

CITY OF SHREWSBURY, MISSOURI
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN
August 9th, 2011

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Shrewsbury, Missouri was held at 7:00 p.m. this 9th day of August, 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.....	Ed Kopff
Alderwoman	Dee Wiecher

Not present:

Alderman	Sam Scherer
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There were also present:

Director of Administration	Jonathan D. Greever
City Attorney	Michael K. Daming
Finance Director	Danielle Oettle
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. A quorum present.

Approval of Minutes

Mayor Buckley announced that the first item on the agenda was the approval of minutes of the June 28th, 2011 Board of Aldermen Public Hearing. She opened the floor for discussion. There being no discussion, a motion was made by Alderwoman Wiecher to pass the minutes of June 28th, 2011 as submitted. Alderman Kopff seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

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Bills to be Approved

Mayor Buckley introduced the bills requiring approval and quickly overviewed them. She opened the floor

for discussion. There being no further discussion on the bills, Alderman Travaglini made a motion to approve the bills submitted for payment. Alderwoman Gorman seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Hear Citizens

Ms. Karen Diehl of 5330 Kenrick Manor Court addressed the Board that if the proposed Kenrick Plaza Redevelopment passed she was in favor of closing Trianon Parkway. She further stated that she would rather take an alternate route to Watson Road in order to eliminate the heavier traffic volume. Ms. Diehl went on to address the Board by stating that she vehemently opposed any proposed South County Connector routes that would disrupt the City. She further stated that in her opinion the most reasonable option for St. Louis County to develop a South County Connector would be to utilize River De Peres that currently served as a traffic center for the Metro Link. Ms. Diehl ended by requesting that the Board not allow any proposed South County Connector routes that would destroy the existing footprint of the City.

Ms. Barb Dressler of 7229 Nottingham Avenue stated to the Board that she was at this evening's meeting to follow up with the vacant property at 7233 Nottingham Avenue, which had recently received a citation for high grass and overgrown bushes. She further said that after reviewing the City's ordinance with respect to exterior violations she wanted confirmation that a property receiving this type of citation had 5 days to become compliant.

Mayor Buckley answered that at this time she couldn't confirm the specific time frame, but she could confirm that the ordinance does provide a period of time to make the correction.

Ms. Dressler further stated to the Board that it was also her understanding that after a specific period of time the City could assess a \$500.00 fine for non-compliance on an exterior violation.

Mayor Buckley again stated that she was unable to confirm the specific fine amount associated with non-compliance of an exterior violation, but she could confirm that the ordinance did provide a fine structure for non-compliance.

Ms. Dressler then asked that since the above mentioned property had been cited for multiple exterior violations, how many had resulted in a fine being assessed.

Mayor Buckley answered that the above mentioned property had not been assessed a fine. She also advised that the process of utilizing a fine system for non-compliance of an exterior violation had not been exercised by the City as of yet. The Mayor further stated that in regards to this particular property she personally had contacted the owner and had been advised that the property was being put up for sale.

Ms. Dressler also asked if the City had thought of obtaining exit interviews from residents leaving the City to better understand why they were leaving the community.

Ms. Dressler ended by stating that she also opposed any South County Connector routes that further disrupted the City.

Ms. Roseanne Hughes of 7731 Murdoch Avenue advised the Board that as a resident of 35 years, and one that just completed a large renovation, she strongly opposed the South County Connector route which would negatively impact the residents of Murdoch Avenue by calling for the removal of their houses.

Ms. Eileen Dorsey of 7420 Williamsburg Colonial Lane asked who would be responsible for the damages to private property and public health with the Kenrick Plaza Redevelopment Project.

Mayor Buckley responded that she had answered these concerns in previous meetings and reiterated that the City would be following the ordinances that are set forth by the County. The Mayor further stated that the City would also continue to utilize legal counsel whenever necessary to navigate through different processes as the Kenrick Plaza Redevelopment continued to unfold.

Ms. Dorsey went on to state that the \$600,000 the county currently allocated in the above mentioned ordinance would not adequately cover the cost to Shrewsbury residents if widespread damage occurred to private property and public health.

Alderwoman Wiecher went on to clarify that her research of the ordinance's compensation accounted for approximately \$100,000 more than stated by Ms. Dorsey.

Alderman Travaglini stated that we could include a further review of this County ordinance as a work session agenda item.

Mayor Buckley agreed to have this particular County ordinance discussed as a future work session item.

Ms. Patrice Russo of 7222 Nottingham asked who enforced the City's ordinances and who decided if there was a hardship associated with the cited violation.

