

**CITY OF SHREWSBURY**  
**BOARD OF ALDERMEN**  
**WORK SESSION**  
**April 26th, 2011**

A Board of Aldermen Work Session was held at 6:00 p.m. this 26<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2011 in the Conference Room of the City Center.

There were present:

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| Mayor.....      | Felicity Buckley |
| Alderman.....   | Elmer Kauffmann  |
| Alderman.....   | Mike Travaglini  |
| Alderwoman..... | Chris Gorman     |
| Alderman.....   | Sam Scherer      |
| Alderman.....   | Ed Kopff         |
| Alderman.....   | Greg Lauter      |

There were also present:

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

**Roll Call**

Mayor Buckley opened the meeting and Assistant Greever commenced with the roll call. The entire Board was present.

**Hear Citizens**

Mr. Michael O'Hare of 7318 Devonshire addressed the Board about revising the animal regulation chapter of the municipal code. Mr. O'Hare would like the revision to allow for residents to have chickens. Mr. O'Hare suggested that the revision would only allow hens, not roasters, and that there be a limit of the number of chickens allowed. Mr. O'Hare provided information on other cities in the area that allow chickens and data regarding the smell and noise that might be attributed to keeping chickens.

Alderman Scherer asked if Mr. O'Hare could provide information from other cities in regards to ordinances and code provisions. Mr. O'Hare said he could make copies or send an email with the information.

Alderman Travaglini asked if these chickens would be for Mr. O'Hare's own consumption. Mr. O'Hare said they would and that the revised code would make a stipulation that the eggs could not be sold.

Alderwoman Gorman asked if there was any sanitation inspection required. Mr. O'Hare said that Webster Groves does have some rules regarding sanitation but that most cities were more open.

Alderman Kopff asked if the other surrounding cities had an application process for having chickens. Mr. O'Hare stated that many have a one time only application process and if there is problem with keeping the chickens, those applicants must appear before the Board to address the issue

Alderman Travaglini asked Mr. O'Hare what his interest in having the chickens was. Mr. O'Hare stated that he wanted to know where his food came from, and discussed the aspects of eating more organically.

Mayor Buckley stated that the Board would consider the revision to the current ordinance and asked Mr. O'Hare to email Alderman Kopff all the information he gathered from surrounding communities for review.

### **Approval of Minutes:**

Mayor Buckley stated that the next item on the agenda was the approval of minutes of the April 12th, 2011 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 April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2011 Board of Aldermen Work Session. Alderman Lauter seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

### **Bids/Proposals:**

#### *Public Safety Building Tuckpointing Project*

Mayor Buckley stated that the next item on the agenda was consideration of the bidding for the tuckpointing project for the Public Safety Building. She turned the floor over to Police Chief Keller to present the topic and results.

Chief Keller stated that \$16,000.00 was budgeted for tuckpointing repairs to the Public Safety Building. Chief Keller stated that they solicited sealed bids for the tuckpointing project and that on April 18, 2011 the sealed bids were opened. Chief Keller added that B & K Tuckpointing had the lowest and best bid at \$11,795.00. Chief Keller asked the Board to accept the bid from B & K Tuckpointing for the amount of \$11,795.00.

Mayor Buckley asked if there was any discussion. There being none, Alderman Travaglini made a motion approving B & K Tuckpointing's bid pursuant to Chief Keller's recommendation. Alderman Kopff seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved it.

#### *Brinkop Park Resurfacing Project*

Mayor Buckley stated that the next item on the agenda was consideration of the bidding for the Brinkop Park Resurfacing Project. She turned the floor over to Parks Director Bernstein to present the topic results.

Director Bernstein stated that the City received a grant for up to \$110,081.00 from the Municipal Park Grant for the resurfacing of Brinkop Park playground. He added that the City would then be responsible for 5% of the cost of the project. Director Bernstein stated he learned of a program called U.S. Communities where the City could purchase products by "piggybacking" on another agency's competitive bidding process. Director Bernstein mentioned that through U.S. Communities that Game Time had a contract to provide playground surfacing and equipment. Director Bernstein asked the Board to accept the bid from Game Time for the amount of \$108,182.00 for the resurfacing of Brinkop Park.

Mayor Buckley asked if there was any discussion. There being none, Alderman Kauffmann made a motion approving Game Time's bid pursuant to Director's Bernstein's recommendation. Alderman Scherer seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved it.

