

CITY OF SHREWSBURY, MISSOURI
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN
June 14th, 2011

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Shrewsbury, Missouri was held at 7:00 p.m. this 14th day of June, 2011 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.....	Mike Travaglini
Alderwoman	Chris Gorman
Alderman.....	Sam Scherer
Alderman.....	Ed Kopff
Alderwoman	Dee Wiecher

There were also present:

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

Roll Call

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

Approval of Minutes:

Mayor Buckley announced that the first item on the agenda was the approval of minutes of the May 10th, 2011 regular Board of Aldermen meeting. She opened the floor for discussion. Alderman Kauffmann stated that the minutes reflected that a member of the Board was not present, but under the Roll Call section of the agenda it was noted that the entire Board was present. There being no further discussion, a motion was made by Alderman Kauffmann to amend the minutes to correct the above-referenced mistake. The motion was seconded by Alderman Scherer and unanimously approved. Alderman Scherer then made a motion to pass the minutes of the Regular Board of Aldermen meeting on May 10th, 2011 as amended. Alderwoman Gorman seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Bills to be Approved:

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

Hear Citizens:

Mr. Steve Loher of 7410 Devonshire Avenue addressed the board with a brief introduction that he had previously served the city as a member of the Park Board and now as a member on the Planning Commission and Shrewsbury Improvement Corporation. He further stated to the Board that he wanted Shrewsbury to remain a full service city for all. Additionally, he urged the Board to complete the Kenrick Plaza Redevelopment, since the anticipated revenue generated would be badly needed and vital to the city and its residents. He continued by notifying the Board of his election to the Webster Groves School District Board of Education and most recently his being asked to serve as the 2011 Board Liaison for the Board of Education to the City of Shrewsbury. In ending, he further presented some of the Webster Groves School District recent accolades, financial challenges, and plans for the future.

Ms. Patrice Russo of 7222 Nottingham Avenue addressed the board about her concern over an attempted burglary of a neighbor's house. She stated that the promised additional police patrolling on her street had not occurred, even though it appeared that all of the patrol cars were not being utilized. She then asked the Board what constituted an acceptable protocol when contacting the police for assistance.

Mayor Buckley answered that each resident should contact the police department when they had a concern. She also stated that Chief Jeff Keller would address this concern.

Ms. Eileen Dorsey 7420 Williamsburg Colonial Lane stated that she believed that her neighborhood, which is close to the proposed development, was being discriminated against. She further stated that she felt that her concerns over the increase in traffic and crime to her neighborhood as a result of the potential development were not being addressed.

Mayor Buckley advised Ms. Dorsey that the Board was listening to her concerns.

Ms. Patty Rooney of 7232 Nottingham addressed the Board as a recent victim of an attempted burglary in Shrewsbury. As a victim and concerned citizen she was unsure of how residents should handle suspicious activity. She asked if residents should call with every concern or should it be addressed at the city level with more proactive patrolling of our streets.

Mayor Buckley handed the floor over to Chief Keller to address this concern. Chief Keller stated that in respect to the attempted burglary on the corner of Nottingham, this attempt was the first occurrence since an earlier reported burglary at the beginning of this year. He further stated that Shrewsbury had a very low crime rate, but unfortunately crime happened all over the St. Louis Metropolitan Area and as a result, Shrewsbury dealt with it as well. Additionally, he advised at the time of this occurrence a few of our neighboring municipalities had also had an increase in burglaries, which were most likely committed by the same group of individuals. He went on to state that the Police Department's had responded by alerting the community with a citywide press release via email. Chief Keller also addressed the earlier question about the usage of patrol cars. He explained that a department accommodating multiple shifts, each with differing levels of manpower requirements, along with additional enforcement responsibilities, at times causes additional units to remain onsite. In closing, Chief Keller advised citizens to call the Police Department if they see any suspicious individuals or vehicles.

Ms. Barb Dressler of 7229 Nottingham Avenue addressed the Board over her concerns that the burglaries were in part caused by the rundown nature of the area near the Metrolink. She further stated when she had brought these concerns to the City, she had been told that these issues occurred on St. Louis County properties and rights-of-way. She also stated that our City's current process for handling vacant properties needed to be improved in order to increase the quality of life in the community.

