

CITY OF SHREWSBURY, MISSOURI
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN
May 10th, 2011

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Shrewsbury, Missouri was held at 7:00 p.m. this 10th day of May, 2011 for the transaction of such business that may come before the Board.

There were present:

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

Absent:

Alderman..... Mike Travaglini

There were also present:

Director of Administration Jonathan D. Greever
City Attorney Michael K. Daming
Street Superintendent..... Tony Wagner
Police Chief..... Jeff Keller
Fire Chief..... Bill Fox
Parks Director Marc Bernstein

Mayor Buckley opened the meeting and Director Greever commenced with the roll call.

Approval of Minutes:

Mayor Buckley stated that the first item on the agenda was the approval of minutes of the April 26th, 2011 Board of Aldermen Work Session. She opened the floor for discussion and there was none. Alderman Scherer made a motion to approve, as submitted, the minutes of the April 26th, 2011 Board of Aldermen Work Session. Alderman Lauter seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Bills:

Mayor Buckley introduced the bills requiring approval and quickly overviewed them. She opened the floor for discussion. There being no discussion on the bills, Alderman Scherer made a motion to approve the bills submitted for payment. Alderwoman Gorman seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Hear Citizens:

Ms. Nancy Pfitzinger of 7320 Sutherland Avenue informed the Board that she is in favor of the Wal-mart and had been since the beginning. She stated that she appreciated all the information the Aldermen had reviewed pertaining to the development.

Mr. John Bub of 7408 Williamsburg Colonial Lane asked the Board when the potholes on Trianon Parkway would be repaired. Mayor Buckley stated that Superintendent Tony Wagner would answer that question

during the department head reports. Mr. Bub also mentioned the piling up of trash in the dumpster behind Value Village. Mayor Buckley indicated that the City would follow-up with them when the problem occurs.

Ms. Dottie Gray of 7463 Woodlawn Colonial Lane stated that she did not want the street closed near the proposed redevelopment. She added that the traffic would become horrendous and dangerous. She concluded that she did not want a Wal-mart in Shrewsbury.

Ms. Laura Catlett of 5102 Deville Avenue approached the microphone stating she was in favor of the Wal-mart. Ms. Catlett stated she had sent out emails regarding the potential development and had received many positive feedbacks. She added that addition of Wal-mart would not only bring sales revenue to the City but would enable the City to undergo many necessary renovations. Ms. Catlett stated that she hoped that the City move forward on the redevelopment.

Ms. Jenny Hoffman of 7616 Triwoods Drive Unit A stated that she was against the Wal-mart. Ms. Hoffman added that she was considering moving if Wal-mart moved in. Ms. Hoffman mentioned that she did not like the idea of the exit to Watson Road being closed and added that Wal-mart would only bring crime to the area.

Mr. Joseph Manion of 7415 Triwoods Drive Unit H approached the microphone stating that he was in support of Wal-mart. Mr. Manion added that Wal-mart was the largest retailer in the world and having a Wal-mart in Shrewsbury would support a tax base to support the fire department and city employees. Mr. Manion concluded that Shrewsbury needed the support of Wal-mart.

Mr. Jim Salih of 7364 Woodlawn Colonial Lane stated he wanted to know much tax revenue Wal-mart would bring in. Mayor Buckley added that Wal-mart needed to show that there would be tax revenue increases immediately.

Ms. Linda Kraft of 7421 Triwoods Drive Unit L stated that she opposed the Wal-mart development. Ms. Kraft stated that she was scared that the City was trading one bad situation for another.

Ms. Barb Johnson of 7501 Triwoods Drive Unit H stated that she was opposed to the Wal-mart development. Ms. Johnson added that she would be very upset if the Watson Road exit would be closed.

Ms. Meredith Rataj of 5011 Wilshusen Avenue approached the Board. She stated that she was Dee Wiecher's daughter and was happy to see representation on the Board of those opposed to the Wal-mart development.

Ms. Celeste Burke of 7404 Westover Colonial Lane asked when ordinances are presented if they could be explained in "plain English" so the public could understand them better. Mayor Buckley stated that they could. Ms. Burke asked if Wal-mart is actually involved in these early stages of the redevelopment. Mayor Buckley stated that she had been in contact directly with Wal-mart itself. Mayor Buckley added that the developer was required to do most of this type of planning.