**Ordinances:*****Municipal Judge***

Mayor Buckley introduced Bill No. 2622, a proposed Ordinance amending Title I. Government Code, Chapter 120: Municipal Court of the Municipal Code of the City of Shrewsbury, Missouri by deleting current section 120.130 and replacing it with a new section 120.130 as follows: providing for the current maintenance of this code; and providing for the effective date of this ordinance. Upon motion made by Alderman Travaglini, seconded by Alderwoman Gorman 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 Travaglini, seconded by Alderwoman Gorman, 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 Travaglini then made a motion that Bill No. 2622 be adopted as Ordinance No. 2618. 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 Lauter "Aye".

There being a majority of votes in favor, the Mayor declared the motion passed and that Bill No. 2622 was adopted as Ordinance No. 2618.

***Prosecuting Attorney***

Mayor Buckley introduced Bill No. 2623, a proposed Ordinance amending Title I. Government Code, Chapter 125: Offices, Officers, and Commissioners of the Municipal Code of the City of Shrewsbury, Missouri by deleting current section 125.120 and replacing it with a new section 125.120 as follows: providing for the current maintenance of this code; and providing for the effective date of this ordinance. 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 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 second and final time. Alderman Scherer then made a motion that Bill No. 2623 be adopted as Ordinance No. 2619. Alderman Lauter 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 Lauter "Aye".

There being a majority of votes in favor, the Mayor declared the motion passed and that Bill No. 2623 was adopted as Ordinance No. 2619.

***MUNI Financial***

Mayor Buckley introduced Bill No. 2624, a proposed Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with MUNI Financial for the Provision of Municipal Consultation Services 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 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 second and final time. Alderman Scherer then made a motion that Bill No. 2624 be adopted as Ordinance No. 2620. Alderman Lauter 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 Lauter "Aye".

There being a majority of votes in favor, the Mayor declared the motion passed and that Bill No. 2624 was adopted as Ordinance No. 2620.

#### **4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade**

Mayor Buckley opened the discussion on participation in the Webster Groves' 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade. Everyone agreed to participate in this year's parade. Mayor Buckley suggested that the City not rent golf carts like the previous year but instead use a vehicle from Public Works.

#### **Discussion over Pool Passes**

Mayor Buckley opened the discussion on extending the boundaries for pool passes to residents of Marlboro and the Village of Mackenzie at the Shrewsbury resident rate. Mayor Buckley added that the City could use more pool passes.

Alderman Travaglini asked on how the city would promote this. Mayor Buckley stated that she would need to have City Attorney Daming look into doing potential agreement with the city and see if that would be feasible.

#### **Old Business**

None

#### **New Business**

Alderman Kauffmann asked if City Hall could put a copy of the city wide email on the bulletin boards around the building. Mayor Buckley added that could be done.

Alderwoman Gorman stated it has been brought to her attention that the tennis courts in Wehner Park are being used as a dog park when not in use. Mayor Buckley asked if there were signs that say "no dogs allowed". Director Bernstein said no but would look into the matter.

Public Works Superintendant Wagner stated that Ameren UE has asked if they could get an exemption to use St. Vincent Avenue for their trucks or if the truck restriction could be lifted off of St. Vincent.

Alderwoman Gorman asked how the restriction was posted. Superintendent Wagner stated that there is a "no truck or commercial vehicle" sign posted.

Superintendent Wagner suggested that there could be a weight restriction on the types of truck allowed. He added that nothing over 24,000 lb should be allowed.

Mayor Buckley asked if a stop sign or a traffic light on River Des Peres would help the situation. Superintendent Wagner said it would back traffic on River Des Peres and make it a bad situation.

Mayor Buckley asked if increasing the weight limit would be enforceable. Chief Keller said it would be very difficult.

Mayor Buckley asked if more information could be gathered to see just how much traffic Ameren produces. Superintendent Wagner received a letter from St. Louis County Highway Dept asking to place a no left turn marker on westbound Murdoch Avenue at Wilshusen Avenue at the intersection to discourage people from turning left onto southbound Wilshusen during the Murdoch Bridge Replacement beginning next year. Superintendent Wagner stated that the sign would be in St. Louis County's right-a-way and that they were letting the City know of this sign.