Ms. Patrice Russo of 7222 Nottingham Avenue again addressed the board to state that she agreed with Ms. Dressler's comments regarding the City's current process of handling exterior violations on vacant properties.

Mayor Buckley addressed Ms. Dressler and Ms. Russo's concerns that the City was aware of the vacant property referenced. She further stated that this would be addressed at the next work session.

Ms. Barb Dressler of 7229 Nottingham Avenue again addressed the Board and asked for a breakdown of this process relating to vacant properties with exterior violations.

Mayor Buckley advised Ms. Dressler that she would need to attend the upcoming work session to better understand the current process of addressing vacant properties with violations.

Mr. John Bub, of 7408 Williamsburg Colonial Lane, inquired of the Mayor if the residential requirement of the Board was extended to Jonathan Greever, Director of Administration, and Michael Daming, City Attorney. Mayor Buckley stated that the residential requirement only applied to elected officials. Mr. Bub then inquired if Mr. Greever and Mr. Daming were involved in the decision making process in respects to the Kenrick Plaza Redevelopment. Mayor Buckley confirmed that they did have input. He further advised the Board that trains had been sitting too long on the railroad tracks at Watson Road.

Ms. Sandy Odenwald of 7316 Sutherland Avenue addressed the Board that she appreciated all the diligence that had been put into the Kenrick Plaza Redevelopment by the elected officials. Her appreciation stemmed from seeing the barrenness of the current condition of the site that she believed negatively affected the community and residential property value. Ms. Odenwald also complimented the exterior landscape of the City Center due to the work of the beautification committee.

C-2 Zone Sign Permit Application (Missouri Recycling Company)

Mayor Buckley introduced the C-2 Zone Sign Permit Application by Missouri Recycling Company, on behalf of Value Village. She asked if there was any discussion. Alderman Kauffmann stated concern over establishing a precedent regarding the installation of neon signs. Mayor Buckley asked Richard Gaffney, City of Shrewsbury Building Commissioner, to take the floor. Mr. Gaffney addressed the Board that the signage request was compliant with the 15% maximum coverage allowance within the Municipal Code. He then explained that this was an existing sign previously displayed at the Kenrick Plaza II site and was being moved to the new location. He further explained that the applicant wanted to add a sign to this existing sign which would be printed with 10 inch letters onto white aluminum. Mr. Gaffney then stated that this addition was well within the code's requirements, and as such, he did not have any objection regarding the approval of the signage. Mayor Buckley confirmed with Mr. Gaffney that this was not a neon sign as the verbiage previously suggested within the permit application. Mr. Gaffney confirmed it was not a neon sign. Mayor Buckley asked Alderman Kauffmann if he had any other objections with the application. Alderman Kauffman stated he had no further objection. There being no further discussion, Alderman Scherer made a motion to approve the sign permit application as submitted. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Gorman, and unanimously approved.

C-2 Zone Sign Permit Application (Springleaf Financial)

Mayor Buckley introduced a C-2 Zone Sign Permit Application from Springleaf Financial Services to replace the existing wall sign and tenant panels to reflect the corporate name change from American General. She asked if there was any discussion. There being no discussion, Alderman Travaglini made a motion to accept sign permit application as submitted. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Gorman, and unanimously approved.

Liquor License Renewals

(Annual License for Sale of all Kinds of Liquor by the Drink)

Mayor Buckley introduced the liquor license renewals for the sale of all kinds of liquor by the drink requiring approval and quickly overviewed them. She opened the floor for discussion. There being no discussion, Alderwoman Gorman made a motion to approve the above-referenced liquor license applications. The motion was seconded by Alderman Scherer, and unanimously approved.

(Annual License for Sale of Liquor in Original Package)

Mayor Buckley introduced the liquor license renewals for the sale of liquor in original package requiring approval and quickly overviewed them. She opened the floor for discussion. There being no discussion, Alderman Sam Scherer made a motion to approve the above-referenced liquor license applications. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Gorman, and unanimously approved.

