

CITY OF SHREWSBURY
BOARD OF ALDERMEN
WORK SESSION OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN
July 22, 2014

A Work Session of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Shrewsbury, Missouri was held at 6:00 p.m. this 22nd day of July, 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. A quorum of the Board was present.

Approval of Minutes

Mayor Buckley introduced the minutes of the July 8, 2014 Regular Session and opened the floor for discussion. There being no discussion, Alderman Travaglini made a motion to accept the minutes. Alderwoman Gorman seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Mayor Buckley introduced the minutes of the July 16, 2014 Plan Commission hearing and opened the floor for discussion. There being no discussion, Alderman Scherer made a motion to accept the minutes. Alderman Steingrubby seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Hear Citizens

None.

Six Month Budget Review

Finance Director Danielle Oettle presented her report and noted that revenue across all funds for the first six months of the fiscal year was \$3,051,215, which was \$61,770 more than the previous year, and expenses for the first six months were \$3,985,949, which was \$163,963 more than the previous year. She stated that General Fund revenue was at 45.9% of the budget, which was \$55,255 or 2% more than the previous year.

She stated that sales tax revenue was down approximately 7.9% than the previous year, most likely from businesses that had to leave due to the redevelopment project. Ms. Oettle stated that property taxes, gas, water, and electricity utility rates were higher than the previous year, as were license and permit revenue and parks and recreation revenue.

Ms. Oettle stated that expenses were at 49.1% of budget, which was on-target for the year. She noted that the increases in expenditures was due to increases in insurance, both workers compensation and health insurance. She also noted that more of the 2008 Leasehold Revenue Bonds was being paid out of the General Fund. Ms. Oettle noted the charts and graphs that showed historical trends from 2008 to 2014. She noted that license and permit revenues were most likely up due to the redevelopment project, and that parks and recreation was increased across the board.

Mayor Buckley noted that Ms. Oettle's report tied in with the ordinance that would be considered adjusting the fiscal year 2014 budget, and that the budget looked overall on-target.

Resolution

Mayor Buckley introduced a resolution authorizing a purchasing card and line of credit arrangement with Regions Bank. Ms. Oettle stated that currently, credit cards were issued per department for purchases that were either urgent or could not be paid via check. She noted that many cities use purchasing card programs, and that the plan was to transition from an accounts payable program to using this program. She stated that implementation would take a bit, but that eventually, an annual limit would be hit and the City would be able to participate in a revenue sharing program.

Alderman Kauffmann asked what percentage the bank would be charging. Ms. Oettle stated that there were no fees associated with this program. Mayor Buckley noted that Ms. Oettle would be working with the department heads to make the transition smooth.

Ordinances

(Bill No. 2789)

Mayor Buckley introduced Bill No. 2789, a bill amending the fiscal year 2014 budget, and 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 first time. Mayor Buckley opened the floor for 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. 2789 be adopted to become Ordinance No. 2777. 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. 2789 was adopted as Ordinance No. 2777.

New Business

Mayor Buckley stated that the St. Louis Municipal League had presented some information regarding Amendment 7, which was being voted on at the August 5th election. She presented their concerns, stating that using a state-wide sales tax for MODOT revenue was unprecedented, and that MODOT was generally paid for via user fees. She noted that the heavy trucks that do the most damage would not be affected by this

tax, but that consumers, some of whom do not use the roads, would be affected. She noted that an additional sales tax might drive people to internet purchases, which would also hurt small businesses.

Alderman Travaglini asked what the benefit of a sales tax as opposed to user fees, and Mr. Greever stated that there was not a full answer, but that it would be taxing the urban areas unfairly and benefiting rural areas more. Alderman Travaglini noted that there was movement to eliminate income tax, and that sales tax needed to be monitored more judiciously.

Mayor Buckley noted that MODOT would have almost full control over the funds, so there was a chance that the money might not be used equitably. Alderman Travaglini noted that Kansas City and St. Louis were right on the state lines, and an additional sales tax might drive people out-of-state for major purchases.

Mayor Buckley stated that the St. Louis County Municipal League would be holding a meeting at the Shrewsbury City Center on September 25th, and noted that the Suburban Mayors organization would be holding their meetings on the same night as the Municipal League meetings an hour before, so there could be more representation at those meetings.

Old Business

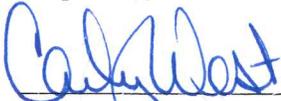
None.

Closed Session

Alderman Travaglini made a motion to amend the agenda to remove the closed session. The motion was seconded by Alderman Kauffmann and passed unanimously.

Alderman Travaglini made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Alderman Kauffmann and passed unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Carly West,
City Clerk

ATTEST:


Felicity Buckley,
Mayor