

NOTICE OF A WORK SESSION OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN

Notice is hereby given that a Work Session of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Shrewsbury, Missouri, will be held in the **Aldermanic Conference Room** at the City Center, 5200 Shrewsbury Avenue, Shrewsbury, Missouri, on Tuesday, January 28, 2020 at **6:00 pm**. Items to be discussed are as follows:

A. Roll Call

B. Approval of Minutes

- a. Board of Aldermen Regular Session -- January 14, 2020

C. Discussion

- a. Home Occupation
- b. Distracted Driving
- c. Section 230.055 – The Domestic, Private Raising of Chickens

D. Old Business

E. New Business

F. Hear Citizens

G. Adjourn

H. Closed Session

(Closed Meeting, Closed Vote & Closed Record) will take place at the end of this scheduled Board of Aldermen Open Meeting. Such Closed Meeting with Closed Vote and Closed Record will take place in the Aldermanic Conference Room and said Meeting, Vote and Records will be closed pursuant to RSMo 610.021 (3).

All interested parties are invited to attend.

The City of Shrewsbury is working to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Individuals who require an accommodation (sign language interpreter, listening device, an accessible location, etc.) to attend a meeting should contact City Hall, 647-5795 V or use Relay Missouri 1-800-735-2966 TDD, at least 48 hours in advance and communicate their needs.

*Justin Klocke
City Clerk*

**CITY OF SHREWSBURY
WORK SESSION OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN**

January 28, 2020

A Work Session of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Shrewsbury, Missouri was held at 6:00 p.m. on the 28th day of January 2020 in the Aldermanic Conference Room of City Hall for the transaction of such business that came before the Board.

Present:

Mayor	Sam Scherer
Alderman	Mike Travaglini
Alderman	Keith Peters
Alderman	John Odenwald
Alderman	Elisa Reeves
Alderman	Greg Lauter

Also Present:

Director of Administration	Jonathan Greever
Director of Parks and Recreation	Chris Buck
Director of Finance	Danielle Oettle
Fire Chief	Chris Amenn
Chief of Police	Lisa Vargas
Director of Public Works	Tony Wagner
City Attorney	Mike Daming
City Clerk	Justin Klocke

Roll Call

Mayor Scherer called the meeting to order, and City Clerk Klocke commenced with the roll call. A quorum was present for the transaction of city business.

Approval of Minutes

Mayor Scherer introduced the minutes from the January Regular Session and opened the floor for discussion. There being no discussion, Alderman Travaglini made a motion to approve the minutes; Alderman Peters seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Discussion – Home Occupation

Mayor Scherer reviewed the request from a resident to allow massage establishment home occupations in the City of Shrewsbury. Mayor Scherer expressed his reservations for adopting legislation that would permit massage establishments as home occupations. Alderman Reeves said home occupation businesses are already operational in the City and consideration of a home occupation ordinance may be helpful to regulate a code violation that is occurring. Director Greever reminded the Board of the importance to consider the impact of home occupations to neighbors. Director Greever added that any considered home occupation ordinance would include conditional use review requirements that would keep the final determination of the home occupation use within the Board's authority. Alderman Odenwald said he was in favor of considering policy that would retain the final determination of home occupations in the Board's authority. City Attorney Daming reminded the Board that a chapter of the Shrewsbury Municipal Code regulates massage

establishments, and each petitioner for a massage establishment would have to abide by those regulations even if a home occupation ordinance was enacted. Chief Vargas reported on the feedback she received from her staff regarding massage establishments as a home occupation. Alderman Lauter expressed concerns with the impact on traffic and parking if home occupations were permissible. Alderman Lauter added that any ordinance could create confusion on where to draw the line on home occupation uses. Alderman Travaglini asked if the Board should consider a blanket home occupation ordinance and separate the massage establishment home occupation discussion from the general discussion of home occupations. Mayor Scherer said the Board would review documents about home occupations from the City Attorney and asked the Board to review Chapter 400 of the Code to prepare for further discussions on home occupations.

