

**CITY OF SHREWSBURY**  
**BOARD OF ALDERMEN**  
**WORK SESSION OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN**  
**April 22, 2014**

A Work Session of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Shrewsbury, Missouri was held at 6:00 p.m. this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of April, 2014 in the Aldermanic Conference Room 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  
Alderwoman ..... 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 April 8, 2014 Regular Session and stated that some clarification needed to be made. Alderman Travaglini made a motion to table the minutes. Alderman Kauffmann seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

**Hear Citizens**

None.

**Ordinances**

**(Bill No. 2774)**

Mayor Buckley introduced Bill No. 2774, a bill adding the city of Brentwood to the East Central Dispatch Center. Mayor Buckley asked if there was any discussion. There being no discussion, a motion was made by Alderman Travaglini, seconded by Alderwoman Gorman, 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 first time. Mayor Buckley asked if there was any discussion. There being no discussion, a motion was made by Alderman Travaglini, seconded by Alderwoman Gorman, 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. 2774 be adopted to become Ordinance No. 2763. Alderwoman Gorman 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. 2774 was adopted as Ordinance No. 2763.

**(Bill No. 2775)**

Mayor Buckley introduced Bill No. 2775, a bill approving a contract for plan review and building inspection services with Gregory Hanser. Mayor Buckley asked if there was any discussion. There being no discussion, a motion was made by Alderman Scherer, seconded by Alderman Steingrubby, 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 first time. Mayor Buckley asked if there was any discussion. There being no discussion, a motion was made by Alderman Scherer, seconded by Alderman Steingrubby, 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 Scherer made a motion that Bill No. 2775 be adopted to become Ordinance No. 2764. Alderman Steingrubby 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. 2775 was adopted as Ordinance No. 2764.

**(Bill No. 2776)**

Mayor Buckley introduced Bill No. 2776, a bill amending Municipal Code Section 390.070 relating to counterfeit license plates and plate tabs for discussion. Alderman Kauffmann expressed his concern for situations in which people would have their plates stolen on a Friday night or a weekend and be unable to get them replaced. He was concerned because people currently put a cardboard replica on their car, and if this ordinance prevented them from doing that, they might have problems with other municipalities.

Chief Keller stated that the section that Alderman Kauffmann was referring to was not new or changed in any way from the current code. He stated that police officers generally would not bother the people that Alderman Kauffmann is talking about, but that the section is to deal with those who are not getting the problem of stolen plates resolved. He said typically, if someone is pulled over for not having plates, the officer will ask if a police report has been filed for the stolen plates.

Alderman Kauffmann asked what would happen to a Shrewsbury resident if they were to leave Shrewsbury and be stopped by another municipality's police. Chief Keller answered that Shrewsbury does not have any control over that and their ordinance might be totally different. Mayor Buckley reiterated that nothing was changing in the ordinance. Alderman Kauffmann asked if Shrewsbury police would allow someone to have a cardboard sign on their car indicating that the plates were stolen. Mayor Buckley answered that they might get pulled over, because having a cardboard license plate was not acceptable. Alderman Travaglini stated that Shrewsbury could not stop other municipalities from enforcing their ordinances. Alderman Kauffmann stated that most municipalities would allow someone to pass through freely if they had a cardboard sign on their car indicating that the license was stolen and reiterated his concern for what would happen once a Shrewsbury resident left Shrewsbury.

Mayor Buckley again stated that they did not have control over other municipalities, and Alderman Kopff reiterated that the section in question was not new, and based on the lack of discussion over the years indicates that the way the police officers are dealing with the situation is not a problem.

Alderman Kauffmann stated for the record that he was not in favor of the ordinance.

### **Discussion**

Mayor Buckley stated that she had received a request from a group dealing with a rural farm ballot issue to use the City Center facility. She stated that if topics like this were being addressed at the City Center, residents might be inclined to come learn about them instead of having to go elsewhere. She stated that she might be interested in offering the City Center for a few times a year, on a first-come-first-served basis without bias for these kinds of discussions and asked the Board to consider the idea.

Alderman Travaglini expressed various concerns, such as how this would be promoted, if fringe groups would be excluded, how to clarify that the groups did not represent the City of Shrewsbury, and how to ensure that the space was not going to groups who would normally pay for rental space.

Mayor Buckley stated that she would defer to the City Attorney and the Board of Aldermen as to how they wanted to approach this. She explained that she felt it would be beneficial for residents to have these kinds of political forums close by so they wouldn't have to travel so far to become informed. She stated that the City could move forward however the Board members felt was most appropriate and that she hoped the Board members would give this some thought.

