MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF TWIN OAKS, TWIN OAKS TOWN HALL ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MISSOURI WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 22, 2018

The regular meeting of the Twin Oaks Board of Aldermen was called to order at 5:30 pm. Roll Call was taken:

Mayor:

Russ Fortune-yea

Aldermen:

April Milne –yea

Lisa Eisenhauer – yea

Dennis Whitmore – yea

Tim Stoeckl – yea

Also Present: Paul Rost, City Attorney

Kathy Runge, City Administrator/Clerk

Permanent records are kept of all minutes and ordinances. Each ordinance is read a minimum of two times by title, unless otherwise noted.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Mayor Fortune asked if there were any changes to the agenda. Hearing none, Alderman Stoeckl motioned to approve the Agenda seconded by Alderman Eisenhauer. MOTION PASSED BY A VOICE VOTE.

PRELIMINARY CITIZEN COMMENTS

There were no preliminary citizen comments.

NEW BUSINESS

Bill No. 18-31: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A POLICE SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MISSOURI FOR THE PERIOD SEPTEMBER 1 – DECEMBER 31, 2018: First reading of Bill No. 18-31 was read. Mayor Fortune asked if there was any discussion on Bill No. 18-31.

The Board discussed in detail their opinions and concerns regarding the renewal of the police contract. Alderman Milne asked if it were possible to know where Officer Maxwell was patrolling under this contract. Mayor Fortune stated he wasn't sure the city had the right to ask where he was. Alderman Stoekl stated that if there was coverage from 4 p.m. to 12 p.m., how come he never saw them. Mayor Fortune agreed and stated he would like to see more proof of the roving patrols. Alderman Milne stated she would like to see Officer Maxwell in visible areas – not just the park. Alderman Eisenhaur stated if there were truly roving patrols and they were supposed to come to the cemetery, she did not see any proof of it. Further discussion.

Alderman Stoeckl asked whether the City should consider going out for bid. Mayor Fortune stated it could be beneficial for leverage. Alderman Eisenhaur stated that she could see going out for bid for cost but not for service. She did not see a reason to change from County police to any of the local police options. Attorney Rost stated that the Board did not need to take the lowest but the best bid but that still may not stop a resident from getting upset. He also stated that basically, the City had the next 3 months to negotiate before the January renewal.

The Mayor called for the second reading of Bill No. 18-31. Alderman Whitmore motioned to approve Bill No. 18-31, seconded by Alderman Milne and the motion passed on a roll call vote as follows: Aldermen Milne-yea, Eisenhauer-yea Whitmore-yea and Stoeckl-yea. Mayor Fortune stated that Bill No. 18-31 being duly passed becomes Ordinance No. 18-29.

SPECIAL DISCUSSION

Code Review: Mayor Fortune stated that the Board needed to make some ground rules before going through the Nuisance Chapters of the code. He added that the interpretation of the code was difficult and was often based on subjectivity. After a detailed discussion of what the city might be looking to do, the Board did suggest having a process: Step 1 would be to make a call or send an e-mail, step 2 would be a follow-up letter, and 3 would be to go before the Nuisance Officer. Administrator Runge stated that she would do what the Board desired but requested that it be consistent and across the board for all offenders. Further discussion.

Administrator Runge was asked to bring in samples of code violations for the next meeting.

FINAL CITIZEN COMMENTS

There were no final citizen comments.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Alderman Whitmore motioned to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:30 p.m., seconded by Alderman Stoeckl and the motion passed with the unanimous consent of the Board of those present.

Date of Approval: 9-5-18
ATTEST:

City Administrator/Clerk

Russ Fortune,

Mayor, Board of Aldermen