

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF TWIN OAKS,
TWIN OAKS TOWN HALL
ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MISSOURI
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2020**

The meeting of the Twin Oaks Board of Aldermen was called to order at 7:14 pm. Roll Call was taken:

Mayor: Russ Fortune – yea

Aldermen: April Milne – yea
Dennis Whitmore – yea

Lisa Eisenhower – yea
Tim Stoeckl – yea

Also Present: Frank Johnson, 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 asked if there were any changes to the agenda. Hearing none, Alderman Stoeckl motioned to approve the Agenda, 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 September 2, 2020 Regular Session Minutes, September 2, 2020 Work Session Minutes, the Bills List from August 29, 2020 to September 11, 2020 and the Credit Card List from July 17th to August 16, 2020. Alderman Whitmore motioned to approve the Consent Agenda seconded by Alderman Milne. The motion passed by voice vote.

PROPERTY TAX PUBLIC HEARING

The Public Hearing regarding the Annual Rate of Tax Levy for 2020 was called to order by Mayor Fortune at 7:16 p.m. Jeff Blume, Financial Consultant, reviewed with the Board the Property Tax Valuation Summary and the Hancock Amendment. Mr. Blume also reviewed the property tax valuation rates and the tax collected within Twin Oaks. Discussion ensued.

There being no further questions or discussion, Mayor Fortune closed the Public Hearing at 7:26 p.m.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES/COMMISSIONS/CONTRACTORS

Park Report: Cindy Slama, Park Chairman, stated that the Park Committee at their September 10th meeting discussed the catch and release policy for fishing at Twin Oaks Park. The Committee reviewed the letter of concern which had been received by the Board of Aldermen and the history of fishing in the Park. The Committee would like to do a little more research and discussion on the topic at their next meeting in October. No decision was made at this time regarding the policy.

The Committee also discussed the reopening of the playground at the Park. The Committee was in favor of reopening the playground as long as other playgrounds in the area are also open and the appropriate measures are taken to ensure the safety of the children using the playground.

The Committee is still undecided whether to have the Winter Lighting event in December. They will discuss this again at the October meeting.

August Financials: Jeff Blume, Financial Consultant, reviewed the Financial Statements for August 2020 with the Board. Mr. Blume stated that at this time everything is looking good. The Board accepted the Financial Statements as submitted.

PRELIMINARY CITIZEN COMMENTS

There were no citizen comments at this time.

OLD BUSINESS

Playground Reopening: City Clerk Johnson reviewed the proposed plan to be submitted to St. Louis County regarding the opening of the playground in Twin Oaks Park. He asked the Board if they had any questions or adjustments to the plan. The Board made no changes at this time.

City Clerk Johnson reviewed the cost to professionally sanitize the playground twice a week by Jan-Pro who is currently cleaning the restrooms in the Park. He also reviewed decreasing the cleaning of the restrooms from every day to twice a week. He stated that the product that Jan-Pro is using continues to sanitize the surface for several days after it is applied to a surface.

City Clerk Johnson also stated he had done some research into backpack sprayers which the City could purchase and do the sanitizing in house. He stated that the electrostatic sprayer is considerably more expensive than a regular sprayer, however this is due to the

fact that the particles are electrostatically charged and will cling to the entire surface that is being sprayed. Discussion ensued regarding the pros and cons of this purchase. City Clerk Johnson did state that the City could possibly be reimbursed for the commercial cleaning with Jan-Pro and the purchase of the sprayer through the CARES Act.

Alderman Eisenhauer likes the idea of purchasing the electrostatic sprayer since the sanitizing of the restrooms and the playground is something the City will need to be doing for the next year or more due to the virus. She stated that if the City decides to purchase the sprayer, she would like to continue with Jan-Pro until the Park staff has the sprayer and is comfortable with doing the sanitizing.

Alderman Milne asked City Clerk Johnson how he arrived at 20 people on the playground at one time. He stated that he did the calculation following the guidelines set by St. Louis County and how other cities with a similar sized playground arrived at their maximum number of people.

Alderman Eisenhauer motioned to approve submitting the plan to reopen the playground to St. Louis County, seconded by Alderman Whitmore. The motion passed by a voice vote.

NEW BUSINESS

Bill No. 20-12-An Ordinance Establishing The Annual Rate Of Tax Levy For The Year 2020 On All Real Property Within The City Of Twin Oaks, Missouri: Providing For The Extension Of Said Taxes On The Books Of The Collector Of Revenue And Providing For The Collection Thereof By The Collector For The City Of Twin Oaks, Missouri: First reading of Bill No. 20-12 was read. Mayor Fortune ask if there was any discussion on Bill No. 20-12. The second reading of Bill No. 20-12 was read. Alderman Eisenhauer motioned to approve Bill No. 20-12, 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. 20-12 Being duly passed becomes Ordinance No. 20-12.

Bill No. 20-13-An Ordinance Re-Adopting Re-Establishing And Making Public A Procedure To Disclose Potential Conflicts Of Interest And Substantial Personal Interest Of Certain Municipal Officials: First reading of Bill No. 20-12 was read. Mayor Fortune ask if there was any discussion on Bill No. 20-13. The second reading of Bill No. 20-13 was read. Alderman Whitmore motioned to approve Bill No. 20-13, seconded by Alderman Eisenhauer 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. 20-13 Being duly passed becomes Ordinance No. 20-13.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

National Night Out On Oct. 6: Mayor Fortune stated that National Night Out is scheduled for Tuesday, October 6th. At this time the national organization is still recommending having the event as planned. Administrative Assistant Gonzales stated that the Cool Times ice cream truck is scheduled to be in the park from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. She asked the Board since it is getting dark by 7:30 p.m. would they like to move the time of the event to 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Discussion ensued and the Board was in agreement of moving the time. The Mayor asked if the office staff could contact the Valley Park Fire Department to see if they would be willing to bring the new fire truck to the Park for the evening.

