

MINUTES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
JULY 19, 2005

The regular meeting of the Weatherby Lake Board of Aldermen was called to order by Board President/Mayor Pro-Tem Mike Moratz on Tuesday, July 19, 2005 at City Hall, 7200 NW Eastside Drive, Weatherby Lake, Platte County, Missouri at 7:00 P.M.

Aldermen present were: Clark, Cummings, Rittenhouse and Moratz. Mayor Henderson absent.

Also present were: Scott Sullivan & John Reddoch, City Attorneys, and five (5) members of the public.

MINUTES:

Cummings moved, second by Clark to approve the minutes of the June 20, 2005 special board meeting with one grammatical correction. Yeas: Moratz, Rittenhouse, Clark and Cummings. Motion passed unanimously.

Cummings moved, second by Clark to approve the minutes of the June 21, 2005 regular board meeting with a punctuation correction. Yeas: Rittenhouse, Moratz, Clark and Cummings. Motion passed unanimously.

Clark moved, second by Cummings to approve the minutes of the June 28, 2005 special board meeting as written. Yeas: Moratz, Rittenhouse, Cummings and Clark. Motion passed unanimously.

In the absence of Mayor Henderson, no communications from the Mayor to the Board of Aldermen were indicated.

REPORTS:

Public Works:

George Lowman, Director of Public Works, came forward to give his report to board members.

Discussion turned to the issue of the storage lot, with nine (9) items identified as possible disposal. Of the nine items, four have un-identified owners.

A traffic survey was conducted with equipment from Platte County; results/counts have not yet become available.

Three (3) bids were received for the 2005 overlay project, currently scheduled for September 2005.

Finance:

Board members turn their attention to the six-month financial statement submitted by the Rob Jones (City Treasurer) for the period ending June 30, 2005. Discussion continued with a footnote on the statement (detail section), which indicated to

information for the period had not been supplied by the Park Board. The cumulative totals in the special revenue fund includes only the year-end (Dec 2004) cash for the Park Board, plus current period information from the Fireworks and Historical Funds. Clark moved, second by Cummings to accept the six-month financial statement as prepared by the City Treasurer. Yeas: Moratz, Rittenhouse, Clark and Cummings. Motion passed unanimously.

Clark moved, second by Rittenhouse to publish the financial statement in a newspaper of general circulation at a cost not to exceed \$300.00. Yeas: Cummings, Moratz, Rittenhouse and Clark. Motion passed unanimously.

Additional reports submitted for board members information were budget to actual, cash account balance, and reserve balance.

Discussion moved to the areas of the annual tax levy, with the preliminary information indicating the general levy will decrease from .8043 per 100.00 to .7107 per hundred for 2005, and the signing of HB 209 by Governor Blunt, which caps telephone franchise fees at a rate of 5%, decreasing revenues from the current City imposed rate of 10%.

Police:

Gary McMullin, Chief of Police, came forward to give his report to board members.

The issue of traffic control was discussed; a total of forty-seven (47) hours were spent monitoring for excessive speed. An electronic speed indicator will be used in August for a three-week period, furthering the process.

Board members were informed that the current ordinance relating to trespassing might need to be reviewed, amended and brought forward at a later date.

Treasurer:

No further information came forward.

City Clerk:

Board members directed their attention to the written report submitted. After discussion, Rittenhouse moved, second by Clark to set a public hearing on August 23, 2005 at 6:00 P.M. with a special board meeting to following at 6:30 setting the 2005 tax levies. Yeas: Cummings, Moratz, Rittenhouse and Clark. Motion passed unanimously.

After expenses, the fireworks fund received enough donations to offset the cost of the display. Clark moved, second by Cummings to re-invest \$19,000.00 for a period of one (1) year at the best rate possible for the fireworks fund. Yeas: Moratz, Rittenhouse, Cummings and Clark. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion turned to the city's policy/procedure for handling copy charges. Rittenhouse moved, second by Clark to continue the policy of charging 10 cents per page, for requested copies. Yeas: Moratz, Cummings, Clark and Rittenhouse. Motion passed unanimously.

Court:

Board members note the written report submitted.

Community Center:

Board members note the written report submitted. Discussion followed with regard to the continuing deficit in earning versus expenses for the community center. Board members note that other options will be explored in an attempt to address the issue. This could include the use of a part-time manager (at a capped rate); increase

rental fees for non-residents as well as usage agreements/licenses for the clubs at a minimal fee. More information will be brought forward regarding agreements/licenses at the next regular board meeting in August, provided by the City Attorney.

Computer Administrator:

No information was made available to board members.

Fire District:

No information was made available to board members.

Parks:

Board members note the written report submitted.

Historical Committee:

Board members note the written report submitted. Alderman Clark brought the resignation of Ms. Linda Jackson from the Historical Committee to board members attention. Clark moved, second by Rittenhouse to take the agenda out of order. Yeas: Moratz, Cummings, Rittenhouse and Clark. Motion passed unanimously.