Mayor Buckley answered that the ordinance addressing a specific violation would determine which of the City's Building and Housing Inspectors would be involved with its enforcement. The Mayor went on to answer that she was involved in the decision making process with respect to authorizing a hardship.

Ms. Russo then asked who maintained the City's website because she felt that in comparison with neighboring municipalities the City's appeared outdated.

Mayor Buckley advised that the City's Administration Department along with the City's web provider was responsible for maintaining the website. The Mayor further advised that a meeting had been scheduled with the City's web provider to discuss a redesign of the website to allow in house editing capabilities for corrections and updating. She went on to state that this multi-phased redesign would also include a more modern look as well as better navigation for an easier and friendlier visitor experience.

Ms Dressler further addressed the Board that even though the exterior violations at 7233 Nottingham Avenue had been addressed, she was still requesting the City to look at a bush on the property, that even though recently trimmed, still presented a visibility issue.

The Mayor stated she would have the appropriate inspector look further at this issue.

Ordinances

Bill #2634 (A bill authorizing an amendment to the City's Traffic Code relating to load restrictions upon vehicles)

Mayor Buckley introduced Bill No. 2634 an ordinance amending 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 again advised the Board that residents affected by this proposed change had been sent a notification of this matter. She further advised that since the notifications were sent there had been no further communication received by her office or the alderpersons of this ward.

She went on to state that a first reading of this Bill No. 2634 had been previously approved in the June 14th regular Board of Alderman meeting and that a second reading and consideration would be heard at this meeting. Mayor Buckley asked if there was any discussion. There being no further discussion, a motion was made by Alderman Travaglini, seconded by Alderwoman Gorman, and passed with a unanimous approval, 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 made a motion that Bill No. 2634 be adopted to become Ordinance No. 2629. Alderwoman Gorman seconded the motion and upon roll call, the following vote was recorded. Alderman Kauffmann, "Aye"; Alderman Travaglini, "Aye"; Alderwoman Gorman, "Aye"; Alderman Kopff, "Aye"; and Alderwoman Wiecher, "Aye".

There being a majority of votes in favor the Mayor declared the motion passed and that Bill No. 2634 was adopted as Ordinance No. 2629.

Bill #2636 (A bill authorizing the City to reiterate and readopt the City's financial interest)

Mayor Buckley introduced Bill No. 2636 an ordinance reiterating Title I: Government, of the City of Shrewsbury Municipal Code by readopting Section 105.020; Financial Interest. Mayor Buckley asked Director Greever to take the floor and provide the Board information as to why the City was readopting the Municipal Code with respect to financial interest. Director Greever advised the Board that every year the City has a requirement by the Ethics Commission to re-file personal financial disclosure statements. Director Greever further advised the Board that even though the City was only required to readopt this ordinance every other year, the City had chosen to readopt this ordinance every year in order to be proactive. Mayor Buckley then asked if there was any discussion. There being no discussion, a motion made by Alderman Kopff, seconded by Alderwoman Gorman and unanimously passed 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 Alderwoman Gorman, and passed with a 4-1 approval (Alderwoman Wiecher opposed), 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 Kauffmann made a motion that Bill No. 2636 be adopted to become Ordinance No. 2630. Alderwoman Gorman seconded the motion and upon roll call, the following vote was recorded. Alderman Kauffmann, "Aye"; Alderman Travaglini, "Aye"; Alderwoman Gorman, "Aye"; Alderman Kopff, "Aye"; and Alderwoman Wiecher, "Aye".

There being a majority of votes in favor, the Mayor declared the motion passed and that Bill No. 2636 was adopted as Ordinance No. 2630.

Resolution

Mayor Buckley introduced a resolution opposing the proposed South County Connector Routes, presented by St. Louis County Department of Highway and Traffic, which include the taking of residential properties in Shrewsbury. The Mayor quickly overviewed the purpose for the resolution and opened the floor for discussion. There being no discussion, Alderman Kauffmann made a motion that to approve Resolution No. 2011-05 as presented in written form. Alderman Kopff seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

Old Business

None

New Business

Mayor Buckley updated the Board that there will be further discussion with respect to the City requiring a permit application when installing a pod within city limits. She further advised that the City was moving in this direction to better facilitate safety measures that would allow the City's Police and Fire Departments to have input on where the pod should be placed.

