# MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF TWIN OAKS, VIRTURAL MEETING ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MISSOURI **WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 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 – yea

Lisa Eisenhauer – yea

Dennis Whitmore – yea

Tim Stoeckl - yea

Also Present: Frank Johnson, City Clerk

Erin Seele, Attorney from Cunningham, Vogel & Rost

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 Milne motioned to approve the Agenda, seconded by Alderman Eisenhauer. 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 November 18, 2020 Regular Session Minutes, the November 18, 2020 Work Session Minutes, the November 4, 2020 Closed Session Minutes and the Bills List from November 14, 2020 to November 27, 2020. Alderman Eisenhauer motioned to approve the Consent Agenda seconded by Alderman Stoeckl. The motion passed by voice vote of four yes, zero no.

#### **BUDGET 2021 PUBLIC HEARING**

The Public Hearing regarding the Budget for 2021 was called to order by Mayor Fortune at 7:03 p.m. Mayor Fortune welcomed Jeff Blume, Financial Consultant. Mr. Blume reviewed the Balance for Revenues for the years 2019 through 2021. Mr. Blume stated that sales tax is the main source of revenue for the City. The City is very fortunate to have not seen a great effect from the pandemic at this point. It is possible that the City will end

up even for the year. Mr. Blume stated that there is still a lot of economic uncertainty for the future.

The City had a decrease in spending during 2020 which was a good thing. However, the City is projecting a deficit in 2021 with the discretionary spending and the money that is being put into the sinking fund.

Mr. Blume reviewed the proposed project budget for 2021. The Birnamwood Condominiums have asked the City to look into repair of curbing within the condos. This project was added to the budget. The landscaping for Crescent Road has been moved to 2022 to offset the cost of the curbing.

Mayor Fortune stated that by State statute the City is required to present a balanced budget, however if you look at the 2021 Budget it is not a balanced budget. Mr. Blume stated that the State considers the Budget balanced because the City's reserves can be used to cover the shortfall.

There being no further questions or discussion, Mayor Fortune closed the Public Hearing at 7:24 p.m.

### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES/COMMISSIONS/CONTRACTORS

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

Mayor Fortune asked Officer Wehner to review the dog incident which occurred in the Park. Officer Wehner gave an overview of what occurred. Officer Wehner stated he had done his investigation and by County regulation the incident has now been turned over to St. Louis County Animal Control. They will do their investigation and will decide what action will be taken. Discussion ensued.

Since it was a dog-on-dog incident and the dog did not attack the resident, the dog can be quarantined at home. City Clerk Johnson stated that the City's ordinance deals when a dog bites a person. He will have Attorney Rost look at the situation when he returns to the office and see if there are any restrictions the City can implement at this time.

### PRELIMINARY CITIZEN COMMENTS

There were no preliminary citizen comments at this time.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Bill No. 20-18-An Ordinance Approving A Temporary Amendment To The Second Amended Final Development Plan For The Big Bend Square Mixed-Use Development: First reading of Bill No. 20-18 was read. City Clerk Johnson gave an overview of the ordinance contents. Mayor Fortune ask if there was any discussion on Bill No. 20-18. The second reading of Bill No. 20-18 was read. Alderman Milne motioned to approve Bill No. 20-18, 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. 20-18 being duly passed becomes Ordinance No. 20-18.

Bill No. 20-19-An Ordinance Approving An Amendment To Section 217.030 Relating To Open Storage Of inoperable Vehicles: First reading of Bill No. 20-19 was read. City Clerk Johnson stated that this ordinance is a clarification the regulations of the section. Mayor Fortune ask if there was any discussion on Bill No. 20-19. The second reading of Bill No. 20-19 was read. Alderman Stoeckl motioned to approve Bill No. 20-19, seconded by Alderman Whitmore 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. 20-19 Being duly passed becomes Ordinance No. 20-19.