Fishing Policy At Twin Oaks Park: Mayor Fortune asked the Board if they would like to accept the Park Committee's recommendation regarding the fishing policy in the Park. Administrative Assistant Gonzales stated that a resident came into the office that morning inquiring if we knew about the fish with the bobber stuck in its mouth. She suggested that it may be good policy that children are supervised when fishing. She also stated that within the next year, as folks lives are getting back to normal, the number of people fishing in the Park might diminish. She did feel that it was a good activity for families. Alderman Stoeckl stated that the Park Committee had discussed that since this was the first complaint received regarding fishing should the policy be changed at this time. Discussion ensued. The Board decided to wait to hear the report back from the Park Committee after their next meeting.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Attorney Rost had no report at this time.

CITY CLERK'S REPORT

General Updates

Recycling Contamination

- Staff met with Waste Management on Thursday to discuss the educational materials they have available regarding responsible recycling. The City will be sharing this information with residents via the city website and social media channels. The resources include flyers, posters and FAQs, and are available at www.wm.com/recycleright.

Missouri Municipal League Conference

- City Clerk Frank Johnson, Mayor Russ Fortune and Alderman Tim Stoeckl will be attending the virtual Missouri Municipal League Conference from Sept. 14-16. City Clerk Johnson will also attend a Master Academy for City Clerks as part of the conference.

Leaf Removal

- The City has received the proposed dates from Hendel Lawncare for this fall's leaf collection. The dates are Oct. 20, Nov. 3, Nov. 10, Nov. 17, Dec. 1 and Dec. 8. The City will send out notices and information about the leaf pickup to residents throughout the fall.

CARES Act Funds

- St. Louis County will begin initiating a program to distribute \$47 million of CARES ACT funds to municipalities as early as Monday, Sept. 14. We expect to receive a letter from the county with more details on the process, including eligibility requirements, by mid-week. Cities will be eligible for funds on a per capita basis of \$68.77.

Project Updates**Dunkin Donuts Development Plan**

- The City received the building permit application for the Dunkin Donuts on Sept. 1 and the municipal zoning approval for the plans was issued on Sept. 10. The developer can now apply to St. Louis County for the issuing of the building permit, after which construction can begin.

Golden Oak Court Lighting

- The work on the trench and conduit is completed. We are currently working with Ameren to get the light installed. It will be a post-top LED light.

Boly Lane Entrance Lighting

- After some initial confusion, the foundation for the light has now been poured and placed in the correct spot. The light should be mounted and installed shortly.

MAYOR AND ALDERMAN COMMENTS

Mayor Fortune stated he received a call Tuesday evening from a resident regarding someone hunting in the pet cemetery. This resident was upset someone was hunting, but also said a group of kids were walking through the area around the time the hunter was in the cemetery. Administrative Assistant Gonzales stated that she had received a call that morning from a resident walking through the cemetery with her grandchildren and saw a hunter in a deer stand. She was concerned and did not think that hunting was allowed within the City.

Alderman Eisenhower stated that she had done some research concerning hunting regulations outlined in the City codebook. She found that several years back when the codebook was being re-codified, a line was mistakenly dropped prohibiting discharging a

firearm within the City limits of Twin Oaks. However, the codebook outlines that projectile weapons are not allowed to be discharged within the City limits. Alderman Eisenhower recommended that the Board at their next meeting pass an ordinance which reinstates the eliminated language. Discussion ensued.

Alderman Eisenhower motioned to prohibit hunting in the City and the discharge of a firearm or projectile weapon, seconded by Alderman Milne. The motion passed by voice vote.

Alderman Whitmore stated that he is still concerned about the census contacting all of the residents within Twin Oaks. He continues to try and contact someone at the Census Bureau but has not had any luck. Discussion ensued.

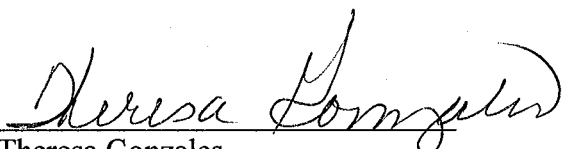
FINAL CITIZEN COMMENTS

There were no final citizen comments.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Alderman Eisenhower motioned to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:33 p.m., seconded by Alderman Whitmore and the motion passed with the unanimous consent of the Board of those present.

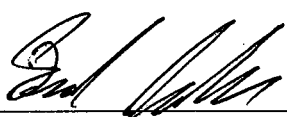
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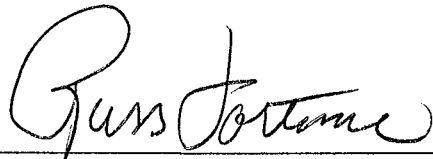

Theresa Gonzales,
Administrative Assistant

Date of Approval:

10-7-2020

ATTEST:


Frank Johnson
City Clerk


Russ Fortune,
Mayor, Board of Aldermen