

CITY OF SHREWSBURY
BOARD OF ALDERMEN
WORK SESSION
February 22nd, 2011

A Board of Aldermen Work Session was held at 6:00 p.m. this 22nd day of February, 2011 in the Conference Room of the City Center.

There were present:

Mayor.....	Felicity Buckley
Alderman.....	Elmer Kauffmann
Alderman.....	Sam Scherer
Alderman.....	Ed Kopff
Alderman.....	Greg Lauter

Absent:

Alderwoman.....	Chris Gorman
Alderman.....	Mike Travaglini

There were also present:

Assist. City Admin/City Clerk.....	Jonathan D. Greever
City Attorney	Michael Daming
Director of Finance.....	Rick Jett
Police Chief.....	Jeff Keller
Fire Chief.....	Bill Fox
Street Superintendent.....	Tony Wagner
Parks Director	Marc Bernstein

Roll Call

Mayor Buckley opened the meeting and Assistant Greever commenced with the roll call. Alderman Travaglini and Alderwoman Gorman were not present. There was a quorum to proceed with the Work Session.

Hear Citizens

No residents approached the Board.

Approval of Minutes

Mayor Buckley stated that the first item on the agenda was the approval of minutes from the November 9th, 2010 Board of Aldermen meeting. She opened the floor for discussion and there was none. Alderman Scherer made a motion to approve, as submitted, the minutes of the Board of Alderman meeting on November 9th, 2010. Alderman Lauter seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Health Insurance Renewal Presentation

Mayor Buckley introduced Ed Tabash with MRCT Benefits Plus. Mr. Tabash did a presentation explained the new health insurance for the employees. Mr. Tabash explained that Principal would be leaving the health care insurance business and United Health Care (UHC) will be taking over for Principle and be the new health care insurance provider for the City of Shrewsbury. Mr. Tabash stated that the current rate with UHC would be good through March 2012.

Fire Chief Fox stated that the reason the City changed from UHC to Principal a few years back was that there was a higher deductible and the premiums were high.

Alderman Kopff asked if the in-network providers through UHC affect the employees compared to Principals in-network providers.

Mr. Tabash stated that the hospitals are the same and that there was a 98% match of in-network providers with UHC compared to Principal.

Mayor Buckley asked if the City would still have that third party issue as in the past. Mr. Tabash stated that there will be no third party issue with UHC.

Alderman Kopff asked about the budgeted amount and what was budgeted.

Finance Director Jett stated that the city had the premium include into the budget based on information Mr. Tabash provided. Director Jett added it was based on a 15% increase effective June 1st which would contribute too little over \$410,000.00.

Mr. Tabash stated that the additional claims premium would be \$36,394.00.

Director Jett conclude that at the end the budgeted amount would be approximately \$447,000.00

Alderman Scherer made a motion to approve the UHC B3-Q Balanced Plan as the health care insurance provider for the employees of the City of Shrewsbury. Alderman Lauter seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Parks Department Bid Proposal – Carpet Cleaning System

Mayor Buckley stated that the next item on the agenda was the consideration of the purchase of a Carpet Cleaning System. She turned over the floor to Park Director Bernstein to present the topic and results.

Director Bernstein stated that they went out to bid for a dry method carpet cleaning. The current wet system caused a lot of mildew and created a foul smell in the rooms. The Park's department decided to purchase a dry carpet cleaning system that would leave moisture and have a much faster drying time.

Director Bernstein stated that \$5,000 was budgeted for this purchase through the capital portion of the budget. After going out for bids, Director Bernstein added that New System Carpet Cleaning and Building Care had the best bid at \$4,850. Director Bernstein asked the Board to accept this bid from New System Carpet Cleaning and Building Care for \$4,850.

Mayor Buckley asked if there was any discussion. There being none, Mayor Buckley asked if there was a motion approving the recommendation as presented by Director Bernstein. Alderman Kauffmann made a motion approving New System Carpet Clean and Building Care's bid pursuant to Director Bernstein's recommendation. Alderman Scherer seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved it.

