

AMENDED
MINUTES
September 18, 2007
Regular Board Meeting

The regular board meeting of the City of Weatherby Lake Board of Aldermen was called to order by Mayor Alan York, on Tuesday, September 18, 2007 at City Hall, 7200 N.W. Eastside Drive, Weatherby Lake, Platte County, Missouri at 7:00 P.M.

Aldermen present were: Roberts, Hoy, White and Finn.

Also present were: City Attorney John Reddoch and ten (10) members of the public.

Mayor's Communication to the Board:

Mayor York would entertain a motion to proclaim September 17 through September 23rd, 2007 Constitution Week in the City of Weatherby Lake. Hoy moved, second by White to proclaim the week of September 17th, 2007 Constitution Week in the City of Weatherby Lake, Missouri. Yeas: Roberts, Finn, Hoy and White. Motion passed unanimously.

No further information is provided at this time.

MINUTES:

Roberts moved, second by Finn to approve the minutes of the August 21, 2007 regular board meeting as presented. Yeas: Hoy, White, Finn and Roberts. Motion passed unanimously.

Hoy moved, second by Finn to accept the overview of the public hearing held on August 21, 2007 as presented. Yeas: Roberts, White, Finn and Hoy. Motion passed unanimously.

Finn moved, second by Hoy to approve the minutes of the September 6, 2007 special board meeting/work session as presented. Yeas: White, Roberts, Hoy and Finn. Motion passed unanimously.

PAYMENT OF BILLS:

Finn moved, second by White to approve bill payments in the total amount of \$43,189.59. Yeas: Roberts, Hoy, White and Finn. Motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS:

Police:

Chief McMullin came forward with his written report to board members.

Discussion followed with the Chief supplying information previously requested regarding the cost of an additional full-time police officer generating 24/7 coverage. For the remainder of FY 2007 ~~the~~ cost would be approximately \$14,000.00 plus or minus \$1,000.00 dependent upon the issue of employee insurance. A hidden cost would be an additional 20% in fuel costs. The current starting pay for a police officer is approximately three (3) to five (5) thousand dollars less than the surrounding communities. Additionally, this would be an out-of-budget item if considered for FY 2007. Hoy moved, second by

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White to proceed with the application process for an additional full-time police officer. Yeas: Roberts, White and Hoy. Nay: Finn. Motion passed.

Public Works:

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

Additional information included the completion of seven (7) storm water projects leaving forty-two (42) more projects, which include a number of large culverts.

Completion of these projects city-wide will take approximately two years.

The area beneath the water-tower has been generally cleaned-up. Statements made from the floor included the remaining issues of: volunteer trees, seeding and screening.

Mayor York notes that an RFP (request for proposal) is currently out for the fencing project at the storage lot. This project will include heavy duty posts, electronic gate and approximately twelve hundred feet of chain-link fence with vinyl slats in a dark brown color for screening.

Mayor York notes the issue of purchasing a crack-seal machine, to be used to maintain the streets. Mayor York further notes that this item was included as part of the original information supplied to residents during the bond issue ballot question.

Finn moved, second by Hoy to proceed with the purchase of a crack-seal machine via the state bid list at a cost not to exceed \$39,000.00 with the proceeds of the bond money to be used for payment. Yeas: White, Roberts, Hoy and Finn. Motion passed unanimously.

Finance:

Board members were provided information on budget to actual as well as cash account balances for the period ending August 31, 2007.

Treasurer:

No information was provided at this time.

Community Center:

A written report was supplied for board member's information for the period ending August 2007.

Alderwoman Finn began discussion with the need for the carpeting to be cleaned as well as the upholstery.

Alderwoman White questions the recent loss of warmer trays and a recent rental that left the floor in an unacceptable condition.

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Board members were provided copies of the current as well as the proposed agreements for use of the community center. The proposed changes include new provisions for Weatherby Lake group activities. Discussion turned to the proposed changes to the rental agreement, which include a mandatory one-time security deposit and a reduced rental fee per use. This elicited comment(s) from the floor including John Bugg questioning the cost factor the community groups/clubs, and would like to see the rental fee further reduced, as well as re-evaluating the security deposit requirements. Mike Moratz notes that this has been an on-going issue and the term "clubs" have never been fully defined. Glenda Negrelli expresses her willingness to help relating to the interior and exterior painting that needs to be done. Finn moved to table the proposed community center rental agreement. More discussion followed, with Mayor York

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indicating his willingness to meet with Mr. Bugg, Ms. Negrelli and others to review the changes being considered.

Alderwoman Finn withdraws her motion.

Computer Administration:

A written report is provided for board member's information.

Parks:

No information is available at this time.

Planning:

No information was provided at this time.

Historical:

Board members review the information provided. Discussion followed relating to the restoration of the entrances to the City.

Ambulance District:

Alderwoman Finn presented information from the recent ambulance district meeting. This included the lowering of their levy from .14 cents per one hundred to .08 cents per one hundred on assessed valuations.

