

CITY OF SHREWSBURY
BOARD OF ALDERMEN
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN
March 12, 2013

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Shrewsbury, Missouri was held at 7:00 p.m. this 12th day of March, 2013 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	Chris Gorman
Alderman	Ed Kopff
Alderman	Dee Wiecher
Alderman	Sam Scherer

There were also present:

Director of Administration.....	Jonathan Greever
City Attorney	Michael K. Daming
Finance Director	Danielle Oettle
Director of Parks.....	Chris Buck
Police Chief.....	Jeff Keller
Fire Chief.....	Bill Fox
Street Superintendent.....	Tony Wagner
City Clerk.....	Carly West

Roll Call

Mayor Buckley opened the meeting and City Clerk West commenced with the roll call. A quorum of the Board was present with Alderman Mike Travaglini being absent.

Hear Citizens

None were present.

Bills

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

Approval of Minutes

Mayor Buckley introduced the minutes for the February 26, 2013 work session and asked if there was any discussion. There being no discussion, a motion to approve the minutes was made by Alderman Scherer. Alderman Gorman seconded the motion and they were unanimously approved.

Mayor Buckley stated that Jackie Winship from Congresswoman Ann Wagner's office was present and had requested to make a statement. Alderman Kauffmann made a motion to amend the agenda to allow Ms. Winship to address the Board. Alderman Scherer seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Ms. Winship approached the podium and stated that she is working to introduce herself to the municipalities to offer their services. She stated that their district office handled casework such as issues with VA benefits, social security, immigration, etc., and the residents of Shrewsbury were more than welcome to contact their office for help. She described the committees of which the Congresswoman is a part.

RainScape Rebates Presentation

Karla Wilson with the Missouri Botanical Gardens approached the podium to explain the Deer Creek Watershed Alliance and their RainScape Rebates program. She explained that as a small part of Shrewsbury is in the Deer Creek Watershed, all of Shrewsbury's residents would qualify, and stated that she was asking that the Board endorse the goals of the program, support the rebate plan, and taking on the responsibility to publicize the program to the residents of Shrewsbury.

Alderwoman Gorman asked Ms. Wilson to explain more specifically what a landowner in Shrewsbury would need to do to qualify for the rebate. Ms. Wilson answered by detailing some of the ways one could help improve the watershed. Alderwoman Wiecher asked if there would be workshops for homeowners, and Ms. Wilson stated that there would and directed the Board to the Deer Creek Watershed Alliance website.

Mayor Buckley stated that there would be a resolution under consideration at the next meeting to partner with the Missouri Botanical Garden for the RainScape Rebate program.

Ordinances

(Bill No. 2711)

Mayor Buckley introduced Bill No. 2711, a bill providing for the application for and permitting of temporary storage units on private property and public roadways. Mayor Buckley asked if there was any discussion. There being no discussion, a motion was made by Alderman Wiecher, seconded by Alderman Kopff, 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 first time.

(Bill No. 2712)

Mayor Buckley introduced Bill No. 2712, a bill authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Human Resource Design for the provision of human resource consultation services. Mayor Buckley asked if there was any discussion. Mayor Buckley explained that the personnel manual would need to be mostly overhauled, and stated that Diane Frain had come very highly recommended from the City's insurance provider for human resources services. Alderwoman Wiecher asked if Ms. Frain's references had been checked, and Director Greever answered that they had. Alderman Kauffmann asked if the fee had remained the same, and Mayor Buckley confirmed that it had, and stated that Director Greever would be overseeing the project all the way through. There being no further discussion, a motion was made by Alderman Scherer, 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 first time. The Mayor opened the floor for final discussion. There being no discussion, a motion was made by Alderman Scherer, seconded by Alderwoman Gorman, and, with Alderwoman Wiecher opposed, 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 the second and final time. Alderman Scherer made a motion that Bill No. 2712 be adopted to become Ordinance No. 2704. Alderwoman Gorman seconded the motion and upon roll call, the following vote was recorded.

Alderman Kauffmann, "Aye"; Alderman Travaglini was absent; Alderwoman Gorman, "Aye"; Alderman Scherer, "Aye"; Alderman Kopff, "Aye"; and Alderwoman Wiecher, "Abstain".

There being a majority of votes in favor, the Mayor declared the motion passed and that Bill No. 2712 was adopted as Ordinance No. 2704.

Continued Discussion Regarding Proposed Landscaping Ordinance

Mayor Buckley stated that this issue had been discussed at the prior meeting, and explained that Rick Steingrubby, who is running unopposed for the Ward 2 Alderman seat, is a master gardener, and he has reviewed the ordinance. Mayor Buckley stated that if the Board were comfortable with the idea, they could put off consideration of the ordinance until after the election. She explained that only minor changes had been made after the work session discussion.

Alderwoman Wiecher asked about the section dealing with trash receptacles, and Mayor Buckley answered that they had decided to make that a completely separate ordinance and any mention of trash receptacles had been removed from the landscaping ordinance.

Continued Discussion Regarding Dumpster Ordinance

Mayor Buckley stated that she was working with Director Greever to see what can be done to specify what requirements and regulations would be appropriate for each different zone.

