

**CITY OF SHREWSBURY  
OPEN MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF ALDERMEN**

March 9, 2021

An Open Meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Shrewsbury, Missouri was held at 6:00 p.m. on March 9, 2021 in the Aldermanic Chambers of City Hall and via Zoom teleconference for the transaction of such business that came before the Board.

Present:	Mayor	Sam Scherer
	Alderman	Mike Travaglini
	Alderman	Greg Lauter
	Alderman	Keith Peters
	Alderman	John Odenwald
	Alderwoman	Elisa Reeves
	Alderman	Michael Schmelzle

Also Present:	Director of Administration	Jonathan Greever
	Fire Chief	Chris Amenn
	Chief of Police	Lisa Vargas
	Director of Parks & Recreation	Chris Buck
	City Attorney	Michael Daming
	Asst. Dir. of Admin./City Clerk	Elliot Brown

**Roll Call**

Mayor Scherer called the meeting to order, and Clerk Brown 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 February 23, 2021 Work Session and opened the floor for discussion. Alderman Schmelzle identified a correction in the discussion section regarding the City's insurance program. **Alderman Travaglini made a motion to approve the minutes with the correction; Alderman Peters seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.**

**Approval of Bills – March 2021**

Mayor Scherer introduced the bills for February 2021, reviewed each of them, and opened the floor for discussion. Director Oettle provided some additional information on the GOB Series 2007 bond payment. Alderwoman Reeves asked if Staff had reviewed other renewal options for the police cell phones listed on the bills. Chief Vargas responded that these phones were specifically made for and used as investigative tools and that her department was not aware of any other options. **Alderman Odenwald moved to approve the bills; Alderman Peters seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.**

**MSD Presentation**

Brian Hoelscher, Executive Director & CEO of the Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District, presented a short summary of the various ballot initiatives MSD has on the upcoming April 2021 municipal election.

**Hear Citizens** - None

### **Discussion – SLAIT**

Mayor Scherer reintroduced the topic of the City of Shrewsbury potentially joining the St. Louis Area Insurance Trust or possibly continuing its current contract with OneDigital for insurance brokerage services. Alderman Odenwald stated that he was not against SLAIT, but that he would like to delay the decision on joining until after the City's current policy year ends in the Fall of 2021. He would like then like SLAIT, the City's current broker to take part in an RFP process along with any other companies that wish to submit proposals to ensure that the City is getting the best possible rates. Alderman Travaglini agreed that the City needs to carefully deliberate before committing to a broker as insurance is such a large portion of the annual budget. Alderman Peters also felt that the process had moved too quickly and supports an RFP.

Director Oettle pointed out that if the Board voted to pursue an RFP for insurance brokerage services, the City would not receive proposed insurance rates until after the proposals had been evaluated and the City chose a brokerage firm. By waiting until the end of the current insurance term as suggested, the City would only be able to select from the rates offered by the chosen broker. She also informed the Board that there was no assurance from SLAIT that the current offer to join the trust would even be available to the City in the Fall as their members' enrollment period is in July.

Alderwoman Reeves stated that she would like the Board to pass Bill 3016 amending the City Administrator section of the municipal code even if it decided not to pass Bill 3017 authorizing the City to join SLAIT. She commended Director Greever on his years of service to the community, stating that he deserves the title of City Administrator regardless of whether the City joins SLAIT or not. Attorney Daming added that the Board could pass Bill 3016 alone this evening or table them both until the next meeting, allowing staff to remove all SLAIT specific language.

**Alderman Travaglini moved to table Bill 3016 and Bill 3017 until the next meeting; Alderman Odenwald seconded. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.**

### **Department Head Reports**

The Department Heads all gave quick updates on various general matters in each of their departments and the Mayor briefly provided a citywide update.

### **Mayor's Report**

Mayor Scherer informed the Board that he would not be in attendance at the upcoming Board Work Session on March 23 due to a scheduled medical procedure.

**Old Business** – None

**New Business** – None

**Hear Citizens** - None

**Closed Session**

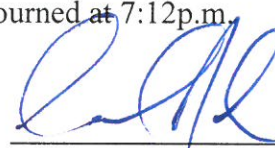
Alderman Travaglini moved for the Board to enter closed session pursuant to RSMo 610.021 (3,13); Alderman Lauter seconded the motion. The following roll call vote was recorded:

Alderman Travaglini,	“Aye”	Alderman Odenwald,	“Aye”
Alderman Lauter,	“Aye”	Alderwoman Reeves,	“Aye”
Alderman Peters,	“Aye”	Alderman Schmelzle,	“Aye”

There being unanimous votes in the affirmative, the Board entered closed session pursuant to RSMo 610.021 (3,13) at 6:58p.m.

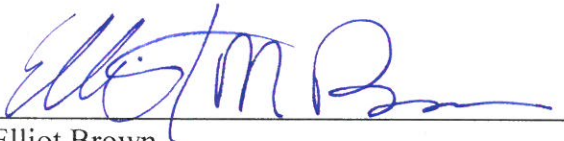
**Adjournment**

Alderman Peters moved to adjourn the meeting; Alderman Peters seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote. Meeting Adjourned at 7:12p.m.



Sam Scherer  
Mayor

ATTEST:



Elliot Brown  
Assistant Director of Administration & City Clerk