Ms. Barbara Pfitzinger of 7320 Sutherland Avenue approached the Board. She stated that she was in favor of the Wal-mart development. She thanked the Mayor and Board for all their time and information they had provided the on the development.

Ms. Helen Whaley of 5322 Kenrick Manor Court asked the Board if they had explored other business possibilities. Mayor Buckley indicated that the City sent out proposals to 28 different developers that represent different retailers. Mayor Buckley added that once negotiations began with a developer, it was not appropriate to entertain other developers. Mayor Buckley stated that because of the challenges presented by the site, Wal-mart was the only developer interested in the location.

Mr. Richard Slais of 5312 Kenrick Manor Court stated that he would like to see the plan the City had in regards to the traffic flow in regards to Wal-mart. Mayor Buckley added that there will be a traffic study done. Mr. Slais asked if the City still had discretion in rejecting the issuance of public assistance. Mayor Buckley stated that the City insured that it was always protected each step of the way by the inclusion of special counsel.

Ms. Carol Eddy of 7520 Kirky Court asked if the City thoroughly researched the developer. Mayor Buckley added that she researched different developers and that she did contact other cities that had worked with this developer and had received positive feedback.

Mr. Garen Miller of 5115 St. Charles Place asked the Board to hasten the finalization of the development due to the current poor economic situation of the country.

FY 2010 Audit Presentation

Mayor Buckley then introduced Ms. Tammy Alsop of Hochschild, Bloom and Company L.L.P. Ms. Alsop presented the Board with the auditor's report on FY 2010. She stated that the City received an unqualified opinion, which was the highest form of insurance a city can receive on its financial statement. She stated that there was a decrease of \$14,000 in assets. She mentioned that the City was able to decrease its debt by \$700,000. Ms. Alsop concluded that there were no problems with the audit and that the City was in a good financial state.

Sign Permit Request

Caplaca Twenty-two Inc. (PETCO)

Mayor Buckley stated that the next item on the agenda was the consideration of sign permits request for signs located in a planned commercial "C-2" zone for Petco at 7279 Watson Road. She noted that Building Commissioner Gaffney had reviewed the sign requests and that the permanent store-front sign was fully compliant with applicable regulations.

Mayor Buckley asked if there was any discussion on the permanent store-front sign. There being none, Alderman Kauffmann made a motion to approve the permanent store-front sign. Alderman Scherer seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved the permanent store-front sign.

Ordinances

(Authorizing the Mayor to enter in agreement with WM Financial)

Mayor Buckley introduced Bill No. 2625, a proposed Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a first amendment to the original financial advisory agreement with WM Financial Strategies for the provision of financial advisory services in connection with the potential redevelopment of Kenrick Plaza as authorized by City of Shrewsbury, Missouri Ordinance 2599. Upon motion made by Alderman Scherer, 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 Scherer, 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 Scherer then made a motion that Bill No. 2625 be adopted to become Ordinance No. 2621. Alderwoman Gorman seconded the motion and upon roll call, the following vote was recorded: Alderman

Kauffmann, "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. 2625 was adopted as Ordinance No. 2621.

(Authorizing the Mayor to enter into a maintenance agreement with Communications Technologies)

Mayor Buckley introduced Bill No. 2626, a proposed Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a maintenance agreement with Communications Technologies, Inc. for the provision of telecommunications support services as provided for and established within the attached agreement. Upon motion made by Alderwoman Gorman, seconded by Alderman Scherer 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 Alderwoman Gorman, seconded by Alderman Scherer, 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. Alderwoman Gorman then made a motion that Bill No. 2626 be adopted to become Ordinance No. 2622. Alderman Scherer seconded the motion and upon roll call, the following vote was recorded: Alderman Kauffmann, "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. 2626 was adopted as Ordinance No. 2622.

(The Office of Director of Administration)

Mayor Buckley introduced Bill No. 2627, a proposed Ordinance amending Title I Government Code, Chapter 125: Offices, Officers, and Commissioners of the City of Shrewsbury Missouri by creating a new section 125.135, relating to the office of the Director of Administration; providing for the current maintenance of this code; providing for the repeal of all conflicting ordinances; and providing for the effective date of this ordinance. Upon motion made by Alderman Lauter, 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 first time. Mayor Buckley opened the Bill for discussion. There being no discussion, a motion was made by Alderman Lauter, 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 Lauter then made a motion that Bill No. 2627 be adopted to become Ordinance No. 2623. Alderman Kopff seconded the motion and upon roll call, the following vote was recorded: Alderman Kauffmann, "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. 2627 was adopted as Ordinance No. 2623.

