

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

May 25, 2021

An Open Meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Shrewsbury, Missouri was held at 6:30 p.m. on May 25, 2021 in the Aldermanic Chambers of City Hall and via Zoom teleconference for the transaction of such business that came before the Board.

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| Present: | Alderman (President) | Greg Lauter       |
|          | Alderman             | Keith Peters      |
|          | Alderman             | John Odenwald     |
|          | Alderman             | Elisa Reeves      |
|          | Alderman             | Michael Schmelzle |
|          | Alderman             | Bette Welch       |

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| Also Present: | City Administrator             | Jonathan Greever |
|               | Fire Chief                     | Chris Amenn      |
|               | Chief of Police                | Lisa Vargas      |
|               | Director of Parks & Recreation | Chris Buck       |
|               | Finance Director               | Danielle Oettle  |
|               | Public Works Superintendent    | Tony Wagner      |
|               | City Attorney                  | Michael Daming   |
|               | Asst. City Admin. & City Clerk | Elliot Brown     |

**Roll Call**

Board President Lauter called the meeting to order, and City Clerk Brown commenced with the roll call. A quorum was present for the transaction of City business.

**City Leadership**

Board President Lauter entertained nominations for filling the vacant position of Mayor of the City of Shrewsbury for the remainder of the current term ending April 2022. Alderman Reeves asked why this position was to be filled by appointment of the Board rather than a general election. Attorney Daming responded that RSMo. Statute 79.280 provides that in the event of a vacancy in the office of Mayor, the President of the Board would convene a special meeting whereby the Alderman would nominate and elect a successor Mayor to serve until the next regular municipal election. In this case, the next regular municipal election is in April 2022.

**Alderman Odenwald nominated resident and former Alderman for Ward 3 Michael Travaglini to fill the vacant Mayor position until the next regular municipal election; Alderman Peters seconded. The following roll call vote was recorded:**

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| <b>Alderman Lauter –</b>   | <b>Aye</b> | <b>Alderman Reeves –</b>    | <b>Aye</b> |
| <b>Alderman Peters –</b>   | <b>Aye</b> | <b>Alderman Schmelzle –</b> | <b>Aye</b> |
| <b>Alderman Odenwald –</b> | <b>Aye</b> | <b>Alderman Welch –</b>     | <b>Aye</b> |

**With all votes in the affirmative, Alderman Odenwald’s nomination of Michael Travaglini to fill out the remainder of the current vacant Mayoral term was confirmed.**

Board President Lauter made the following remarks:

“Firstly, I want to thank Mike Travaglini for being willing to step into this role to help the community transition through the remaining year of Mayor Scherer’s mayoral term. His extensive historical knowledge of our community, and leadership abilities, will establish an acceptable balance of continuity and stability through this period of transition. I firmly believe that our community will benefit from this Board decision.

As we all know by now, our dear Mayor was presented with a difficult decision, given his current situation. I can’t remember, when or if, a previous Shrewsbury Mayor, Board and community has ever had to make a decision such as this.

Upon originally receiving the difficult news regarding Sam’s condition, I found it a great struggle to accept. It was hard to come to terms with the implications. Sam is a dear friend, one that I have personally known for many years, both as a member of our parish, through shared Boy Scout leadership duties, through local soccer leagues, and finally through shared service as public servants on the Board together. Sam is an integral part of our community, and when something of this nature happens, it feels like it happens to all of us.

Since Mayor Scherer has determined it to be in his and his family’s best interest to focus upon his health and his family’s time together, I believe that it is important for us all to pause momentarily and recognize Sam for his contributions to our great community throughout the past several decades. As an Alderman for Ward 1 for 10 years, and as Mayor for the past 3+ years, he has always strived to put Shrewsbury first. In this way, he has truly allowed our community to continue thriving as a wonderful place to work, live and play. On behalf of our residents, our employees, our local businesses, and our regional governmental partners, thank you, Sam, for your unrelenting sacrifice to make this community great, and for helping keep Shrewsbury a wonderful place to call “home”.

You mean the world to us, and we wish you and your family all the best going forward. Thank you.”

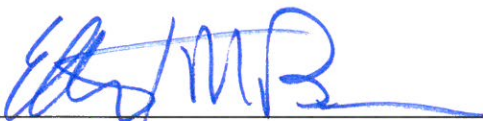
**Adjournment**

**Alderman Peters moved to adjourn the meeting; Alderman Odenwald seconded. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.**

**Meeting adjourned at 06:40p.m.**

  
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Mike Travaglini  
Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Elliot Brown  
Assistant City Administrator & City Clerk

