

CITY OF SHREWSBURY
BOARD OF ALDERMEN
WORK SESSION OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN
March 28, 2017

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 March, 2017 in the Aldermanic Conference Room of City Hall for the transaction of such business that may come before the Board.

Present:

Mayor Felicity Buckley
Alderman Elmer Kauffmann
Alderman Mike Travaglini
Alderman . . . Sam Scherer
Alderman Ed Kopff
Alderman Rick Steingrubby

Absent:

Alderman Chris Gorman

Also present:

Director of Administration Jonathan D. Greever
Director of Finance Danielle Oettle
Street Superintendent Tony Wagner
Police Chief Jeff Keller
City Attorne Mike Daming

Roll Call

Mayor Buckley opened the meeting and City Clerk Kathy Marlock commenced with the roll call. Alderwoman Gorman was absent; all other board members were present.

Approval of Minutes

Mayor Buckley introduced the minutes from the March 14, 2017 regular board meeting and opened the floor for discussion. There being no discussion, Alderman Scherer made a motion to approve the minutes. Alderman Kopff seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Hear Citizens

None

Purchase of Replacement Tasers – Police Presentation (Chief Jeff Keller)

Mayor Buckley turned the floor over to Chief Keller, who discussed a *MoDOT Traffic and Highway Safety Division* Equipment Grant request totaling \$5,000. The grant was used to purchase power flares, batteries, traffic wands and other safety equipment. Any items purchased for traffic safety are reimbursed by the grant at 100%. One grant stipulation stated that when funding through the Highway Safety Division has been depleted, the City of Shrewsbury agrees to make an effort to continue supporting traffic safety programs. Alderman Travaglini made a motion to approve the request, Alderman Scherer seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. Mayor Buckley and the Alderman signed an authorizing document that facilitated grant submission.

Ordinances

(Bill No. 2895) (Ordinance No. 2881) (First Reading)

Mayor Buckley introduced Bill No. 2895, Ordinance 2881, an ordinance amending Chapter 300: General Provisions and Chapter 340: Miscellaneous Driving Rules of the City of Shrewsbury, Missouri Code, providing for the repeal of all conflicting ordinances; and providing for the effective date of the ordinance. This ordinance established and updated the regulations for golf carts, low-speed vehicles, and all-terrain vehicles. This was the first reading that was unanimously approved by the board for advancement to second reading status. Alderman Scherer moved to approve the first reading, seconded by Alderman Travaglini. The motion passed unanimously.

Pedestrian Safety

Alderman Steingrubby introduced the discussion topic of *Pedestrian Safety*, following his personal and familial experience of safety concerns for the intersection at *Lansdowne Avenue and Shrewsbury Avenue*. The issue under discussion highlighted traffic signals circulating too quickly to permit safe pedestrian crossing. The proposed solution requested that the traffic signal heads which face motor vehicles on all four sides or approaches to the intersection remain “red” long enough for pedestrians crossing the intersection to complete their crossing, to other side of the street, in a safe manner. Alderman Steingrubby had written to St. Louis County requesting they accommodate the proposed solution. Charles M. Thein, Operations Manager in the Department of Transportation, at St. Louis County, confirmed his shared concern for safety but suggested that the traffic counts were too low to implement the proposed solution, going forward.

Citizen input was offered by Ms. Elisa Reeves of 7272 Murdoch, who commented on a program in Salt Lake City, Utah where pedestrian flags are used to assist and support safe pedestrian crossing of streets. The Mayor concluded the discussion with a commitment to host a meeting, in the near future, with St. Louis County; she then issued an open invitation to all Alderman to participate, if their schedule permits.

Old Business

None

New Business

Director of Finance, Danielle Oettle, discussed the Flexible Savings Account/Health Savings Account options for City employees. The City implemented a survey about these programs but inadequate feedback was received. In the near future, a second survey will be implemented in anticipation of changes to Obamacare and the inevitable impact to City of Shrewsbury employees.

Adjournment

Alderman Travaglini made a motion to adjourn the work session, Alderman Kauffmann seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Kathryn (Kathy) Marlock
City Clerk/Administrative Assistant

ATTEST:

Felicity Buckley,
Mayor