# MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF TWIN OAKS, TWIN OAKS TOWN HALL ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MISSOURI WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2020

The meeting of the Twin Oaks Board of Aldermen was called to order at 7:00 pm. Roll Call was taken:

Mayor:

Russ Fortune-yea

Aldermen:

April Milne –absent

Dennis Whitmore -- yea

Lisa Eisenhauer – 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. Alderman Whitmore asked to add the Winer park lighting proposal as 9b under Discussion Items. Hearing no other changes Alderman Whitmore motioned to approve the Agenda as amended, seconded by Alderman Stoeckl. 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 October 21, 2020 Regular Session Minutes, October 21, 2020 Work Session Minutes, October 21, 2020 Closed Session Minutes and the Bills List from October 17, 2020 to October 30, 2020. Alderman Whitmore motioned to approve the Consent Agenda seconded by Alderman Eisenhauer. The motion passed by voice vote of three yes, zero no and one absent.

### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES/COMMISSIONS/CONTRACTORS

**Police Report:** Officer John Wehner reviewed the October Police Report as well as the hours he logged on the bike for September.

# PRELIMINARY CITIZEN COMMENTS

There were no preliminary citizen comments at this time.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

Resolution 20-27-A Resolution Approving And Authorizing The Mayor To Execute An Agreement With DJM Ecological Services, Inc. For Stormwater And Creek Bed Improvements In Twin Oaks Park: City Clerk Johnson stated this project is replacing the existing smaller rock with larger rock which will not wash away during a rain. Mayor Fortune asked for any questions concerning Resolution 20-27. Mayor Fortune asked for a motion to approve Resolution 20-27. Alderman Whitmore motioned to approve Resolution 20-27, seconded by Alderman Eisenhauer. The motion passed by voice vote of three yes, zero no and one absent.

Resolution 20-28-A Resolution Approving And Authorizing The Mayor To Execute An Agreement With Konersmann Enterprises, DBA St. Louis Powersports: Mayor Fortune asked for any questions concerning Resolution 20-28. Alderman Stoeckl asked if the old gator could be used as a trade in. City Clerk Johnson stated that it could not. The City will be putting the gator on a website called GovDocs. This website is where cities put items they need to get rid of and people are able to bid on the item to purchase. Alderman Whitmore asked if two charges listed were sales tax. City Clerk Johnson stated they were not. Mayor Fortune asked for a motion to approve Resolution 20-28. Alderman Whitmore motioned to approve Resolution 20-28, seconded by Alderman Eisenhauer. The motion passed by voice vote of three yes, zero no and one absent.

#### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**Privacy Fence and Noise Issues on Autumn Leaf:** City Clerk Johnson stated he found a letter from Pat Kelly, former City Administrator for the City, to Twin Oaks Presbyterian Church regarding the privacy fence between the homes on Autumn Leaf and the Church. In the letter Mr. Kelly stated the City had contracted with Chesterfield Fence and the Church agreed to pay half of the cost. City Clerk Johnson has received complaints from residents on Autumn Leaf stating the fence is not doing the job they feel it was intended to do which was to reduce the noise level from the Church.

City Clerk Johnson has received the plans for the construction of the berm from the Church. BFA and Attorney Rost are reviewing the details of the plan at this time. They are acquiring additional information from the Church which is needed to complete the review.

Mayor Fortune stated that he feels the noise issue and the fence are two separate issues. City Clerk Johnson stated that Jeff Knox, a resident along Autumn Leaf, believes that the noise from the school children and the sport teams exceeds the noise level allowed by City

regulations. He would like the City to measure the level to see if they are in compliance. City Clerk Johnson has spoken with Brian Roby of Twin Oaks Presbyterian Church regarding the Church's movie nights. It was suggested that the Church could possibly reposition the activity so the noise would be directed in a different direction.

Alderman Stoeckl does not believe that the sound of children playing is a problem in the City. The Board was in agreement.

Winter Lighting-Additional Items: City Clerk Johnson stated the office had just received the quote from STL Holiday Lighting outlining the cost to light additional areas in Twin Oaks Park for the holiday season. Alderman Eisenhauer suggested giving the Park Committee a set amount of additional funds and allow them to decide which areas to light. Discussion ensued.

