

CITY OF SHREWSBURY
BOARD OF ALDERMEN
REGULAR SESSION OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN
April 8, 2014

A Regular Session of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Shrewsbury, Missouri was held at 7:00 p.m. this 8th day of April, 2014 in the Aldermanic Chambers of City Hall for the transaction of such business that may come before the Board.

There were present:

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

There were also present:

City Attorney Michael Daming
Director of Administration Jonathan D. Greever
Director of Finance Danielle Oettle
Director of Parks and Recreation Chris Buck
Street Superintendent Tony Wagner
Fire Chief Bill Fox
City Clerk Carly West

Roll Call

Mayor Buckley opened the meeting and City Clerk Carly West commenced with the roll call. The entire Board was present.

Approval of Minutes

Mayor Buckley introduced the minutes of the March 25, 2014 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, and it passed unanimously.

Bills

Mayor Buckley introduced the bills submitted for payment, quickly reviewed each, and asked if there was any discussion. There being no discussion, Alderman Scherer made a motion to approve the bills submitted for payment. Alderman Gorman seconded the motion and they were unanimously approved.

Hear Citizens

Ms. Diana Baker and Ms. Tammy Miles approached the Board and explained that they were the owners of Kenrick Antique Mall and were unhappy with the way that GJ Grewe had handled their relocation process and asked if there was anything the Board could do. She presented some out of pocket expenses involved in the relocation of the business that Grewe had been willing to cover, but added that they were looking to obtain additional reimbursement of other expenditures, such as those pertaining to the relocation of the antique mall booths.

Mayor Buckley stated that she had met with Ms. Baker and Ms. Miles and they had reviewed the requests. She stated that she understood that the main concern had been about the booths, and that she had visited the location and had performed a walk-through to evaluate the situation. She then stated that she would like to meet with the ladies again to continue discussing the particulars of the matter in order to achieve a resolution.

Alderman Kopff asked if there was an arbitration process that is made available in this sort of case where there was a question of relocation costs. Mayor Buckley answered that she and Attorney Daming had evaluated the matter to discover whether there was any possible appeals relief power provided to the governing board of the city and had found that the extent of the Board's enforcement powers were constrained by the provisions of the relocation ordinance. She added that the city was doing everything possible within these constraints to fully vet the matter.

Alderman Kopff asked if there was an arbitration process independent of the Board of Aldermen. Attorney Daming answered that it would not necessarily be a matter of arbitration, but that they would be able to access the courts to try to resolve the matter should they so choose.

Ms. Baker handed out some information to the board and they agreed to discuss the matter further with the city.

CERT Graduation

Mayor Buckley stated that they had their second class of CERT graduates and asked Chief Fox to take the floor. Chief Fox stated that the previous class was here to help celebrate the second class. He stated that there were 20 people in the class, 4 of whom were non-residents, and explained that these would be people who would step up in times of disaster when the emergency personnel were overtaxed with other duties. The goal is to train people to help themselves and their neighbors to take some of the strain off the emergency personnel. He stated that Ken Buss, Stewart Deken, Todd Melugin, and Scott Nobbs were the instructors for the class. He presented certificates and identification cards to the following people:

Mercedes Berns, Dan Berns, Father Jim Byrnes, Carla Carrabino, Nancy Dial, Greg Kresyman, Jamis Kresyman, Jay Liss, Don Peters, Karen Robertson, Ron Robertson, Carolyn Schainker, Robert Schainker, Diane Tarr, Jon Tarr, Robert Thompson, Shaun Williamson, and Karen Zouglas. Jim Feeny and Matt Rankin were not present, but also completed the training.

Chief Fox recognized Captain Buss for his work as an instructor, as well as Stewart Deken, Todd Melugin, and Scott Nobbs. Mayor Buckley stated that there would be a reception for the graduates, and invited everyone to join in the festivities.