(Temporary Beer & Wine by the Drink)

Mayor Buckley introduced the temporary license for sale of beer and wine by the drink for Cure of Ars Church Picnic. She opened the floor for discussion. There being no further discussion, Alderman Travaglini made a motion to approve the above-referenced liquor license application. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Gorman, and unanimously approved.

(Wine Tasting)

Mayor Buckley introduced a liquor license for wine tasting for Dierberg's. She opened the floor for discussion. There being no further discussion, Alderman Travaglini made a motion to approve the above-referenced liquor license application. The motion was seconded by Alderwoman Gorman, and unanimously approved.

Ordinances

(A Bill authorizing an amendment to the City Code's Traffic Code regarding load restrictions traveling on St. Vincent Avenue)

Mayor Buckley introduced Bill No. 2634, a proposed Ordinance authorizing the City of Shrewsbury to amend Schedule VII of Title III: Traffic Code of the City of Shrewsbury, Missouri Code by deleting said current Schedule VII and replacing it with a new Schedule VII of Title III: Traffic Code relating to load restrictions upon vehicles; 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. Mayor Buckley asked if there was any discussion.

Mayor Buckley briefly explained that this was a request generated by some local businesses concerned with ingress and egress issues due to limited traffic flow capacity in the eastern portion of the City, particularly when Des Peres Boulevard and Lansdowne experienced high traffic volume and when Weil was temporarily closed due to railroad activity. As result, the request was to increase the allowable load capacity from 18,000 pounds GVW to 36,000 pounds GVW.

Mayor Buckley continued in stating that this was not a time sensitive ordinance and only the first reading of the bill would occur in the current meeting. She explained that this would provide an opportunity for Alderwoman Wiecher and Alderman Kopff to inform the residents in their ward of this matter. 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 then stated that the second reading would occur at the next work session.

2012 CDBG Allocation Distribution Discussion

Mayor Buckley introduced the 2012 CDBG allocation distribution discussion and handed the floor over to Director Greever for overview. Director Greever explained that it was time to apply for the upcoming year's CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) fund allocation that the City had participated in the past. He explained further that the City was again eligible to receive up to \$20,000 in CDBG funds that were annually administered by the County. He stated that this allocation could be used for projects that benefit low-to-mid income areas within the City. He further stated that the City had previously used these funds for the City's street repair projects and that Street Superintendent Wagner had again identified several eligible areas. Director Greever also spoke about another program, the Home Improvement Program, which was also eligible to receive funds from this grant. He added that the City has allocated \$5,000 to this program from the previous year's CDBG grant. He then advised the Board that they needed to discuss how it wished to allocate the current grant distribution. Mayor Buckley asked Director Greever if he was requesting that the Board make a decision that evening. Director Greever stated that there would be no request for a decision that night, only discussion. He further stated that a public hearing on June 28th, 2011 would provide a forum for the Board to hear the public's input. Director Greever also confirmed that the County had received two applications under the HIP program from the 2011 CDBG grant allocation, and that the applications were only stalled as a result of a fund release delay by HUD until Congress approved the national budget. Mayor Buckley asked if any residents had expressed interest in this program for the current grant allocation and Director Greever stated that there had not been any applications as of yet. Mayor Buckley asked if there was any discussion. There being no discussion, Alderman Kauffmann suggested that the grant funds be allocated in the same distribution as the previous year with \$15,000 allocated to eligible street improvement work and \$5000 allocated to the HIP fund.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Department Head Reports

Mayor Buckley next introduced the discussion of Department Head Report's and asked Chief Keller to take the floor.

Chief Keller updated the Board that the tuck pointing project on the Public Safety Building was completed in a timely and satisfactory manner. He also stated that the City's police staff had received numerous letters of appreciation for their excellent provision of service for the community.

Chief Fox stated that the Fire Department had received a number of calls in respect to the Metropolitan Sewer District (MSD) system smoke testing in the area and explained what it involved. Chief Fox also advised the Board that Petco had passed their final building inspection. He further advised that demolition would soon begin on the Kenrick Glennon Seminary remodeling project. He also verified that the construction vehicles would utilize Kain Avenue.

