

Amended DRAFT MINUTES

April 8, 2015

The regular board meeting of the City of Weatherby Lake Board of Alderman was called to order by Mayor Patrick Botbyl, on Wednesday, April 8, 2015 at City Hall, 7200 NW Eastside Drive, Weatherby Lake, Platte County, Missouri at 7:00 p.m.

Aldermen present were: Clark, Richmond, Stevenson and Finn.

Also present were: John Reddoch, city attorney and twenty-four (24) members of the public.

Mayor's Communication to the Board

The Mayor extended his congratulations to candidates Lawrence Maher, Brian Stevenson and Doug Richmond.

The Mayor stated the St. Patrick's day celebration was very successful.

The Easter egg hunt held in Cristhaven Park was attended by 200+ children. The children participated in the hunt and various games.

The Mayor expressed his condolences on behalf of the community to city treasurer, Marianne Ennett, on the loss of her father.

Comments from Aldermen

Alderman Richmond stated that he has received a letter from Bob Johnson at KCI and shared the letters content with the board.

Alderman Stevenson thanked residents for their thoughts on the noise levels from KCI.

Alderman Finn stated that she had received complaints concerning trash blowing at the new construction sites in Westridge. She went on to tell the board that she would be purchasing boxwoods and grasses for the entry way to the city hall.

Open Floor to Visitors on Agenda Items Only

No public comments heard.

CONSENT AGENDA

Clark moved and second by Finn to approve the minutes of the March 11, 2015 regular Board of Alderman meeting. Yeas: Clark, Richmond, Stevenson and Finn. Motion carried unanimously.

Finn moved and second by Stevenson to approve the bill pay in the amount of \$55,346.92. Yeas: Clark, Richmond, Stevenson and Finn. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Alderman Stevenson recues himself for Bill No. 2015-05 and is seated in the audience.

Clark moved and second on Richmond to pass on the first and place on the second Bill No. 2015-05 as Ordinance 2015-05 an ordinance dealing with the application for the approval of Brian Stevenson's

minor plat application for the final plat of Stevenson's estate a subdivision of land in the City of Weatherby Lake, Platte County, Missouri. Yeas: Clark, Richmond and Finn. Motion carried.

Richmond moved and second by Finn to approve Bill No. 2015-05 as Ordinance No. 2015-05 an ordinance dealing with the application of the approval of Brian Stevenson's minor plat application for the final plat of Stevenson's estates a subdivision of land in the City of Weatherby Lake, Platte County, Missouri. Yeas: Richmond Nos: Clark and Finn. Motion denied.

Alderman Stevenson resumes his seat.

Clark moved and second by Finn to pass on the first and place on the second Bill No. 2015-06 as Ordinance No. 2015-06 an ordinance approving the contract with J&M Displays, Inc. for the Fourth of July fireworks displays. Yeas: Clark, Richmond, Stevenson and Finn. Motion carried unanimously.

Clark moved and second by Finn to approve Bill No. 2015-06 as Ordinance No. 2015-06 an ordinance approving the contract with J&M Displays, Inc. for the Fourth of July fireworks displays. Yeas: Clark, Richmond, Stevenson and Finn. Motion carried unanimously.

REPORTS

Public Works

Written report submitted. Mr. Lowman informed the board that there would be an informational meeting hosted by KCMO sewer department to inform residents of the upcoming lining of the sewer lines to take place later this year. The meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 22 at 6:30 p.m. in city hall. Mr. Lowman stated that he would be ordering new water meters later next week. He is also putting together a RFP for a new computer system for the water tower. Mr. Lowman stated that he plans to line the remaining clay tile in the city.

Financial

Written report submitted.

Police

Written report submitted. Chief McMullin stated that he has received several reports of scams due to electronic filings with the IRS. Members of the police department went through AED & CPR re-certification.

With the generous donation by the Irish-American Club the police department hopes to install an AED unit in City Hall and the Community Center.

The Weatherby Lake Women's Club has purchased an AED to be installed at C-Point.

Court

Written report submitted.

Community Center

Written report submitted.

Park Board

Written report submitted.

Old Business

New Business

Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items

Presentation by Jacalyn Firestone asking the board to change the city ordinance dealing with prohibiting specific dogs from being kept in the city.

Amended :

Public comments heard from:

Barb Carlile-Trying to understand the procedure that was taken during the meeting and how as citizens we can better participate.

Tony White-comments available as Exhibit 1.

Pat White-asked why Aldermen Finn and Clark thought it was in the best interest of the city to deny Bill No. 2015-05.

Bill McGovern-(1) Asked the City Attorney whether or not any board had ever voted down a unanimous decision by the Planning Commission? The city attorney stated that in his 10 years he had not seen this happen. (2)Asked whether or not 2 conforming lots would bring in more tax money than 3 ½ fishing lots? Consensus was affirmative. Based on this, how was it in the city's best interest to turn away more money?

Michelle Stevenson- When voting, do the Aldermen have to vote according to the laws of Weatherby Lake, or can they arbitrarily ignore those laws based on opinion and/or emotion? And, if the City will ignore the vote of the Planning Commission based only upon opinion and/or emotion, what is the purpose of the Planning Commission?

Public comments heard from Bob Pease, Beverlee Roper and Bev Puglisi on Bill No. 2015-05 as Ordinance No. 2015-05.

Public comment also heard from Alan Jennerich asking if Alderman Stevenson was going to sue the city due to the denial.

Upon the advice of the city counsel the Aldermen did not answer the questions posed to them concerning their decision to deny Bill No. 2015-05 as Ordinance 2015-05 an ordinance dealing with the application of the approval of Brian Stevenson's minor plat application for the final plat of Stevenson's estates a subdivision of land in the City of Weatherby Lake, Platte County, Missouri.

Closed Session

Stevenson moved and second by Richmond to go into closed session per 610.021(1)at 8:05 p.m. Yeas: Clark, Richmond, Stevenson and Finn. Motion carried unanimously.

Alderman Stevenson is asked to recues himself. Alderman Stevenson departed at 8:15 p.m.

Adjournment

Clark moved and second by Richmond to return to open session and adjourn. Yeas: Clark, Richmond and Finn. Motion carried unanimously. 8:43 p.m.

Mayor

ATTEST:

Gwen Cenac
City Clerk

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EXHIBIT 1

On Thursday May 7th, 2015, I eventually obtained a copy of the draft minutes from the April 8th Board of Aldermen meeting. On the item regarding Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items, I submit that the minutes are unbalanced, incomplete and inaccurate. The minutes state that "Upon the advice of the city counsel the Aldermen did not answer questions posed to them concerning their decision to deny Bill No. 2015-05". In actuality, both Alderman Clark and Alderman Finn gave responses to some citizens as to why they voted No before the city counsel advised them not to answer anything further. When asked to explain why he voted No and how his decision "was in the best interest of the community", Alderman Clark said (and I paraphrase) " I take my decision very seriously. I have thought long and hard about this, and have spoken with the City as well as others. I believe my decision to be the best interest of the community". When Alderperson Finn was asked to explain why she voted No and how her decision "was in the best interest of the community", she said (and I paraphrase), " I have not slept for months over this issue. I am tired of all of the emails and phone calls. I just want it all to go away. I have spent months researching this issue and I believe my decision to be in the best interest of the city".

Mr. Mayor, I believe it vital that meeting minutes are factual, accurate and complete, otherwise there is little point in recording them. I am therefore requesting that the minutes of the April 8th, 2015 Board of Aldermen meeting be amended to record the responses by Aldermen Clark and Finn as detailed above. Thank you for your assistance with this most important matter.