Discussion – Distracted Driving

Alderman Odenwald reported on a recent conference he attended where a speaker urged local government leaders to take action on distracted driving. Alderman Odenwald urged the Board to consider legislation that would prohibit the use of cellphones in the City. Alderman Lauter asked Chief Vargas how prohibition on cellphone use in a vehicle would affect the Shrewsbury Police Department. Chief Vargas said the absence of a primary seat belt law and distracted driving law reduces the department's eligibility for many grants. Chief Vargas added that her officers would not have issues with enforcing a primary seat belt and distracted driving law. Alderman Peters asked if the Shrewsbury Police Department had a primary seat belt and distracted driving law, would the department be more likely to receive grant funds. Chief Vargas said the department would be more likely to receive grant funds if both laws were adopted. Alderman Travaglini asked if other municipalities have distracted driving ordinances. Chief Vargas said that many of the surrounding communities have ordinances that address distracted driving. City Attorney Daming reminded the Board that the State of Missouri prohibits the use of cellphones in a vehicle for individuals under the age of 21; additionally, the State has preempted municipal control of restricting cellphone use in a vehicle for individuals over the age of 21. City Attorney Daming recommended the Board review Section 340.200 *Careless and Imprudent Driving Charges* to give the Shrewsbury Police Department the ability to enforce the Code better on issues related to careless and imprudent driving. Alderman Reeves asked if the City could consider an ordinance prohibiting cellphone use while driving for individuals under the age of 21. City Attorney Daming said the City could consider an ordinance addressing cellphone use while driving for individuals under the age of 21. Mayor Scherer said City staff would continue to work on Alderman Odenwald's request and have additional information in the coming meetings.

Discussion – Section 230.055 The Domestic, Private Raising of Chickens

Mayor Scherer and Director Greever reviewed a recent request from a resident in Ward 1 to increase the cap on chickens within City limits from five to eight. Director Greever reported on the memo he sent to Alderman Peters and Alderman Odenwald regarding this request. Alderman Travaglini asked if Section 230.055 requires the consent of adjacent property owners before a chicken permit is issued. Mayor Scherer said consent is not required from adjacent property owners. Alderman Travaglini said that if the City considered legislation that would increase the cap on chickens on a property within City limits, the ordinance should require the petitioner of the chicken permit to obtain consent from all adjacent property owners. There being no further comments, Mayor Scherer closed the discussion.

Old Business

None

New Business

Chief Vargas requested the Board approve two grant authorizations: Hazardous Moving Grant Authorization and General Technology Grant Authorization. The request to approve the grant authorizations passed unanimously by voice vote.

Director Wagner requested the Board approve the drafting of a resolution that would authorize the Board's support of a grant application to be prepared for FY 2021-2024 Transportation Improvement Program and Surface Transportation Program for Weil Avenue, Wilshusen Avenue, and Saint Vincent improvements. The request to approve the grant authorizations passed unanimously by voice vote.

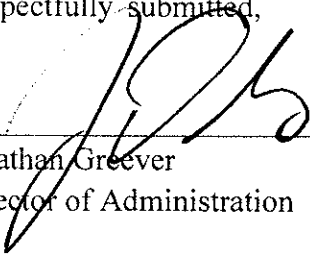
Hear Citizens

Mr. James Holmes, 7601 Weil Avenue, asked if there are any concerns with the amount of chickens that are permissible within City limits currently. Mayor Scherer said he was unaware of any concerns on the current cap on chickens within City limits.

Closed Session


Mayor Scherer asked for a motion for the Board to move into Closed Session. Alderman Travaglini made the motion for a Closed Session; Alderman Peters seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a roll call vote recorded as follows: Alderman Odenwald, "aye," Alderman Reeves, "aye," Alderman Peters, "aye," Alderman Lauter, "aye," and Alderman Travaglini, "aye." The Board meeting entered Closed Session in the Aldermanic Conference Room at Shrewsbury City Center, 5200 Shrewsbury Avenue, Shrewsbury, Missouri 63119.

Respectfully submitted,



Jonathan Greever
Director of Administration

ATTEST:



Sam Scherer
Mayor