Liquor Licenses

Mayor Buckley stated that there were two applications for liquor licenses submitted by St. Michael's Church - one annual license for the sale of beer and wine only for their bingo nights and one temporary one for sale of all kinds of liquor by the drink for their Parish Picnic on June 2, 2014. She asked if there was any discussion. Alderman Kopff stated that he would be recusing himself from this issue. There being no further discussion, Alderman Travaglini made a motion to approve the application. Alderwoman Gorman seconded the motion, and it passed with Alderman Kopff abstaining.

Sign Approval

Mayor Buckley introduced the sign request submitted by Ziglin Signs on behalf of Dierbergs and stated that City staff had no concerns about the sign. There being no discussion, Alderman Travaglini made a motion to approve the sign request. Alderman Scherer seconded the request, and it passed unanimously.

Ordinances

(Bill No. 2768)

Mayor Buckley re-introduced Bill No. 2768, a bill amending Chapter 215: Abandonment of Vehicles. Mayor Buckley asked if there was any discussion. There being no discussion, a motion was made by Alderman Travaglini, seconded by Alderman Scherer, and unanimously passed in accordance with Section 79.130 as approved by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, to read the Bill by Title only for the second time. Mayor Buckley opened the floor for final discussion. There being no discussion, Alderman Travaglini made a motion that Bill No. 2768 be adopted to become Ordinance No. 2762. Alderman Scherer seconded the motion and upon roll call, the following vote was recorded: Alderman Kauffmann, "Aye"; Alderman Travaglini, "Aye"; Alderwoman Gorman, "Aye"; Alderman Scherer, "Aye"; Alderman Kopff, "Aye"; and Alderman Steingrubby, "Aye".

There being a majority of votes in favor, the Mayor declared the motion passed and that Bill No. 2768 was adopted as Ordinance No. 2762.

Department Head Reports

Police Chief Jeff Keller congratulated the CERT graduates and presented his written report and noted that while the officer who was considering retirement had not retired, they would still be moving forward with the hiring process to be prepared.

Fire Chief Bill Fox presented his written report, and reported that on April 19th, the Fire Department would be sponsoring a triage and physical assessment refresher course for area CERT members. He also reported that on April 26th, they would be participating in the Drug Enforcement Agency's take back initiative, which was a nation-wide program that would allow people to safely dispose of prescriptions that were expired or that they no longer needed. He explained that the program was intended to cut down on home break-ins to obtain drugs and to help keep prescription drugs out of the water supply, among other things. He stated that the turn-in was anonymous, and needles and fluids would not be taken. Alderwoman Gorman asked how the program would be publicized, and Chief Fox stated that posters had been distributed to apartment complexes, and it would be sent out via City-wide email.

Street Superintendent Tony Wagner presented his written report and noted that he had finished the bid specs for the year's chip and seal project on the north side of town, including Arlington, Suffolk, Lenox, Exeter, and Carr Lane, which is scheduled for next year and will be done if there are funds available. He stated that he intended to have packets to the bidders by April 15th. He also stated that they had finished mulching the leaves and would begin mowing very soon.

Parks and Recreation Director Chris Buck presented his written report and stated that brochures had gone out the previous day, online, via email, and that there were also paper copies available. He stated that the Park Board would be meeting the following Wednesday, and that the Parks Department was holding the first meeting of the Shrewsbury Garden Club the following evening. He stated that they would be deciding what projects they wanted to work on for the year. Mr. Buck also reported that the adult Easter egg hunt would be held on the upcoming Friday evening at Kirkwood Park, and the children's Easter egg hunt would be the following Saturday morning, sponsored by Simplicity Church.

Finance Director Danielle Oettle stated that preparations for the audit had been completed, and that the auditors had begun work the previous day. She stated that it had gone smoothly so far and would be completed at the end of the following week. She also stated that she had received two responses for the compensation study RFP, and would be reviewing them and presenting an analysis to the Board soon.