**Bill No. 20-20-An Ordinance Approving Adopting A Budget For The 2021 Fiscal Year:** First reading of Bill No. 20-20 was read. Mayor Fortune ask if there was any discussion on Bill No. 20-20. The second reading of Bill No. 20-20 was read. Alderman Stoeckl motioned to approve Bill No. 20-20, 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. 20-20 Being duly passed becomes Ordinance No. 20-20.

Bill No. 20-21-An Ordinance Approving Text Amendments To The Zoning Code Of The City Of Twin Oaks And Adopting Revisions To The Official Zoning Map: First reading of Bill No. 20-21 was read. Mayor Fortune ask the Board to review the revisions to the Zoning Code. The Board will vote on the revisions at the December 16<sup>th</sup> meeting.

# **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

There were no discussion items.

# **ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

Attorney Seele had nothing to report.

# CITY CLERK'S REPORT

# **General Updates**

### **Additional Signage for Crescent Road**

- The City recently received a complaint from a resident at 143 Crescent Road after she was nearly hit trying to back out of her driveway. According to the resident, drivers on Crescent often don't realize that the one way travel doesn't start until several hundred feet past the intersection with Crescent Avenue and will drive in the middle of the road instead of on the right side of the double-yellow centerline.
- As a result, the City is currently exploring adding additional signage to Crescent Road that would clearly state where the one-way traffic begins with the goal of educating drivers to stay in their proper lane. The City may also look at restriping the centerline for added visibility.

#### **HR** Training

• I attended a 6-hour training session hosted by the Missouri City Clerks and Finance Officers Association on Nov. 20 covering best practices in human resource management.

### Village of Twin Oaks Inspection Report

• The City and BFA Engineering held a conference call with Propper to address several outstanding items from the property inspection performed on August 16, 2019. See the report included in your packet for details.

#### Aldi's Development

• The City received a preliminary development plan application from Aldi's for the former Shop n' Save location on Dec. 2. The plans will be sent to BFA for review and will likely go through a few rounds of comments and revisions before being sent to the P&Z and Board.

# **Project Updates**

#### Woodland Oaks Light

• The City has received a preliminary estimate for this work from Gerstner Electric for approximately \$6,900. However, the proposed location near 1302 Woodland Oaks is likely on private property as the ROW is very narrow in that area. We are working with BFA to acquire information on existing easements.

## Creek Bed Repair

• DJM started work on this project on Monday, Nov. 30.

# **Crescent Road Sidewalk Project**

• Topographic survey completed on Nov. 23. BFA expects to have preliminary design completed by the end of December.

#### Autumn Leaf Runoff

 City Attorney Paul Rost has drafted an initial agreement for a Stormwater Management Easement. We are continuing to work with BFA to put together the necessary documentation.

### **Autumn Leaf Sewer Backups**

 Approval for this work was issued on Nov. 17. Contractor is estimating the week of Dec. 7. We will send out information to residents once it's confirmed.

#### **Stop Signs**

 On Nov. 12, the stop sign at the intersection of Crescent Road and Crescent Avenue was damaged. Maintenance staff have repaired the sign, as well as the stop sign at the intersection at Crescent

# **MAYOR AND ALDERMAN COMMENTS**

Alderman Stoeckl stated that in the ads for Sauce on the Side the address listed is Ballwin.

Alderman Milne said the Christmas lights in the Park looked great. Mayor Fortune asked if it may be possible for Maintenance Supervisor John Williams to run the racetrack lights that are used for July 3<sup>rd</sup> to light the pathways. The Board asked of a notice could be sent out to the residents about the lights for those that may not be aware of them.

# FINAL CITIZEN COMMENTS

There were no final citizen comments.

### <u>ADJOURNMENT</u>

There being no further business, Alderman Milne motioned to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:21 p.m., seconded by Alderman Whitmore and the motion passed with the unanimous consent of the Board of those present.

Drafted By:

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Date of Approval: 12 - 16 - 2020

ATTEST:

Frank Johnson/

City Clerk

Russ Fortune,

Mayor, Board of Aldermen