Department Head Reports

Fire Chief Bill Fox approached the podium and reported that CERT classes were continuing and there were still 20 students in the classes. Mayor Buckley asked if CERT graduation was still going to happen in April, and Chief Fox confirmed that it was. Mayor Buckley asked about plans to have further classes after this group finished, and Chief Fox answered that he was planning on having another class in the fall.

Police Chief Jeff Keller approached the podium and stated that they had applied for a traffic safety grant the previous year from MODOT, and stated that it had been a great success and they had applied for a second year of it in the amount of \$9,700.00. He also reported that they had received a grant the previous year from the St. Louis Area Police Chief's Association. He noted that the 2012 Annual Report was in the packets, and that crime was down in both major and lesser crimes, and the overall crime rate was down 12%.

Street Superintendent Tony Wagner presented his written report and stated that his crew had gotten the aerating and seeding done just before the last round of bad weather and that should help the fields to be greener this year. He further noted that the bathrooms in the parks were open, but the water fountains were not on yet.

Parks Director Chris Buck presented his written report and stated that his department had attended the annual Missouri Parks and Recreation Department Association conference and had attended many very good-quality, useful sessions. He reported that they had the chance to network with other cities and had begun the process of partnering with some nearby municipalities. Mr. Buck reported that there had been a steam leak in the building in the gym, the insurance company had been contacted, and the repairs should be done soon. He stated that the Parks Board would be having their first meeting the following evening and they would set a regular schedule at that time. He concluded by reporting that they were moving ahead with their partnership with the Knights of Columbus to renovate one of the upstairs rooms in the City Center; the Knights of Columbus would be paying to have it renovated, they would use it as their meeting space, and the City would be able to rent it out as well.

Alderwoman Wiecher asked if there was anything in writing that detailed that partnership. Mr. Buck answered that they were working on finalizing the contract, and it would be signed before work began. Mayor Buckley asked Mr. Buck what the names of the Parks Board members were, and Mr. Buck answered that they were Frank Graf, Maureen Hooch, Michael O'Hara, Bruce Kurka, Todd Basler, Jill Duvall, Michael Bahlinger, and Mark Belgeri.

Finance Director Danielle Oettle presented her written report and noted that the 2013 budget had been included in their packets, and that it was also available online. She stated that the accounting software conversion was still in progress and that the audit was scheduled for the second week of April, so they were working on preparing for that.

Director of Administration Jonathan Greever presented his written report, which included his report from the MML Legislative Conference. He stated that he would continue to provide updates on the legislation that was of particular interest to municipalities. He stated that the City had submitted an application for the STP-S Grant for over one million dollars, but he did not know when the decision on that grant would be made. He concluded by stating that he would be keeping the Board up-to-date on the personnel manual overhaul over the next few months. Mayor Buckley asked him to specify the timeframe for the personnel manual project, and Mr. Greever answered that it would be up for Board approval in June.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Buckley complimented Ms. Oettle for the budget, stating that it was one of the most comprehensive the City had produced, and also noted that it looked good in addition to being very well put-together. Alderman Scherer noted that it was very easy to understand. Mayor Buckley stated that the City remained committed to being as efficient as possible, making cuts where it made sense, and finding any possible sources of revenue. She urged the Board members and residents to continue to bring suggestions forward. She stated that the City had saved approximately \$100,000.00 between 2009 and 2012 in salaries, and detailed some other areas where savings had been made.

Mayor Buckley noted that the next Centennial Event would be April 21st, and would be a trolley ride through the City, touring some of the Centennial homes, and ending at Kenrick Glennon Seminary for a tour, and there would also be an open house at the City Center, which would include artifacts displayed by the Historical Society.

Mayor Buckley stated that the City is working to establish a more fully-functioning historical society, and that the volunteers were doing an excellent job of cleaning up and organizing the artifacts that have been left over the year. Mayor Buckley gave further details about the event on April 21st.

Old Business

None

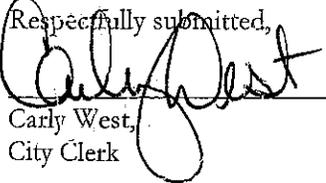
New Business

Alderwoman Wiecher stated that she had been contacted by a resident who reported that she had seen four coyotes, and wanted to make people aware of them. Mr. Greever stated that the administrative staff had contacted St. Louis County Animal Control and the MO Department of Natural Resources, and they are protected and unless they were harming a person, nothing could be done about them.

Adjournment:

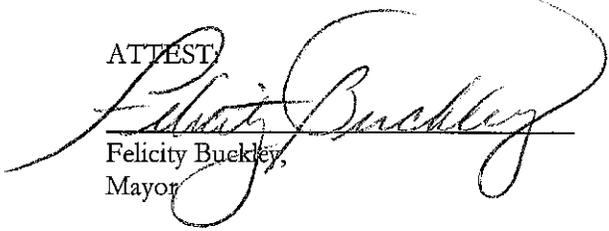
Alderman Kauffmann made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Alderwoman Gorman seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed. The regular meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Carly West,
City Clerk

ATTEST



Felicity Buckley,
Mayor