Director of Administration Jonathan Greever presented his written report and noted that ECDC Board of Directors would be meeting to review the budget for the upcoming year. He also stated that the City had

been approved for a grant from the St. Louis County Council to repair the retaining wall at the corner of Shrewsbury and Devonshire.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Buckley noted that the election was happening that day, and that the three Aldermen and she had run unopposed, and that she was looking forward to serving another term for the City of Shrewsbury, and expressed her appreciation for the Aldermen for their service.

Mayor Buckley stated that the Board members had received a copy of a resolution from the City of Ballwin opposing the merging of St. Louis County and St. Louis City. She stated that she had also distributed information about the group Better Together, and explained that she was bringing this up because there is a great deal of discussion regarding the issue and she wanted to be sure to include the Aldermen in that discussion.

Mayor Buckley stated that some of the Board members had attended a meeting of Better Together with her recently, and that she had provided information regarding their goals and purpose, and that they had stated that they were simply gathering information together for the use of officials around the area. They have also stated that they have no particular bias or goal other than to gather information. She stated that they are well funded and that Mayor Slay and Charlie Dooley are on their Board, but that no municipal officials are on their Board.

Mayor Buckley stated that their first study had been a financial study, and that she had provided the executive summary of that study, and that all of the information was located on Better Together's website. She noted that while the organization says they have no goal or bias regarding the merger, their last four bullet points in the summary are discussion points about the City/County merger and how it might occur, and she wasn't sure why that was included.

Alderman Travaglini stated that he was unclear about the intention of the resolution passed by Ballwin. Mayor Buckley agreed and stated that she had some thoughts about how Shrewsbury would move forward with a resolution if that was the direction the Board wanted to go.

Mayor Buckley stated that on the Better Together website, numerous mentions are made of the region being "fractured" and that she did not feel that was the case, and that it was instead a mosaic of municipalities working together. She stated that she felt the CERT class was a good example of the advantages of municipal government.

Mayor Buckley stated that she had attended another meeting, and that a variety of arrangements could be worked out concerning merging the City and County. She stated that according to the Missouri Constitution, a merger would require a vote of the City and County residents, and that vote has failed in the past. She stated that there was a movement to circumvent that and put the issue on a state-wide ballot, which would be the particular concern if the Board agreed to move ahead with a resolution. She stated that this issue should always remain an issue of the City and County and not the rest of the State.

Mayor Buckley noted that typically, one argument for merging the City and County was the duplication of services, and that there was very little information to back that up. She stated that services such as clearing snow was not something that would be duplicated, and that Tony did a much better job clearing the Shrewsbury streets than the City did clearing their streets. She noted groups like ECDC that exist so that services are not duplicated. She noted that County fire trucks are not responding to Shrewsbury alarms, and those services are not actually duplicated.

Mayor Buckley stated that another argument is that the region doesn't grow in its current form, and that proponents of the merger claim that large companies won't come to the St. Louis area because there are so many municipalities that they would have to deal with. Mayor Buckley noted that if a large company wanted

to come into one of the municipalities in St. Louis County, they would only need to deal with that particular municipality, and not all 90-something municipalities. She also noted that the systems between municipalities are fairly similar and not complicated to deal with.

Old Business

None.

New Business

None.

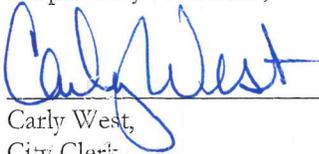
Closed Session

Alderman Travaglini made a motion to enter into a closed session pursuant to RSMo 610.021 (1, 3, 13). Alderman Kauffmann seconded the motion and upon roll call, the following vote was recorded: Alderman Kauffmann, "Aye"; Alderman Travaglini, "Aye"; Alderwoman Gorman, "Aye"; Alderman Scherer, "Aye"; Alderman Kopff, "Aye"; and Alderman Steingrubby, "Aye". The board adjourned to closed session at 7:50 p.m.

Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted,



Carly West,
City Clerk

ATTEST:



Felicity Buckley,
Mayor