

**CITY OF SHREWSBURY  
WORK SESSION OF THE  
BOARD OF ALDERMEN  
August 18, 2020**

An Open Meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Shrewsbury, Missouri was held at 6:00 p.m. on August 18, 2020 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 – Via Zoom
	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
	Director of Public Works	Tony Wagner – Via Zoom
	City Attorney	Mike Daming
	Asst. Dir. of Admin./City Clerk	Elliot Brown

**Roll Call**

Mayor Scherer called the meeting to order, and City 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 August 11, 2020 Regular Meeting of the Board of Aldermen 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.**

**Court Update**

Mayor Scherer introduced Municipal Judge Gentry Smith, to the Board and asked him to provide an update on recent developments in the Court. Judge Smith informed the Board that because St. Louis County personnel were still seeing high rates of positive Covid-19 tests, they would not be holding session in-person for some time. Instead, they have begun holding Court via Zoom teleconference. The first session was held via Zoom on August 11, 2020, and Judge Gentry felt it went well. Alderwoman Reeves asked what the procedure was if a person did not have access to a computer to attend Court via Zoom. Judge Gentry responded that defendants who are unable to attend Court via Zoom due to a hardship can have their cases rescheduled to a later date if they contact the City and let them know.

### **Police Officer Mike Adams Recognition Ceremony**

Chief Vargas presented Officer Mike Adams with a plaque in recognition of his many years of service to the City of Shrewsbury and wished him well in his retirement.

### **Sign Permits**

Mayor Scherer introduced the permit applications from Cosgrove Law and LEMONAID Pharmacy for 7722 Big Bend Blvd. and 7580 Watson Rd. respectively to the Board. Director Greever stated that both applications had been reviewed by Staff for compliance with City codes and recommended them for approval. **Alderman Travaglini made a motion to approve the permits; Alderman Lauter seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.**

### **Bill No. 3002 – Waste Management Contract Ordinance**

Mayor Scherer then introduced Bill Number 3002, which approves an agreement with Waste Management of Missouri, Inc. for the provision of solid waste services in the City of Shrewsbury. Mayor Scherer and Director Greever provided a brief, general overview of the provisions of the ordinance.

Mayor Scherer opened the floor to any further discussion. There being no discussion, **Alderman Peters motioned to read Bill Number 3002 by title only for the first time; Alderman Odenwald seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.** The City Attorney read Bill Number 3002 by title only for the first time

Mayor Scherer opened the floor to any further discussion. There being no discussion, **Alderman Peters motioned to read Bill Number 3002 by title only for the second time; Alderman Odenwald seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.** The City Attorney read Bill Number 3002 by title only for the second time.

Mayor Scherer opened the floor to final discussion. There being no discussion, **Alderman Peters motioned to read Bill Number 3002 be adopted to become Ordinance Number 2989; Alderman Odenwald seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

Mayor Scherer requested a roll call and the following vote was recorded: Alderman Travaglini, “Aye”; Alderman Lauter, “Aye”; Alderman Peters, “Aye”; Alderman Odenwald, “Aye”; and Alderwoman Reeves, “Aye”; Alderman Schmelzle, “Aye”.

There being unanimous votes in the affirmative, the Mayor declared that **Bill Number 3002 was approved and was therefore adopted as Ordinance Number 2989:**

**AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH WASTE MANAGEMENT OF MISSOURI, INC. FOR THE PROVISION OF SOLID WASTE SERVICES WITHIN THE CITY OF SHREWBURY, MISSOURI.**

### **Bill No. 3003 – Ballot Issue Ordinance**

Mayor Scherer then introduced Bill Number 3003, approving ballot language providing for an increase in the ad valorem property tax rate such that the total property tax rate after the increase

will be less than the total property tax rate in 2019. Mayor Scherer and Director Greever provided a brief, general overview of the provisions of the ordinance.

