

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING-PUBLIC HEARING OF THE
BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF TWIN OAKS,
TWIN OAKS TOWN HALL
ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MISSOURI
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2020**

The meeting of the Twin Oaks Board of Aldermen was called to order at 10:00 am. Roll Call was taken:

Mayor: Russ Fortune-yea

Aldermen: April Milne –yea
Dennis Whitmore –yea

Lisa Eisenhower – yea
Tim Stoeckl – yea

Also Present: Theresa Gonzales, Acting City Clerk
Paul Rost, City Attorney

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 stated that he was removing the Park Committee Report and the Financial Report due to the fact that Cindy Slama, Park Chairman and Jeff Blume, Financial Consultant were unable to attend the meeting.

Alderman Whitmore requested to add under Special Discussion as 11c the 2020 Census.

Mayor Fortune asked if there were any additional changes to the agenda. Hearing none, Alderman Milne motioned to approve the Agenda as amended, seconded by Alderman Whitmore. The motion passed by a voice vote.

APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Fortune asked if there were any changes to the Consent Agenda consisting of the January 8, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes and the Bills for Approval from January 8, 2020 through January 21, 2020. Alderman Milne had a question concerning the payment to CivicPlus. Alderman Stoeckl motioned to approve the Consent Agenda seconded by Alderman Milne. The motion passed by voice vote.

WEISS DESIGN GROUP-SIDEWALK GRANT FOR CRESCENT AVENUE
PUBLIC HEARING

The Public Hearing regarding the Grant Proposal for a Sidewalk along Crescent Avenue was called to order by Mayor Fortune at 10:05 a.m. Tom Weiss of Weiss Design Group reviewed the grant proposal with the Board. He reviewed the process and timeline of the grant procedure as well.

Mr. Weiss met with East/West Gateway about the proposed sidewalk project. The plan to update the striping of Meramec Station Road to include a crosswalk and bike lane in the grant proposal was not well received by the Commission. Mr. Weiss stated that the proposed sidewalk along Crescent Avenue will run from Meramec Station to Crescent Road. However, an ADA ramp will be included to extend around onto Meramec Station.

Mayor Fortune stated that he had spoken with Paul Young who lives on the south side of Crescent Avenue and is a Valley Park resident, about running the sidewalk along the south side of Crescent Avenue on his property. Mr. Young was not in favor of this at this time. He continued by stating that the only option for the placements of the sidewalk is on the north side of Crescent Avenue which will present a few more obstacles.

Mayor Fortune asked Mr. Weiss what happens if the City is unable to obtain easements from the residents along Crescent Avenue. Mr. Weiss stated he has been successful in acquiring easements for past projects and that the City will need to be prepared to take the appropriate means to obtain the easements if necessary.

Mr. Weiss stated that the City's matching funds for the project will be due periodically throughout construction.

Mr. Weiss stated that letters of endorsement from the community are important. The three most important letters to obtain are from the Twin Oaks Park Committee, the Valley Park School District, the Valley Park Fire District and if possible a letter from Valley Park Board of Aldermen.

Mr. Weiss will contact the City once the Grant application is completed and they have a final cost for the application fee. Mr. Weiss did state that if the City does not receive the Grant the application fee is returned.

There being no further questions or discussion, Mayor Fortune closed the Public Hearing at 10:56 a.m.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES/COMMISSIONS/CONTRACTORS

YTD Project Summary: Acting City Clerk Gonzales reviewed the progress on existing City projects. She stated that she had removed from the list the website project and legal review since these projects have been completed.

PRELIMINARY CITIZEN COMMENTS

There were no citizen comments.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS

Banners For Intersection: Acting City Clerk Gonzales stated she has contacted several companies regarding metal banners for the intersection. She will continue this process and will hopefully have more information at the February 5th meeting. Alderman Milne suggested sending the new logo to the companies and see what design they are able to create.

Golden Oak Ct. Street Light-Ameren: Acting City Clerk Gonzales stated that John Williams, Public Works, met with a representative from Ameren on Golden Oak regarding the installation of a new street light across from the circle. She stated that a light is possible in this location. The City would be responsible for running conduit for Ameren to run the cable through. There is no charge for the light. No decision was made at this time by the Board.

Boly Entrance: Mayor Fortune asked the Board if they had reviewed the RFP for Boly Lane entrance and if they had any questions or changes. Alderman Whitmore had changes that he will give to Acting City Clerk Gonzales after the meeting. Mayor Fortune stated that the bids will be available on February 5th. The prebid meeting will be February 19th and opening of the bids received will be on February 26th.

NEW BUSINESS

Waterfall Pump in the Park: Mayor Fortune stated that John Williams, Public Works, had Vandevanter Engineering out to look at the waterfall pump in the Park. The pump will need to be replaced. They gave a proposal for a new pump and starter kit. They also suggested that the old pump could be taken to their workshop to see if it could be repaired which would provide the City with a backup pump.

Resolution 2020-01-A Resolution Authorizing The City Of Twin Oaks, Missouri Supporting The Grant Application To Be Prepared For The FY 2021-2024

Transportation Improvement Program Surface Transportation Program For Crescent Avenue Improvements: Mayor Fortune asked for any questions concerning Resolution 2020-01. Mayor Fortune asked for a motion to approve Resolution 2020-01.

Alderman Whitmore motioned to approve Resolution 2020-01, seconded by Alderman Milne. The motion passed by voice vote.

2020 Census: Alderman Whitmore stated there was an article in the St. Louis Post Dispatch with a list of contacts for the upcoming census. He felt it would be beneficial for the City to contact the person for our area to verify the apartments will be included in the 2020 Census.

SPECIAL DISCUSSION

Attorney's Report: Attorney Rost stated the P & Z Meeting is scheduled for next Tuesday, January 28th. The approval of the Big Bend outlot is on the agenda.

Mayor and Aldermen Comments: Mayor Fortune spoke with Bing Dempewolf, HR Consultant, concerning the City Clerk position. There were several issues Mayor Fortune was not comfortable with. Discussion ensued. The Board was in agreement to ask Ms. Dempewolf to remove the job add from any job sites where it is been posted and to put a hold on the process till the Board is able to meet.

Mayor Fortune introduced Sgt. Rodriguez who will be replacing Sgt. Molden at the 7th precinct. Sgt. Rodriguez stated he is looking forward to working with the City.

Alderman Eisenhauer stated that the Valley Park School Board and the Valley Park Board of Aldermen have upcoming meetings which would be a good time to request the letters of support for the Crescent Avenue sidewalk grant. Mr. Weiss stated that February 10th would be the deadline to get the letters to his office. Alderman Eisenhauer stated she would be willing to attend these meetings to request the letters.

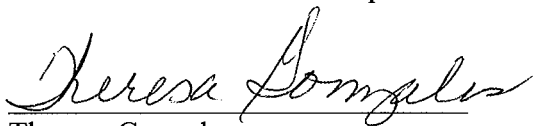
FINAL CITIZEN COMMENTS

There were no final citizen comments.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Alderman Eisenhauer motioned to adjourn the regular meeting at 11:40 a.m., seconded by Alderman Whitmore and the motion passed with the unanimous consent of the Board of those present.

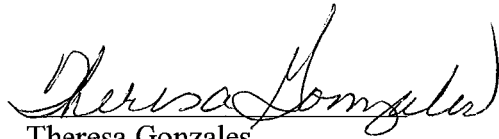
Drafted By:



Theresa Gonzales,
Acting City Clerk

Date of Approval: 2-5-2020

ATTEST:



Theresa Gonzales,
Acting City Clerk



Russ Fortune,
Mayor, Board of Aldermen