Alderman Eisenhauer motioned to give the Park Committee an additional \$1,000.00 for holiday lighting and allow the Committee to decide which areas will be lite, seconded by Alderman Stoeckl. The motion passed by voice vote of three yes, zero no and one absent.

# **ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

Attorney Rost stated that he is working on the packet from the Planning & Zoning Commission containing the changes to the City's Zoning Code for the Board's review. Alderman Eisenhauer stated that the Commission did an excellent job in their review of the zoning code. Attorney Rost was in agreement.

#### CITY CLERK'S REPORT

## **General Updates**

## **CARES Act Funds**

• First 50 percent of requested funds transferred on Oct 26. Staff is now working on preparing paperwork for full reimbursement.

#### **Police Services Contract**

• The City has received official notice from St. Louis County for the automatic renewal terms of the Police Service Agreement. The new contract price for 2021 will be \$137,675 annually (\$11,472.92 monthly), which represents a 3.43 percent increase from 2020.

### St. Louis Spirits Gymnastics

• BFA has completed a review of some conceptual plans for the proposed gymnastics center behind Schnucks. City staff and BFA are scheduled to meet with the business owners and builder on Nov. 10 to discuss the plans.

# **Project Updates**

## **Restriping Work**

 Maintenance Supervisor John Williams has completed the restriping of the Boly Lane exit and the yellow centerline on Autumn Leaf Drive.

## **Crescent Road Sidewalk Project**

• BFA performed fieldwork for the site survey on Oct. 26. This information will be used to prepare the preliminary design.

#### **Autumn Leaf Runoff**

• The City received the drawings for the berm around the athletic field at Twin Oaks Presbyterian Church from BFA on Oct. 29. City Attorney Paul Rost is working on an agreement on the future maintenance of the berm for the City and the church to sign.

## **Autumn Leaf Sewer Backups**

- MSD is moving forward with a plan to install 46 feet of new pipe at 1409 Autumn Leaf. This will connect two existing sewer lines and eliminate the 90 degree turn that has been speculated to be the cause of the backups.
- The City received an application for a ROW permit from MSD's contractor on Oct.
  9. This was reviewed by BFA and returned with comments on Oct. 20. We are requesting additional details before approving the permit.

### Resealing/Overlay for Park Paths

• The City received a bid for the resealing from Topps in the amount of \$3,035 and for the asphalt overlay in the amount of \$3,451. Project will be scheduled for this spring.

#### **Crescent Road Landscaping**

• The City has received a bid for removal and new plantings for around \$22,000 from Davey Tree. This exceeds the budgeted amount of \$15,000 for the project. In addition, per the city's purchasing policy, we will need to do a formal bid solicitation.

#### Golden Oak Landscaping of Circles

 Maintenance Supervisor John Williams has identified grasses and other plantings that can be used to beautify this area. Planting will take place next spring.

#### Golden Oak Light

• Bates Electric is hoping to remove the spoils from the excavation work and finish cleaning up the site by Nov. 4 or Nov. 5. After that, Maintenance Supervisor John Williams will put down new topsoil and seed it.

# **Boly Entrance Light**

• Gerstner is investigating where there is a lower lumens light we can use to lessen the brightness. If not, they can put a shield on the fixture.

# MAYOR AND ALDERMAN COMMENTS

Alderman Eisenhauer thanked everyone for all the work they with the election. Everything ran smoothly.

## **FINAL CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Jeff Graves thanked everyone for all the work they do. He thanked John William, Public Works, for getting the lines painted on Boly Lane entrance and Autumn Leaf.

#### MOVE TO CLOSED SESSION

Alderman Whitmore motioned to go into closed session at 7:41 p.m. to discuss matters pursuant to Section 610.021 (3), seconded by Alderman Eisenhauer. The motion passed by roll call vote as follows: Aldermen Eisenhauer-yea, Milne-absent, Whitmore-yea and Stoeckl-yea.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The Board returned to regular session at 8:19 p.m. There being no further business, Alderman Whitmore motioned to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:20 p.m., seconded by Alderman Eisenhauer and the motion passed with the unanimous consent of the Board of those present.

Drafted By:

Theresa Gonzales,

Administrative Assistant

Date of Approval: 1/-18-20

ATTEST:

Frank Johnson City Clerk Russ Fortune,

Mayor, Board of Aldermen