Plan Commissioners Appointment – Nomination and Vote

Mayor Buckley opened the discussion for the nomination of a new Plan Commissioner for Ward I. She stated that both Alderman Kauffmann and Alderman Scherer nominated resident Garen Miller of 5115 St. Charles Place.

Alderman Scherer stated the Mr. Miller is an architect and is interested in getting more involved with the City.

Mayor Buckley stated that Commissioner Bob Bayer had relocated to Chicago and was stepping down, thereby creating a vacancy.

Mayor Buckley asked if there was any further discussion on the nomination. There being none, Alderman Kauffmann made a motion to approve the appointment of Garen Miller to the Plan Commission. Alderman Kopff seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved the appointment of Garen Miller to the Plan Commission.

Consideration of Bill #2620: Emergency Communication System Upgrade Agreement with St. Louis County

Mayor Buckley introduced Bill No. 2620, a proposed Ordinance authorizing the mayor to enter into a cooperation agreement with St. Louis County for the construction and maintenance of a county-wide emergency communications system as provided for and established within the attached agreement. Upon motion made by Alderman Scherer, seconded by Alderman Lauter and unanimously passed, and in accordance with Section 79.130 as approved by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, the Bill was read by Title only the first time. Mayor Buckley opened the Bill for discussion. There being no discussion, a motion was made by Alderman Scherer, seconded by Alderman Kopff, and unanimously passed, and in accordance with Section 79.130 as approved by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, the Bill was read by Title only the second and final time. Alderman Scherer then made a motion that Bill No. 2620 be adopted as Ordinance No. 2616. Alderman Lauter seconded the motion and upon roll call, the following vote was recorded: Alderman Kauffmann, "Aye", "Aye"; Alderman Scherer "Aye"; Alderman Kopff, "Aye" and Alderman Lauter "Aye".

There being a majority of votes in favor with Alderman Travaglini and Alderwoman Gorman not present to vote, the Mayor declared the motion passed and that Bill No. 2620 was adopted as Ordinance No. 2616.

Intergovernmental Agreement

Mayor Buckley stated that in the packet were City Attorney Daming's changes to the Intergovernmental Agreement. She asked if there were any questions regarding the agreement. There were none.

Snow Plowing Protocol – Private Plowing onto Public Rights-of-Way

Mayor Buckley turned over the floor to Street Superintendent Wagner to discuss the snow plowing policy.

Superintendent Wagner stated that for years many private snow plow contractors were plowing snow into the streets after the City of Shrewsbury Street Department had completed their clean up of the streets. Superintendent Wagner asked Police Chief Keller to review any ordinance that would pertain to snow dumping into the public streets.

Superintendent Wagner turned the floor over the Chief Keller. Chief Keller stated that Ordinance section 630.020 could address this issue as unlawful dumping.

Mayor Buckley asked where this was primarily occurring. Superintendent Wagner stated that the problem was primarily occurring at Kenrick Plaza, Villa of Kenrick and other residents. Superintendent Wagner asked how to handle this problem as it does cause his staff to stay late.

Mayor Buckley suggested posting this on the website not to dump the snow into the street. Both Chief Keller and Superintendent Wagner stated that they have warned the businesses that continually dump into the street and it hasn't stopped them doing it. Mayor asked if they are warned and could they be cited. Chief Keller said they have not ticket anyone for the dumping but to verbally enforce the ordinance.

Chief Keller stated that in order to ticket someone for dumping they would have to prove that they dumped the snow into the street which becomes tricky.

Alderman Kauffmann suggested that the City send a letter to all the businesses informing them of the snow dumping into the street.

City Attorney Daming suggested that the ordinance be cleaned up more to make it clearer and easier to enforce. He stated it does not clear state if the snow dumping is more of dumping or littering classification

Alderman Scherer suggested creating a snow plowing ordinance.