Fire Chief Fox informed the Board that the transmission on the Fire Dept Ford Explorer was going out and he had called around to get three quotes to replace the transmission pursuant to Shrewsbury Code Section 135.120 (A) (3). Chief Fox added that repairs to the transmission would be over \$2,000.00. Chief Fox stated that in order to get written bids it would require that the Explorer be towed to two different mechanics before they could quote him an exact price. Chief Fox obtained a verbal quote from Grey's Richmond Heights that came below the estimated price from the other two mechanics that required the Explorer to be towed before they could give a price. Chief Fox asked the Board to consider the quote from Grey's Richmond Heights as the Ford Explorer was not functioning and needed be repaired immediately.

Mayor Buckley asked if there was a motion to amend the agenda so that the Board could consider taking action on the matter. Alderman Scherer made a motion to amend the agenda to include this topic as one under consideration for action by the Board. Alderman Lauter seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved it.

Mayor Buckley asked the Board if there was a motion to consider Chief Fox's proposal as an emergency purchase pursuant to Shrewsbury Code Section 135.120 (A) (6). Alderman Travaglini made a motion to consider this matter as an emergency pursuant to the aforementioned sectional provision. Alderman Scherer seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved it.

Fire Chief Fax stated that he had called around for bids to replace the transmission on the Fire Department's Ford Explorer. Chief Fox added that Grey's Richmond Heights Service Inc. had the lowest and best bid at \$2,166.26. Chief Fox asked the Board to accept the bid from Grey's Richmond Heights Service Inc. for the amount of \$2,166.26.

Mayor Buckley asked if there was any discussion. There being none, Alderman Travaglini made a motion approving Grey's Richmond Height Service Inc. bid pursuant to Chief Fox recommendation. Alderman Scherer seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved it.

Mayor Buckley reviewed her meeting with the Mayors of Small Cities group and stated that they had a best practice list for each department for each city. This list was utilized to standardize all of the cities in the Municipal League.

Mayor Buckley discussed the article in the Webster Kirkwood Times about pool cities vs. point of sale cities. She mentioned there was a bill in Jefferson City to completely do away with pool cities. Mayor Buckley stated she did not think that it was a good plan. Mayor Buckley suggested to the Board to check the Municipal League website to review the bills in the state senate that could affect Shrewsbury.

Mayor Buckley added that she received a letter from a resident in regards to the "No Wal-mart" signs posted. The letter stated that the signs have been up longer than sign ordinance allows. Mayor Buckley stated that the city would not get involved with the signage but would leave the subdivision-specific issue at that level.

Mayor Buckley requested to the Board think about the number of dogs that a household could own. Mayor Buckley asked the Board to review the ordinance to discuss in the future.

Mayor Buckley informed the Board that Finance Director Jett was leaving. She mentioned that the vacancy had been posted on several websites. Mayor Buckley stated that an interview panel was being put together to interview potential candidates.

Mayor Buckley stated that Judge Bumb mentioned that the city hasn't been reappointing the judge every two years as necessary. This reappointing ordinance would be considered soon.

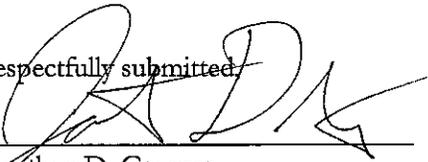
Alderman Kauffmann made a motion to enter into a closed session following the Board of Aldermen meeting. Such closed meeting, he continued, with closed vote and closed record would take place in the aldermanic conference room and said meeting, vote and records would be closed pursuant to RSMo 610.021 (3, 12 and 13). Alderman Travaglini seconded the motion, and the following roll call vote was recorded: Alderman Kauffmann, "Aye"; Alderman Travaglini, "Aye"; Alderwoman Gorman "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.

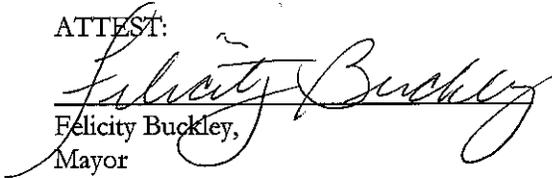
**Adjournment**

Alderman Travaglini made a motion to adjourn the work session pursuant to the closed session. Alderman Kauffmann seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed. The work session adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

  
Jonathan D. Greever,  
Assistant City Administrator/City Clerk

ATTEST:

  
Felicity Buckley,  
Mayor