Average response times are currently nine (9) minutes, with staging at various locations within the district by MAST.

WLIC:

Alderwomen Finn and Hoy each report information from the WLIC meeting on Monday, September 17, 2007.

The annual WLIC member meeting is currently scheduled for November 13, 2007 at the Hilton Hotel.

Toxicity levels in the lake are at the lowest point of the past two (2) years.

The dam block party was a success with approximately 500 in attendance, and the \$1500.00 in seed money was able to be re-paid to the WLIC.

Open Floor to Visitors:

Mr. Jim Lang came forward to question the position of board members on the proposed Owens development (this item is on the current agenda under new business), as well as the status of the Sonoma Ridge property.

Mr. Dan Karp questions the conditions of the tennis court bid process, relating the trough area along each side of the courts.

Mr. Mike Moratz came forward to voice his concerns relating to the ambulance service received by the City (it remains status quo), the status of the City's reserve/rainy day funds (limited) and urge board members not to over-spend, if indeed the budget has been or is under spent. Mr. Moratz further questions Alderwoman Hoy, representing the Westside, on her taking the position of abstaining from a resent vote on the community center, as well as how an abstention is handled under Robert's Rules of Order, and the position the MML (Missouri Municipal League) takes on an abstention. Alderman Roberts notes that the board does not operate currently under Robert's Rules and only roughly under parliamentary procedures. Mr. Moratz further states that neither he nor the public are aware of a conflict of interest or that a reason was given by Alderwoman Hoy for her vote to abstain, and that the definition of an abstention is that it is not a vote. Alderwoman Hoy responds that she did not want to vote at that time on the issue, and that she has the right to refuse to vote on any issue. Mr. Moratz notes that those on the board

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are elected to serve the interest of citizens and if not able to do so, they should remove themselves/step-down.

Old Business:

No information is presented at this time.

8:45 P.M. board members take a break.

8:55 P.M. board members return to session.

New Business:

Mayor York reminded board members that the regular board meeting for November is during the week of the Thanksgiving holiday and will need to be re-scheduled. After discussion, Hoy moved, second by White to move the November board meeting from November 20th to November 26th at 7:00 P.M. Yeas: Roberts, Finn, Hoy and White. Motion passed unanimously.

Alderwoman Hoy turned the discussion to the resolution to oppose the re-zoning of the Owens development. The application for re-zoning is currently scheduled to be heard on October 9, 2007 at 7:00 P.M. City Attorney John Reddoch reminds board members that City opposition to the re-zoning forces an appeal to the County Commission and would have to be approved by the Commission by a 2/3 vote. Finn moved, second by Hoy to approve the resolution presented in opposition to the re-zoning of Brentwood Parc. Yeas: White, Roberts, Hoy and Finn. Motion passed unanimously.

Alderwoman Hoy directed discussion to the conduct of meeting of the board of aldermen and the current lack of official rules of conduct for the board. Discussion followed with Alderwoman Hoy noting the current edition of Robert's Rules is the 10th Edition and it is considered the standard. Alderman Roberts questions the position of the MML as well as the potential requirement of a certified parliamentarian present. Mayor York questions the potential impact on the budget, relating to any training requirements. Alderwomen White and Finn would like time to research and study the issue. From the floor Mr. Moratz questions the need, cost and the fact that this has not been a problem with the past or current boards.

Hoy moved, second by White to implement board meeting rules utilizing Robert's Rules of Order. Yeas: White and Hoy. Nay: Finn. Roberts abstains. Motion failed.

Roberts moved, second by Finn to reconsider rules of conduct at the October regular board meeting. Yeas: White, Hoy, Finn and Roberts. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion turned to the issue of City purchasing cards. Alderwoman Hoy expressed her position that this is an area to be addressed allowing a more accurate/orderly record of expenses/purchases. Purchases would be paid for via billing statements not based on single receipts from personal credit cards. The City would receive the benefits. Alderwoman Finn does not view as the current process as a problem. Alderman Roberts questions if a Pay Pal account would be more beneficial. Mayor York expresses his concern regarding personal use by employees. Alderwoman Hoy would like to see the City utilize purchasing cards for Department Heads, Mayor and the Board President. Hoy moved, second by White to acquire one or more purchasing cards. Further discussion followed with each Alderwoman withdrawing their motions. Alderwoman Hoy will explore the issue of both purchasing cards and or a Pay Pal account, with information to be available at the next regular board meeting.

The current status of the community center budget was discussed. Alderwoman Hoy would like to ear-mark current revenues in excess of current expenses to building improvements as noted in the previous fiscal year. Discussion followed with the Mayor indicating revenues currently held include deposits on rentals for the next fiscal/calendar year and should not be viewed as being in excess. The total revenues being held for 2008 rentals will be provided for the next regular board meeting.

Roberts moved, second by White to adjourn. Yeas: Hoy, Finn, Roberts and Finn. Motion passed unanimously.

9:30 P.M. adjourn.

Mayor

ATTEST:

Juretta Goode
City Clerk