Attorney Daming asked how the city would like to classify the snow plowing into the street, dumping or littering. Chief Keller stated it was more of a littering issue.

Murdoch Bridge Replacement Project (Webster Groves)

Mayor Buckley informed the Board that the Murdoch Bridge overpass would be closing for repairs in late November 2011 but more likely January 2011.

Asst. City Administrator (ACA) Greever stated he had copies of the plans for viewing and there will be detours due to the construction.

Alderman Lauter asked if there is an estimate for how long the project will take. ACA Greever stated it was to take approximately (6) months.

Alderman Travaglini joined the meeting.

St. Louis County STP-S Fund Application

Mayor Buckley presented the Board with information on STP-S Fund Application.

Conference Room Rentals – Policy Discussion

Mayor Buckley opened the discussion regarding the rental of the Board of Alderman Conference Room. Mayor Buckley recommended that the conference room not be rented during the week.

Alderman Kauffmann asked what brought this issue to the Board's attention.

Alderman Kopff stated that St. Michael's was interested in using this room for meetings.

Director Bernstein stated that it was a larger, nicer room but that he has many reservations in renting the conference room out, particularly regarding the placement of sensitive documents in the room.

Alderman Kauffmann stated he had concerns over the treatment of the furniture and chairs in the conference room.

Mayor Buckley stated that the City could not discriminate on who could rent the room. She stated that opening it up to the general public would be an issue.

The Board agreed not to allow the rental of the conference room to the public.

Old Business

None

New Business

Alderman Kopff attended the Webster Groves/Shrewsbury Chambers of Commerce meeting. He provided an update.

Alderman Kopff stated he attended Webster School district meeting and discussed state laws that would impact the school districts. The discussion was that the State of Missouri was considering an open enrollment policy that any student could attend any school in their district.

Mayor Buckley received a call from the Knights of Columbus asking if they could place signs for their blood drive on City properties. She opened the floor for any discussion and stated that she would inform them that at this time they could not place their signs on city property.

Mayor Buckley then stated that the Board needed to hold a closed session.

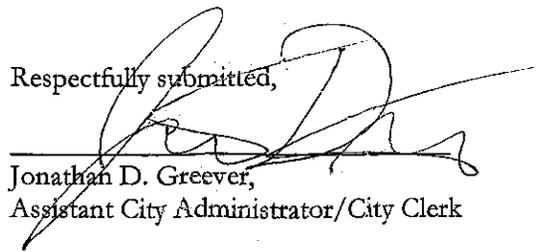
Alderman Kauffmann made a motion to enter into a closed session following the Board of Aldermen meeting. Such closed meeting, he continued, with closed vote and closed record would take place in the aldermanic conference room and said meeting, vote and records would be closed pursuant to RSMo 610.021 (1 and 12). Alderman Scherer seconded the motion, and the following roll call vote was recorded: Alderman Kauffmann, "Aye"; Alderman Travaglini, "Aye"; Alderman Scherer, "Aye"; Alderman Kopff, "Aye" and Alderman Lauter "Aye".

There being a majority of votes in favor, the Mayor declared the motion passed and that the Board would enter into a closed session.

Adjournment

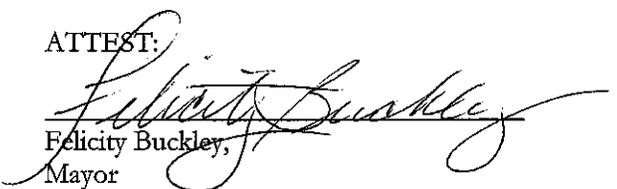
Alderman Travaglini made a motion to adjourn the Work Session. Alderman Kauffmann seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed. The Work Session adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Jonathan D. Greever,
Assistant City Administrator/City Clerk

ATTEST:



Felicity Buckley,
Mayor