

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

June 11, 2019

A Regular Session of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Shrewsbury, Missouri was held at 6:30 p.m. on the 11th day of June 2019 in the Aldermanic Chambers of City Hall for the transaction of such business that came before the Board.

Present:

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

Also Present:

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

Roll Call

Mayor Scherer opened the meeting and City Clerk Klocke commenced with the roll call. All Board Members were present. A quorum was present for the transaction of city business.

Approval of Minutes

Mayor Scherer introduced the minutes from the May 28, 2019 Work Session and opened the floor for discussion. There being no discussion, Alderman Travaglini made a motion to approve the minutes; Alderman Gorman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Approval of Bills

Mayor Scherer reviewed the bills submitted for payment which totaled \$53,545.33. The Mayor called for a motion to approve the bills for payment. Alderman Peters made the motion; Alderman Lauter seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Hear Citizens

Ms. Margaret Smith, 7333 Sutherland, addressed the Board and asked if the City had copies of before-and-after pictures of Kenrick Plaza. Ms. Smith requested that the City make the photos available to the public so that residents would be able to see the progress made at Kenrick Plaza. Ms. Smith requested an update from the Board on the status of the fountains at Kenrick Plaza. Director Greever said that City staff were working diligently on enforcement of the requirement for the fountains to be operational.

Ordinance

Bill No. 2977 – An Ordinance Amending Requirements of the Board of Adjustment and Zoning Administrator. Mayor Scherer introduced Bill No. 2977, an ordinance amending Section 430.030 (D) of the City of Shrewsbury Municipal Code. Mayor Scherer noted that there would be a first reading, second reading, and motion for passage. Mayor Scherer called for a first reading by title only in accordance with Section 79.130 as approved by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, to read the bill by title only. Alderman Lauter made a motion for the first reading by title only; Alderman Peters seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote. City Attorney Mike Daming conducted the reading. Mayor Scherer called for a second reading by title only in accordance with Section 79.130 as approved by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, to read the bill by title only. Alderman Lauter made a motion for the second reading by title only; Alderman Peters seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote. City Attorney Daming conducted the second reading. Mayor Scherer then called for a motion for passage. Alderman Lauter made the motion for passage; Alderman Peters seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a roll call vote recorded as follows: Alderman Odenwald, “aye,” Alderman Lauter, “aye,” Alderman Travaglini, “aye,” Alderman Peters “aye,” Alderman Gorman, “aye,” Alderman Reeves, “aye.” With unanimous approval for passage, the City Clerk noted that Bill No. 2977 became Ordinance No. 2964, based on standards of law.

Department Head Reports

The Directors of each of the departments present reported on matters of significance in their respective areas.

Ms. Danielle Oettle, Director of the Department of Finance, reported the fiscal year audit had finished, and she will be providing the Board with an overview of the audit at an upcoming Board meeting. Director Oettle said that the May financial reports will be emailed to the Board. Director Oettle reminded the Board that preparation for the 2020 Budget would begin in the coming weeks. Director Oettle asked if any Members of the Board who were interested in the budget preparation and process to reach out to her. Director Oettle reported that the deadline for business and vendor licenses was approaching, and City staff were issuing licenses daily.

Mr. Tony Wagner, Director of Public Works, reported that the department was finishing street patching across the city in preparation for chip seal projects. Director Wagner said the Public Works Department was receiving many Sewer Later Program requests. Director Wagner reported that Missouri American Water was nearing completion of the water main project and thanked the Residents for their patience during the project. Director Wagner said that a few large trees were removed from the Shrewsbury Parks following recent severe storms and added that he was thankful no trees fell on public roads. Alderman Travaglini asked who was responsible for fire hydrants throughout the City. Director Wagner said that Missouri American Water was responsible for the fire hydrants and the maintenance of them. Alderman Travaglini said that he has received several complaints from Residents about the condition of hydrants in the City. Mayor Scherer asked if the Board would be provided with a contact number for Missouri American Water. Director Wagner said that he would confirm who to contact at Missouri American Water and share the contact information with the Board.