(Minimum Salary Range)

Mayor Buckley introduced Bill No. 2628; a proposed Ordinance adopting minimum salary ranges to be paid to policemen, firemen, administrative and general employees of Shrewsbury, Missouri and repealing all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provision of this ordinance. Upon motion made by Alderman Kopff, 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 Kopff, 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 Kopff then made a motion that Bill No. 2628 be adopted to become Ordinance No. 2624. Alderman Lauter seconded the motion and upon roll call, the following vote was recorded: Alderman Kauffmann, "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. 2628 was adopted as Ordinance No. 2624.

(Authorizing the Mayor to enter into contract with PGAV)

Mayor Buckley stated that the PGAV contract introduced for consideration by Bill No. 2629 was not finalized and still subject to changes. Therefore, she recommended that the bill be tabled for further review. Alderman Kauffman made a motion to table Bill No. 2629, Alderman Scherer second the motion and it was unanimous passed.

(Results of the Elections)

Mayor Buckley introduced Bill No. 2630; a proposed Ordinance declaring the results of the election held in the City of Shrewsbury, St. Louis County, Missouri on April 5, 2011. Upon motion made by Alderwoman Gorman, seconded by Alderman Scherer 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 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 Scherer then made a motion that Bill No. 2630 be adopted to become Ordinance No. 2625. Alderwoman Gorman seconded the motion and upon roll call, the following vote was recorded: Alderman Kauffmann, "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. 2630 was adopted as Ordinance No. 2625.

Recognition of Outgoing Alderman

Mayor Buckley thanked Alderman Lauter for his time and service to the City of Shrewsbury.

Swearing In of Elected Officials

Director Greever swore in the newly elected Alderwoman Wiecher and Alderman Kauffmann.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

None

Department Head Reports:

Police Chief Keller updated the Board on the progress of the repairs to the Public Safety building and discussed the graduation at St. Michaels. Chief Keller stated that the Police Department received a grant for the replacement of body armor. Chief Keller concluded his presentation by stating that Officer Tommy Foltz was recently the recipient of an award.

Fire Chief Fox updated the Board on the training seminars on Firefighter Safety and Survival and Lead EKG that had been conducted at the City Center. Chief Fox stated that Fireman John O'Brien had received thank you cards from grade-schoolers for holding a demonstration on the fire equipment.

Street Superintendent Wagner stated that the lights at the City Center been repaired. The Street department replaced transformers in many of the lights. Superintendent Wagner stated that they had been keeping up with the grass cutting between storms.

Parks Director Bernstein stated that he hoped to fill up the pool by the end of the week. Director Bernstein stated that he had some concerns regarding the competition pool. Mayor Buckley added that she had received a phone call from a resident that was pleased that the City offered swim lesson for special needs children.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Buckley stated the City significantly reduced its expenditures. She praised all of the department heads on their efforts to keep the costs down. Mayor Buckley also praised the City employees for their hard work during the last year.

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 pursuant to RSMo 610.021 (12). Alderwoman Gorman seconded the motion, and the following roll call vote was recorded: Alderman Kauffmann, "Aye"; Alderwoman Gorman, "Aye"; Alderman Scherer, "Aye"; Alderman Kopff, "Aye" and Alderwoman Wiecher "Aye".

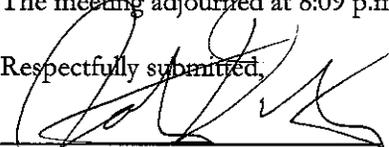
There being a majority of votes in favor, the Mayor declared the motion passed and that the Board would enter into a closed session.

Adjournment:

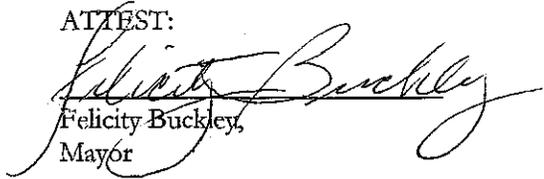
Alderman Kauffmann made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting subject to the closed session. Alderwoman Gorman seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

The meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Jonathan D. Greever,
Director of Administration

ATTEST:


Felicity Buckley,
Mayor