Clark moved, second by Rittenhouse to accept the resignation of Linda Jackson from the Historical Committee. Yeas: Cummings, Moratz, Clark and Rittenhouse. Motion passed unanimously.

Board President/Mayor Pro-Tem Moratz, notes that the Historical Committee would submit for consideration Ms. Marianne Ennett. Clark moved, second by Rittenhouse to accept the appointment of Marianne Ennett to the Historical Committee with the expiration of the term set for May 31, 2007. Yeas: Cummings, Moratz, Rittenhouse and Clark. Motion passed unanimously.

WLIC:

Alderman Rittenhouse brought forward information to board members. The installation of a sea wall at U-Cove is scheduled for completion in September. Concern regarding the enforcement of the trespassing ordinance was indicated.

8:10 P.M. board members take a break.

8:15 P.M. board members return to session.

ORDINANCES AND CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES:

Cummings moved, second by Clark to pass on the first and place on the second Bill NO. 774. Discussion followed with the board reducing the disbursement to KC Tech Solutions by \$250.00. Yeas: Moratz, Rittenhouse, Clark and Cummings. Motion passed unanimously.

Bill NO. 774, an Ordinance appropriating and authorizing payment of General Funds of the City of Weatherby Lake, Missouri. Cummings moved, second by Clark to pass Bill NO. 774 as Ordinance NO. 773 in the amount of \$19,865.93 (\$250.00 less than indicated on the ordinance) Yeas: Rittenhouse, Moratz, Cummings and Clark. Motion passed unanimously.

Cummings moved, second by Clark to pass on the first and place on the second Bill NO. 775. Yeas: Moratz, Rittenhouse, Cummings and Clark. Motion passed unanimously.

Bill NO. 775, an Ordinance appropriating and authorizing payment of Road and Street Funds of the City of Weatherby Lake, Missouri. Cummings moved, second by

Clark to pass Bill NO. 775 as Ordinance NO. 774 in the amount of \$8,299.93. Yeas: Rittenhouse, Moratz, Clark and Cummings. Motion passed unanimously.

Cummings moved, second by Clark to pass on the first and place on the second Bill NO. 776. Yeas: Moratz, Rittenhouse, Clark and Cummings.

Bill NO. 776, an ordinance appropriating and authorizing payment of Water/Sewer Funds of the City of Weatherby Lake, Missouri. Cummings moved, second by Clark to pass Bill NO. 776 as Ordinance NO. 775 in the amount of \$15,910.57. Yeas: Rittenhouse, Moratz, Clark and Cummings. Motion passed unanimously.

Clark moved, second by Rittenhouse to pass on the first and place on the second Bill NO. 777. Yeas: Cummings, Moratz, Rittenhouse and Clark. Motion passed unanimously.

Bill NO. 777, an ordinance appropriating and authorizing payment of Fireworks Funds of the City of Weatherby Lake, Missouri. Clark moved, second by Rittenhouse to pass Bill NO. 777 as Ordinance NO. 776 in the amount of \$10,000.00. Yeas: Moratz, Cummings, Rittenhouse and Clark. Motion passed unanimously.

Open Floor to Visitors:

Mr. Jim Lang, 7911 NW Westside Drive came forward to express his concern regarding the leaking garbage trucks. Allied Waste Services will be contacted.

Mr. Neil Brown, 8111 NW Hillside came forward requesting information on how "taxes paid in protest" were handled. John Reddoch, notes that this issue is currently subject to closed session. Additionally Mr. Brown indicated that in past years, the Park Board had made up the difference/shortage at the community center.

Old Business:

Alderman Rittenhouse came forward regarding the status of long standing issues. The investment, purchasing, emergency contact policies are in the process of being updated. Cellular antennas attached to the water tower, would generate "water fund" revenue, not general fund revenue. Alderman Rittenhouse would also like the penalty section of the building code violation to be reviewed.

New Business:

Alderman Moratz reiterates the financial concerns going forward, the decline in franchise fees as well as the fact that the re-assessment done by Platte County will generate approximately \$9,000.00 from a six (6) million dollar assessment increase (not a windfall). The Board of Aldermen will be holding a series of work/information sessions to explore a ballot issue for April 2006. Additionally, MARC (Mid-America Regional Council) has been contacted in an effort to explore further funding possibilities open to Weatherby Lake.

Rittenhouse moved, second by Clark to go into closed session pursuant to RSMO 610.021(1 & 3). Yeas: Cummings, Moratz, Rittenhouse and Clark. Motion passed unanimously.

8:50 P.M. board members take a break, before beginning the closed portion of the meeting.

9:00 P.M. closed session.

9:45 P.M. board members return to open session. Clark moved, second by Rittenhouse to adjourn. Yeas: Cummings, Moratz, Rittenhouse and Clark. Motion passed unanimously.

9:46 P.M. adjourn.

Mike Moratz
Board President/Mayor Pro-Tem

ATTEST:

Juretta Goode
City Clerk