Street Superintendent Wagner advised the Board that the County had also installed a new alarm at the end of Nottingham and Laurella into Brinkop Park. He also advised that due to the rain he was only recently able to utilize the Public Work's larger trucks in delivering dirt to all the fields and in clearing the creek area for better police patrol access. He further stated that he would begin street repair on Brunswick Avenue and Nottingham Avenue once the street sweeper was repaired. He also reported on his discussions with the Metropolitan Sewer District engineers in respects to the 7600 Devonshire main break, and stated that an agreement had been reached for a full street installation repair rather than simply a spot repair.

Mayor Buckley expressed her appreciation to Superintendent Wagner for delivering the mulch to the City Center.

Parks Director Bernstein advised the Board that the Brinkop Park playground resurfacing project would commence on July 5th. He expressed that he had wanted this to be completed earlier but that it was delayed due to factors external to the City. Director Bernstein additionally stated that he will notify the residents of the construction date through signs displayed at the park. He further stated that the construction would last from 3 to 5 weeks. He further advised the Board that he had sent out the bids for the Firework Display and had currently raised \$4,500 in donations.

Mayor Buckley expressed to Director Bernstein that Mr. Ryan Gerhard was very helpful in assisting the Beautification Committee in spreading the mulch around the City Center.

Alderman Travaglini asked if there were any complaints regarding the removal of the poop bags. Director Bernstein reported only receiving two complaints.

Mayor Buckley advised that some residents had asked if they could furnish their own plastic bags. Director Bernstein stated that he had discussed this with Street Superintendent Wagner and they both agreed that leaving the stands erect would likely result in vandalism.

Alderman Travaglini questioned how much and why the resident pool passes were down this year.

Director Bernstein replied that he believed that passes are down around 50%, but would review the financial data further to provide a comprehensive explanation.

Mayor's Report

Mayor advised the Board that the six month review process would begin towards the end of July. She also expressed her thanks to all the Board members that attended the South County Connector meeting. Mayor Buckley further stated that their participation in this matter was important in order to represent the interests of the community as the discussions continued at the County level.

Closed Session

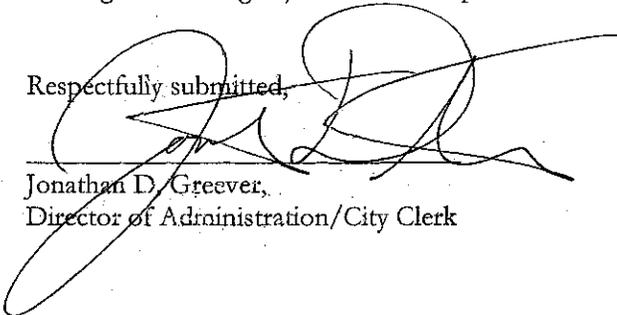
Alderman Kauffmann made a motion to enter into a closed session following the Board of Aldermen regular meeting. Such closed meeting, he continued, with closed vote and closed record would take place in the aldermanic conference room and said meeting, vote, and records would be closed pursuant to RSMo 610.021 (12). Alderwoman Gorman 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 Alderwoman Wiecher, "Aye".

Adjournment:

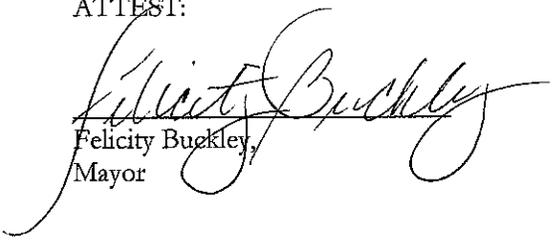
Alderman Travaglini made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting pursuant to the closed session. Alderman Kauffmann seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed. There being a majority of votes in favor, the Mayor declared the motion passed and that the Board would enter into a closed session.

The regular meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Jonathan D. Greever,
Director of Administration/City Clerk

ATTEST:


Felicity Buckley,
Mayor