Department Head Reports

Fire Chief Bill Fox advised the Board that he had invited to that evening's meeting City Firefighter Paramedic's Erin Dethlefsen and Aaron Cizek who recently participated in a hockey tournament benefitting Backstopper's. He further advised that this Shrewsbury hockey team not only took first place but also raised a total donation amount of \$9,500.00. Chief Fox then stated that the City's Fire Department would be sending out letters this week requesting donations for the Fall Festival's Hole in One Tournament. The proceeds from this letter drive not only purchase prizes for the Hole in One Tournament, but also purchase the smoke detectors, light switches, beacon lights, and bicycle helmets that are donated throughout the year.

Street Superintendent Tony Wagner had no additional information to share with the Board other than his written memo.

Mayor Buckley expressed her appreciation to Superintendent Wagner for preparing the park for the upcoming St. Michaels Soccer Tournament as well as refurbishing the mulch around the park pavilion and playground yard.

Acting Parks and Recreation Director Chris Buck advised the Board that on July 20th the City's Aquatic Center discovered a bad impeller on one of the motors to the pump at the leisure pool. He further advised that replacing this bad impeller necessitated closing the leisure pool for two days as well as processing an emergency funding approval. He also informed the Board that when the new impeller was installed it was determined that the housing mechanism had become warped, requiring it to be taken out and reshaped. Parks Director Buck then stated that the playground resurfacing project at Brinkop Park had been completed and that the City had received only positive feedback from the residents. He also stated the fall brochure had been sent off to the printers and would be mailed out by the end of next week.

Mayor Buckley went on to state that the Board should be advised that the \$6000 used in approved emergency funding for the pool repairs was not previously budgeted.

Finance Director Danielle Oettle advised that she had no additional information to share with the Board other than her written memo. However, she went on to say that she was very happy to be there and looked forward to working with everyone.

Mayor Buckley advised that Director Oettle would be participating, along with Acting Finance Consultant Ronna Alaniz, in the six month budget review. The Mayor further said that if anyone had any questions prior to this scheduled meeting they should forward these inquiries to Director Oettle.

Police Chief Jeff Keller advised that on August 27th Sergeant Pete Bommarito will be celebrating his twenty-fifth anniversary with the Shrewsbury Police Department. He further stated that Sergeant Bommarito was one of the department's most loyal officers who regularly received compliments from the City's residents. Chief Keller also advised that as a result of Lieutenant Jeff Beaton's departure on August 22nd to assume his new role as the Police Chief for the City of Glendale, the police department had been able to approve a series of promotions to fill his position. Chief Keller announced that Detective Sergeant Lisa Vargas had been promoted to Lieutenant and would assume Lieutenant Jeff Beaton's position. Chief Keller further

announced that Corporal John Matthews had been promoted to Sergeant and would serve in the City's Detective Bureau.

Lieutenant Jeff Beaton took the floor to personally thank the Board, the Mayor, Chief Keller, the Police Department, and all the other city employees for all the support he had received for the past 18 years. He went on to say that even though this was an exciting time with respect to his law enforcement career, his leaving the City of Shrewsbury was still bitter sweet. Lieutenant Beaton further expressed that he was very appreciative for all that the City had provided for him both professionally and personally.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Buckley advised the Board that the City had started the process of exploring a City landscaping ordinance by reviewing landscape ordinances from neighboring municipalities. She further advised that she had invited a master gardener to work with the Beautification Committee to also review these types of ordinances to better serve the City's landscaping initiatives. The Mayor told the Board that this upcoming fall the City would be reviewing the possibility of allowing chickens within city limits.

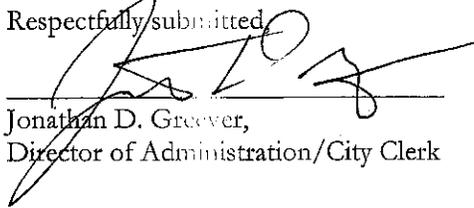
Closed Session

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 (1, 3, 12, 13). Alderwoman Gorman seconded the motion and the following roll call vote was recorded. Alderman Kauffmann, "Aye"; Alderman Travaglini, "Aye"; Alderwoman Gorman, "Aye"; Alderman Kopff, "Aye"; and Alderwoman Wiecher, "Aye".

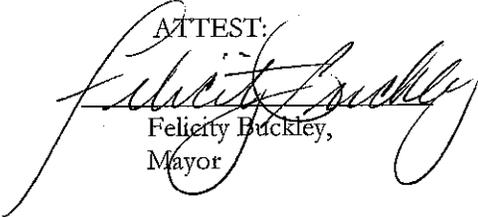
Adjournment:

Alderman Travaglini made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting. Alderman Kauffmann seconded the motion and it was unanimously passed. The regular meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Jonathan D. Greover,
Director of Administration/City Clerk

ATTEST:


Felicity Buckley,
Mayor