Mayor Scherer opened the floor to any further discussion. Alderman Schmelzle asked why the language of the ballot had to use the phrase “increase in taxes,” when a success of the ballot issue would result in a reduction in property taxes. Director Greever responded that the ballot language needed to clearly state that what the residents would be voting on. In this case, they would vote for an increase in the property tax rate to replace a portion of the retiring bonds, which would result in an overall lower tax rate than is currently in place. There being no further discussion, **Alderman Travaglini motioned to read Bill Number 3003 by title only for the first time; Alderman Lauter seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.** The City Attorney read Bill Number 3003 by title only for the first time.

Mayor Scherer opened the floor to any further discussion. There being no discussion, **Alderman Travaglini motioned to read Bill Number 3003 by title only for the second time; Alderman Lauter seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.** The City Attorney read Bill Number 3003 by title only for the second time.

Mayor Scherer opened the floor to final discussion. There being no discussion, **Alderman Travaglini motioned that Bill Number 3003 be adopted to become Ordinance Number 2990; Alderman Lauter seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.**

**Mayor Scherer requested a roll call and the following vote was recorded: Alderman Travaglini, “Aye”; Alderman Lauter, “Aye”; Alderman Peters, “Aye”; Alderman Odenwald, “Aye”; and Alderwoman Reeves, “Aye”; Alderman Schmelzle, “Aye”.**

There being unanimous votes in the affirmative, the **Mayor declared that Bill Number 3003 was approved and was therefore adopted as Ordinance Number 2990:**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SHREWSBURY, MISSOURI APPROVING BALLOT LANGUAGE PROVIDING FOR AN INCREASE IN THE AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAX RATE SUCH THAT THE TOTAL PROPERTY TAX RATE AFTER THE INCREASE WILL BE LESS THAN THE TOTAL PROPERTY TAX RATE IN 2019.**

### **Discussion Items**

Proposed Ambulance Fee Ordinance: Chief Amenn informed the Board that he would like additional time to finalize the language in the ambulance fee ordinance prior to reading and passage.

Leave Policy/Covid-19 Ordinance: Director Greever indicated that Staff would like additional time to finalize the update to the City’s leave policy with Covid-19 specific language.

Aggressive Animal Regulation: Director Greever stated that Staff would like additional time to research the appropriate changes to existing City ordinances on this issue.

**Old Business**

None

**New Business**

Alderman Lauter stated that he and Public Works Superintendent Wagner are researching various alternatives to the current mosquito control chemicals being applied by the City. There was concern from some residents that the type of chemical currently used could possibly exacerbate respiratory problems in at-risk groups in the community.

**Hear Citizens**

None

**Closed Session**

**Alderman Travaglini motioned for the Board to enter closed session pursuant to RSMo 610.021 (1); Alderman Lauter seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

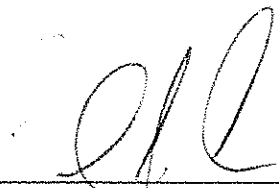
**Mayor Scherer requested a roll call and the following vote was recorded: Alderman Travaglini, "Aye"; Alderman Lauter, "Aye"; Alderman Peters, "Aye"; Alderman Odenwald, "Aye"; Alderwoman Reeves, "Aye"; and Alderman Schmelzle, "Aye."**

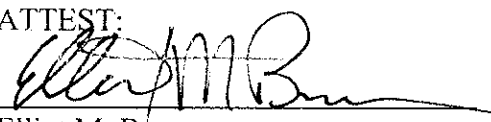
There being unanimous votes in the affirmative, the **Board entered closed session pursuant to RSMo 610.021 (1) at 6:41p.m.**

**Adjournment**

**Alderman Travaglini made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Alderman Lauter seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

**Meeting adjourned at 7:00p.m.**

  
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Sam Scherer  
Mayor

ATTEST:  
  
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Elliot M. Brown  
Asst. Dir. of Administration/City Clerk