Mayor Buckley introduced the topic of City Center energy efficiency, and reminded the Board of the group that came in to do an energy audit the previous year. Director of Parks and Recreation, Chris Buck, stated that the heating system in particular was a large concern and it would be nearly impossible to replace the piping system. Mr. Buck stated that he had been in touch with several companies to see if it would be possible to update the heating system piecemeal, and that each company stated that it would not without an engineer to design a complete system. He stated that maintenance costs and utility costs were growing and that the current system was nearly impossible to control, and water damage from leaks were becoming a problem. He stated that they felt it was time to revisit the issue.

Mr. Buck stated that he would like the CTS group to come back out, and asked if the Board was interested in having them do an audit to find out the main issues, and then release an RFQ to receive proposals, followed by an RFP, at which point the City could review them and decide this was something that should be undertaken. He stated that it would be helpful for budgeting and planning purposes if the City Center had a reliable heating system.

Mayor Buckley stated that a Park Board subcommittee would be reviewing the proposals, as well as someone from the Administrative and Finance Departments and the Board of Aldermen. Mr. Buck reported that there would be no cost to the City unless they got to the point of accepting bids and that the risk was all on CTS. Board of Aldermen approval would need to be given before a qualified provider was chosen, and at that point, an engineer would begin to work on the system. Mayor Buckley noted that the bond would be retired in 2018, which would free up some revenue to help pay for this project.

Alderman Kopff asked about the total cost of this kind of project, and Mr. Buck stated that ultimately, the cost might be roughly \$100,000 per year, and Alderman Kopff noted that some of the cost may ultimately be offset by a large amount of savings on utilities and repairs, in addition to the assurance of having a reliable system. Mayor Buckley stated that there would be savings in the long run. General consensus of the Board was that Mr. Buck should move forward.

### **New Business**

Alderman Steingrubby stated that he had been contacted by Nita Kesler, who was concerned about the health and environmental effects of the mosquito spraying. He stated that he had done some research which indicated that there was merit to her concerns. Mayor Buckley stated that when she previously approached the Board, they had reviewed the information and had ultimately decided to continue with the spraying.

Public Works Superintendent Tony Wagner explained that spraying was complaint-based, and that they had only sprayed 5 times the previous year. He stated that the City uses a chemical called Prentox, and they had researched this product and began using it when the City stopped contracting with the County.

Alderman Steingrubby stated that several large cities, such as New York City and Washington DC among others, which have completely banned mosquito spraying and offered to send out the research that he had done. Mayor Buckley stated that she felt there would need to be a ground swell of support from the citizens before a change was made, because there were many people who wanted the spraying done.

Alderman Travaglini asked when the five times the spraying had been done were, and Mr. Wagner answered that it was between July and September, and because there had to be a certain temperature and the wind had to be correct, he was careful when it was sprayed. Alderman Travaglini noted that if spraying was complaint-based, and there were five rounds of spraying in that time frame, there must have been many complaints. Mr. Wagner also noted that St. Louis County did Shrewsbury's spraying of larvicide.

Alderman Kopff asked if it would be possible to alert citizens to when spraying was going to be happening possibly giving a window of time instead of a specific date, and Mayor Buckley stated that she not be inclined to do that since weather conditions needed to be very particular, and Mr. Wagner agreed.

Alderman Travaglini made a motion to amend the agenda to add a "Hear Citizens" to this part of the meeting. Alderman Scherer seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

### **Hear Citizens**

David Scally, Jr. of 7736 Arlington approached the Board and stated first that, as a native of California, where there wasn't the mosquito problem that Missouri has, he was in favor of the spraying. He continued by saying that he was addressing the Board to see if there was something that could be done about the problem of residents leaving their trash cans out much longer than is necessary. He stated that in the City in which he previously lived, residents could not put their trash cans out before 6pm the night before pick-up, and they were required to have the cans back in by 10pm the day of pick-up. He requested that the Board consider introducing a bill that limits when trash cans could be out. Mayor Buckley stated that she would have someone look into that possibility.

### **Old Business**

Mayor Buckley introduced the topic of the City/County merger and stated that this topic had been going on for a very long time. She stated that Mayor Slay had been at the last Suburban Mayors meeting to discuss the merger and noted that he sits on the board of Better Together, and that the Suburban Mayors were concerned that there were no municipal mayors on that board, which was something they had not considered. She stated that he was on the record as wanting the merger, mostly to improve the crime stats and to give the region a better face. She noted that there would be many issues with making St. Louis City another municipality, and made the point that this conversation is happening in earnest. She expressed her concern that Better Together claims to have no bias, but that does not seem to be the case. She further stated that Mayor Slay had stated that they were not attempting to circumvent a local vote for this issue. She also expressed her concern that Better Together stated that they were not involved in the school districts, but that their printed materials indicated that they were.

**Closed Session**

Alderman Travaglini made a motion to enter into a closed session pursuant to RSMo 610.021 (1, 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 Steingruby, "Aye". The board adjourned to closed session at 7:05 p.m.

**Adjournment**

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

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Carly West,  
City Clerk

ATTEST:

  
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Felicity Buckley,  
Mayor