

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

November 12, 2019

A Regular Session of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Shrewsbury, Missouri was held at 6:30 p.m. on the 12th day of November 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	Greg Lauter
Alderman	Chris Gorman
Alderman	Elisa Reeves
Alderman	John Odenwald
Alderman	Keith Peters

Also Present:

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

Roll Call

Mayor Scherer opened the meeting and City Clerk Klocke 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 October 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 \$99,024.32. 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. Beki Burley, 7525 Suffolk Avenue, addressed the Board about Municipal Code Section 400.030 and its application for massage establishments as a home occupation. Ms. Burley thanked Alderman Odenwald for his responsiveness to her inquiries. Ms. Burley requested the Board review the Municipal Code and amend it to permit small business home occupations. Ms. Burley said residents in her neighborhood would be in favor of expanding permitted home businesses. Mayor Scherer said the Board would review the code and discuss the request further.

Sign Permit Application

Mayor Scherer introduced a sign permit application submitted by Michelle Sanders on behalf of Classic Sign Services for the property at 7505 Watson Road. Director Greever confirmed that the permit application and drawing complied with City of Shrewsbury Municipal Code. There being no further discussion, Alderman Travaglini made a motion to approve the sign permit application; Alderman Gorman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Ordinance

Bill No. 2987 – St. Louis County Agencies Interoperable Radio System Agreement Authorization

Mayor Scherer introduced Bill No. 2987, an ordinance authorizing the Mayor to execute an agreement with St. Louis County, Missouri governing the use of an interoperable radio system. Mayor Scherer noted 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 Peters made a motion for the first reading by title only; Alderman Lauter seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote. City Attorney Daming conducted the first 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 Peters made a motion for the second reading by title only; Alderman Lauter seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote. City Attorney Daming conducted the second reading. Mayor Scherer called for a motion for passage. Alderman Peters made a motion for passage; Alderman Lauter seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with a roll call vote recorded as follows: Alderman Travaglini, “aye,” Alderman Lauter, “aye,” Alderman Peters “aye,” Alderman Gorman, “aye,” Alderman Reeves, “aye,” Alderman Odenwald, “aye.” With unanimous approval for passage, City Clerk Klocke noted that Bill No. 2987 became Ordinance No. 2974.

Department Head Reports

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

Chief Vargas presented to the Board the 2020 Ford Police Vehicle calendar and informed them that the Shrewsbury Police Department was the featured police department for October 2020. Chief Vargas said Officer Jason Loescher would be sworn in on November 20, 2019. Chief Vargas reported on the 7600 Block of Arlington burglary of electronics and jewelry. The Shrewsbury Police Department was requesting footage from neighboring home security cameras to aide in the investigation. Chief Vargas said she sent an email to the Residents reporting on stolen vehicles in Shrewsbury for 2019. Chief Vargas explained that fifteen vehicles were stolen of which ten still had keys in the vehicle at the time of the theft. Chief Vargas reported that thirteen of the fifteen vehicles were recovered. Chief Vargas mentioned the implementation of a voluntary security camera registration program. Alderman Odenwald asked what public outreach the department will do to inform the Residents of the security camera registration program. Chief Vargas said they will do social media pushes, flyers, and word-of-mouth through a citywide community watch group. Alderman Gorman requested that notification of the security camera registration program be programed into the electronic message board at the Public Safety Building.

Chief Amenn updated the Board on the continued hiring process for a fireman and executive assistant. Chief Amenn reported on upcoming training for the Shrewsbury Fire Department.

Director Wagner reported that Public Works removed three pine trees on City property, and the department began winterizing drinking fountains and restrooms in the City parks. Director Wagner said the street sweeper was operational, but it could only properly operate when the temperature is warm enough. Director Wagner reported on the weather event on November 11, 2019 and said the mix of rain and rapid drop in temperature made it difficult for preventative chemicals to function properly. Director Wagner said holiday lights would be installed in the coming weeks.

Director Buck reported that the executed Municipal Park Grant Commission of St. Louis for Hartry Park agreement was submitted to the County. Director Buck said he expects the Hartry Park improvements will be completed by September 2020. Director Buck reported on concerns about the City Center gym floor. Director Buck reminded the Board of upcoming holiday events for the City.

Director Greever reported on the petition for zoning amendment for the property located at 7737 Watson Road and the upcoming December 18, 2019 Plan Commission meeting to address the petition. Director Greever said that he and City Attorney Daming were reviewing the definition of a medical clinic in C-2 zones and legislation to clarify the term. Director Greever said the hiring campaign for a Building Commissioner continued with several interviews planned in the coming days. Director Greever reported on the progress of the City Comp Plan and said it would be completed in 2020. Director Greever reminded the Board of upcoming meetings and dates.

Director Oettle updated the Board on end of quarter financials for Q3 2019. Director Oettle said revenue compared to Q3 2018 had increased and expenses compared to Q3 2018 had decreased. Director Oettle said the increase in revenue was due to strong sales tax earnings. Director Oettle provided financial reports for the year up to the end of October.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Scherer reported that former Alderman John Smick passed away on November 10, 2019. Mayor Scherer said Alderman Smick played a role in getting him interested in local government and running for office. Mayor Scherer requested a moment of silence for Alderman Smick. Following the moment of silence, Mayor Scherer announced the annual Christmas party would be on December 5, 2019. Mayor Scherer said the Board of Aldermen reception would be pushed to early 2020.

FY 2020 Budget Workshop

Mayor Scherer asked if any member of the Board had additional questions regarding the budget. Alderman Odenwald asked if it was possible to allocate funds to the Shrewsbury Police Department Community Unit. Alderman Odenwald explained how the funds would assist the department's community outreach through social media, equipment, and a canvassing campaign. Alderman Odenwald explained that he preferred the funds for the Community Unit be allocated separately from the department's budget, so the department would not have to draw funds from another program. Alderman Odenwald added that the Board could evaluate the effectiveness of the allocated funds which may help the members assess funding for programs in future budgets. Alderman Reeves expressed concerns about the redundancy of additional evaluations. Alderman Odenwald emphasized the importance of funding proactive programs to reduce crime in the City. Director Oettle said the Shrewsbury Police Department's proposed budget had funds allocated for a neighborhood watch program which could be used for Alderman Odenwald's proposed

Community Unit supplement program. Director Greever added that the line item for supplies in the proposed budget could be utilized for Alderman Odenwald's proposal as well. There being no further discussion, Mayor Scherer closed the FY 2020 Budget Workshop.

Old Business

Alderman Odenwald requested that City staff review surrounding municipalities' ordinances and policy on home occupations. Alderman Odenwald said more individuals are choosing to work from home. Alderman Odenwald added that amending the code to enable home occupations would prepare the City for the continuously changing work environment.

New Business

None

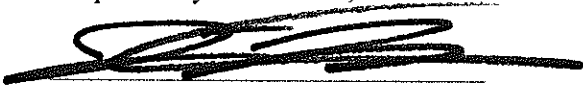
Hear Citizens

No residents addressed the Board.

Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted,



Justin Klocke
City Clerk

ATTEST:



Sam Scherer
Mayor