violates the County's noise regulation. Chief Jeff Keller also said in most cases like this the level is not high enough to cause a violation of the County Noise Ordinance.

Some of the other residents inquired if there is an easement between their fence lines and Ameren's property. There is some concern with this area as to maintenance, trimming of weeds and some partial damage to one resident's flower bed.

Alderman Jim Feeney stated this area is an ongoing construction site and there are some things that the City can and can not regulate. In addition, if there is an easement on their property it would be listed on or with the deed to their property.

Mayor Bert Gates closed the Hear Citizens portion of the meeting by stating the City has a list of concerns from the residents and will work with Ameren on trying to get them to be good neighbors and address the issues.

**BIDS/PROPOSALS: Thermal Imaging Camera; approved**

Fire Chief Bill Fox stated Shrewsbury joined a competitive bid with other Fire Districts and Departments for the purchase of a Thermal Imaging Camera. The bid results were as follows: Battalion Three Inc. \$7,950.00, Reis Environmental \$7,299.99, Safety & Fire Exchange \$8,100.00, Towers Fire Apparatus \$8,350.00, and Leo M. Ellebracht Co. \$9,244.00. Chief Fox recommended the Reis Environmental bid of \$7,299.99 as the lowest and best bid.

Alderman Kauffman made a motion to accept the recommendation of Chief Fox to accept the proposal by Reis Environmental for the Thermal Imaging Camera, in the amount of \$7,299.99. Alderman Feeney seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

**BIDS/PROPOSALS: Hot Water Pressure Washer; approved**

Street Superintendent Tony Wagner stated bids were received at City Hall on March 16, 2007 for the purchase of a Hot Water Pressure Washer. The bid results were as follows: Nu Way \$3,738.00, Hydraflow Equipment Co. \$3,379.00, Pat Kelly Equipment Co. \$3,885.85, H.M. Dinzler Equipment Co. \$3,745.00, and K & K Supply \$3,494.85. Superintendent Wagner recommended the Hydraflow Equipment Co. bid of \$3,379.00 as the lowest and best bid.

Alderman Travaglini made a motion to accept the recommendation of Superintendent Wagner to accept the proposal by Hydraflow Equipment Co. for a Hot Water Pressure Washer, in the amount of \$3,379.00. Alderman Feeney seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

**BIDS/PROPOSAL: Pool Furniture; approved**

Parks Department Director Marc Bernstein stated bids were solicited for pool furniture. The bid results were as follows: Tropic Craft \$17,162.35, Horizon Casual \$17,885.00, Westport Pools \$23,090.70, Cunningham Assoc. \$23,370.00, and Recreonic \$23,651.00. Parks Director Bernstein recommended the Tropic Craft bid of \$17,162.35 as the lowest and best bid. The amount budgeted for this item was \$20,000.00.

Alderman Kauffman made a motion to accept the recommendation of Parks Director Bernstein to accept the proposal by Tropic Craft for the pool furniture, in the amount of \$17,162.35. Alderwoman Gorman seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

**BIDS/PROPOSAL: Renewal of Missouri Rural Services Workers' Compensation Insurance Trust; approved**

Administrator Barry Alexander stated the Missouri Rural Services Workers' Compensation Insurance Trust is up for renewal. Administrator Alexander recommended the Board renew Missouri Rural Services Worker's Compensation Insurance Trust in the estimated amount of \$111,676 subject to audit. Administrator Alexander stated the City receives a 25% discount due to fact he serves on the Trust's Board and is very affordable compared to what other municipalities pay for Worker's Compensation Insurance.

Alderman Purvis made a motion to accept the recommendation of Administrator Alexander to renew the Missouri Rural Service Worker's Compensation Insurance Trust, in the estimated amount of \$111,676 subject to audit. Alderman Koenigsfeld seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

**LIQUOR LICENSE RENEWAL; approved**

St. Michael's Church at 7622 Sutherland submitted an application for a liquor license. The request is for the temporary sale of all liquor by the drink for not more than seven days as pursuant to City ordinance and the fee is \$25.00 dollars. The request is for the renewal of their liquor license for their annual picnic in June 2007.

Alderman Travaglini made a motion to issue the liquor license to St. Michael's for their annual picnic under City code section 600.140 with a license fee of \$25.00. Alderman Feeney seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

None.

**REPORTS:**

Administrator Barry Alexander reported he will be attending the Missouri Rural Trust Board meeting next week.

No other oral reports were given.

**ADJOURN:**

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Cody Hawkins, City Clerk

ATTEST:

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Bert L. Gates, Mayor