Ms. Lisa Vargas, Chief of Police, reported that two officers were leaving the Department in the upcoming week. Chief Vargas stated that her team was in the process of hiring individuals to replace the two departing officers. Chief Vargas said the *Movie Night in the Park* event was an enormous success and thanked the Parks and Recreation Department for their coordination of the

event. Alderman Odenwald asked if the Police Department performs exit interviews with departing officers. Chief Vargas confirmed that she does exit interviews with the officers before they leave. Alderman Odenwald asked how much it would cost to train a new officer or rehire a former officer. Chief Vargas said that short-staffed police departments were a reoccurring theme across the country. Chief Vargas said she would provide the Board with the projected costs to hire or rehire an officer.

Mr. Chris Amenn, Fire Department Chief, reported the *Movie Night in the Park* was an immense success for the Fire Department as well. Chief Amenn said only one fireman had resigned from the Department in the last 24 months and explained the cost to hire an employee is around \$18,000, but if the recruit does not have all the required training, then the cost to hire could exceed \$30,000. Chief Amenn reported on the sale of a fire apparatus to a volunteer fire department in central-Missouri. Chief Amenn said the recipient of the apparatus was satisfied with the equipment and would be receiving training from Shrewsbury Fire Department employees in the coming weeks.

Mr. Chris Buck, Parks and Recreation Director, reported the Shrewsbury Aquatic Center opening had little to no issues. Director Buck said staff did repairs to the toddler play structure's water spray motor and other minor repairs across the park. Director Buck reminded the Board that summer camp started the previous week with over 150 kids in attendance for five weeks. Director Buck overviewed improvements made to the fields to improve the cosmetic look of the grass. Director Buck reported that a set of swings was damaged in the severe storms, and the Department was unable to salvage the swings due to the amount of damage it received. Director Buck informed the Board of the upcoming Park and Recreation Board meeting on June 26, 2019 and overviewed the Board's intentions of discussing concept ideas for Hartry Park. Alderman Peters asked if there have been conversations with the Park and Recreation Board to obtain funding for the addition of steps to the fields on the south side of the City Center property. Director Buck said the stair project would unlikely receive funding through a grant program and that the project would have to be funded as a budgeted item with the City.

Mr. Jonathan Greever, Director of Administration, reported on the Board of Adjustment meeting held on May 30, 2019. Director Greever explained that a variance was granted for the property at 7616 Big Bend Boulevard, and the request for a variance from the property at 7220 Murdoch was tabled for further consideration. Director Greever reported that the sale of the property at 7738 Kenridge Lane had reached an impasse. Director Greever said City staff would hold emergency meetings with the property owner, and if a solution was not agreed upon between staff and the property owner, then the City would move forward with the condemnation process.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Scherer informed the Board that City staff would prepare another Board of Aldermen meet-and-greet event for residents of the City. Mayor Scherer said the event in May was a success because it provided an opportunity for residents to meet and discuss issues with their elected officials. Mayor Scherer said the event would occur around the same time as the Fall Festival.

Old Business

None

New Business

Mayor Scherer invited members of the Board to participate in the Webster Groves Community Days Parade on July 4, 2019. Mayor Scherer said the City of Shrewsbury would have a police vehicle in the parade and required volunteers to distribute candy to parade participants. Mayor

Scherer reminded the Board that former Mayor Buckley invited the members to attend an event hosted by BNSF on July 23, 2019. Mayor Scherer said this event was scheduled the same night that the Board of Aldermen regularly holds the monthly work session meeting, and if enough members are interested in attending the BNSF event, then the City would likely have to reschedule the Board of Aldermen Work Session to another week in July. Mayor Scherer said the Board would continue to discuss rescheduling the July work session at the June work session meeting.

Hear Citizens

No residents addressed the Board.

Adjournment

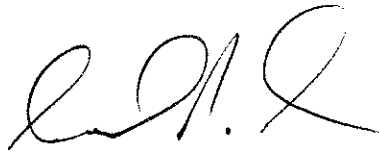
There being no further business, Mayor Scherer invited a motion to adjourn. Alderman Travaglini made the motion to adjourn the meeting; Alderman Peters seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,



Justin Klocke
City Clerk

ATTEST:



Sam Scherer
Mayor