

Special
BOARD OF ALDERMEN
Meeting

A Special Meeting of the City of Weatherby Lake Board of Alderman was called to order by Mayor Patrick Botbyl, on Wednesday, September 30, 2015 at City Hall, 7200 NW Eastside Drive, Weatherby Lake, Platte County, Missouri at 6:00 p.m.

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

Also present was: John Reddoch, City Attorney and thirteen (13) members of the public.

The Mayor gave an overview and timeline with regards to the communications with the city to and from FEMA & SEMA concerning FEMA's flood plain designation. The Mayor also outlined information from Bob Franke, FEMA representative, concerning the process that FEMA used to make it's determination for the flood plain mapping and how to go about amending the designation assigned to property around Weatherby Lake.

The Mayor outlined the four methods that can be used to amend the decision by FEMA. The first option for the homeowner to use is a letter of map amendment (LOMA), which states that the applicant believes that the requirement to purchase flood insurance was made in error and there is evidence that the building is not in the special flood hazard area. The second option for the homeowner is an out as shown designation which will state that the property or building is correctly shown outside the special flood hazard area. The other two options are ones that can be taken by the city but are extremely hard to obtain. The first is a letter of map revision, which is an official revision to the currently effective FEMA map. The second option is a physical map revision, which is an official republication of a map.

City attorney, John Reddoch, stated that the flood plain maps were drawn using mathematical algorithms and not taking into consideration any anecdotal evidence about the lake and surrounding areas. He further stated that the model ordinances provided by FEMA did not follow Missouri state laws and therefore makes the acceptance of the federal flood plain map designation problematic.

Discussion by aldermen with the mayor. The aldermen asked that the mayor craft a letter and mail it to all residents with information and links to the FEMA website. They asked that the website be updated to contain the links to the FEMA website.

Public comments heard from Joe Ennett, former WLIC president. He urged the board to consider using the eLOMA application process where by a licensed land surveyor or professional engineer can this application process to submit simple LOMA requests to FEMA. Mr. Ennett indicated that he had spoken with Jason Davis of Affinis Corp and that Mr. Davis would be willing to do this application process for lake front homeowners.

ADJOURNMENT

Clark moved and second by Stevenson to adjourn the meeting. Yeas: Clark, Richmond, Stevenson and Finn. Motion carried unanimously.

7:22 p.m. adjournment.

Mayor

ATTEST:

Gwen Cenac
City Clerk