

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF TWIN OAKS,
TWIN OAKS TOWN HALL
ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MISSOURI
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2021**

The meeting of the Twin Oaks Board of Aldermen was called to order at 7:20 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/Administrator
Paul Rost, City Attorney
Jeff Blume, Financial Consultant

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 for a motion to approve the agenda. Alderman Stoeckl so motioned, seconded by Alderman Whitmore. The motion passed by a voice vote.

APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Fortune asked for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of the October 6, 2021 Regular Session Minutes; October 6, 2021 Work Session Minutes, August 18, 2021 Board of Aldermen Closed Session Minutes, the Bills List from October 2, 2021 to October 15, 2021 and the Credit Card List From September 1, 2021 to September 30, 2021. Alderman Whitmore motioned to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Alderman Milne. The motion passed by voice vote.

PUBLIC HEARING

The Public Hearing regarding the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Commission concerning numerous amendments to the City's Sign Regulations, Chapter 410 of the City of Twin Oaks Municipal Code was called to order by Mayor Fortune at 7:22 p.m. City Clerk/Administrator Johnson stated that the goal of the Planning & Zoning Commission was to clean up and clarify the code. The Commission also brought the City's code in line with 1st amendment chances and to also reduce the administrative burden.

Alderman Milne asked how signs in the yard of a private residence is now handled. Attorney Rost reviewed how these signs are now handled and regulated in regards to the 1st amendment regulations.

There being no further questions or discussion, Mayor Fortune closed the Public Hearing at 7:29 p.m.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES/COMMISSIONS/CONTRACTORS

Financial Statements-Jeff Blume: Jeff Blume, Financial Consultant, reviewed the financial statement for September with the Board. Mr. Blume reviewed the sales and property tax revenues. At this point in the year the City is on target with what was predicted in the 2021 budget. Mr. Blume again advised the Board to proceed cautiously in spending for 2022 since the future at this time is hard to predict.

PRELIMINARY CITIZEN COMMENTS

There were no preliminary citizen comments.

NEW BUSINESS

Bill No. 21-18-An Ordinance Approving Text Amendments To Chapter 410, "Sign Regulations" Of The City Of Twin Oaks Municipal Code: First reading of Bill No. 21-18 was read. Mayor Fortune asked if there were any questions concerning Bill No. 21-18. The second reading of Bill No. 21-18 was read. Alderman Eisenhower motioned to approve Bill No. 21-18, seconded by Alderman Stoeckl and the motion passed on a roll call vote as follows: Aldermen Milne-yea, Eisenhower-yea Whitmore-yea and Stoeckl-yea. Mayor Fortune stated that Bill No. 21-18 being duly passed by a vote of 4 yeas and 0 nays becomes Ordinance No. 21-18.

Appointment to Board of Adjustment: Mayor Fortune informed the Board Jim Owens has moved from the City and his position on Board of Adjustment is open. Mayor Fortune has spoken to someone to fill this position, however wants to follow the correct protocol. The candidate will be filling out the application form and he hopes that the Board will be able to vote on Mr. Owens replacement at the next Board meeting.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Adoption of Use Tax: City Clerk/Administrator Johnson ask the Board if they were interested in adopting the Use Tax. This will need to be put on the ballot for the April election.

Alderman Whitmore motioned for the Board to pass an ordinance to put the adoption of the Use Tax on the April 2022 ballot, seconded by Alderman Eisenhower and the motion passed by a voice vote.

Holiday Lighting: The Park Committee had submitted to the Board their recommendation for the holiday lighting in Twin Oaks Park. The recommendation is to do what was done last year with the addition of three other lighting recommendations. The cost of the lighting is \$2,275.00 for what was done last season with an additional \$400.00 for the three additional items.

Alderman Whitmore proposed using the additional money to hold a lighting contest within the City. A monetary award would be given to the best house, condo and apartment. Discussion ensued.

Alderman Eisenhower proposed to approve the recommendation from the Park Committee for the holiday lighting in the Park. She suggested the holiday lighting contest proposed by Alderman Whitmore be a separate item.

Alderman Milne motioned to approve the proposal from the Park Committee for holiday lighting in the Park, seconded by Alderman Whitmore and the motion passed by a voice vote.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Attorney Rost thanked the Planning & Zoning Commission for their hard work on the Sign Code.

Attorney Rost reminded the Board that they will need to pass an ordinance for the election in April.

CITY CLERK REPORT

General Updates

Leaf Pickup

- The leaf pick up dates for this fall will be on Tuesdays on Oct. 19, Nov. 2, Nov. 9, Nov. 16, Nov. 30, Dec. 7. Unfortunately, there was a delay in getting the reminder postcards printed and we were unable to get them in the mail until Oct. 15, so they will likely arrive too late for the first collection. The City has sent out multiple reminders via email and Facebook and the information is posted on the City website.

Enterprise Bank

- Financial Consultant Jeff Blume, Mayor Russ Fortune and myself will be meeting with Enterprise Bank next week to discuss possible refinancing options for the loan incurred for the new Town Hall.

Farwell Lunch for Theresa Gonzales

- The City will be holding a farewell lunch for Theresa Gonzales at noon on Oct. 25 at 1356 Public House. We hope to see you all there as we thank Theresa for her many excellent years of service to the City of Twin Oaks.

Job Posting

- The City started advertising this week for an Assistant Clerk position for Theresa's replacement. The job is currently being advertised through the City's official channels, the Local Government Briefings newsletter, the local and state chapters of the Missouri City Clerks and Finance Officers Association, the Missouri Municipal League, and the Municipal League of Metro St. Louis.

Special Enforcement Signs on Crescent Road

- The City received the special enforcement signs for Crescent Road. However, we have run into an issue with the intended locations, as there are several utility lines located in the places we need to dig, so the signs have not been erected yet. Staff is currently exploring options for digging at the proposed locations without impacting the utility lines or finding alternate locations

John Williams, Public Works Director, installed the signs this week. He was able to get Dig Right out to remark to utility locations.

MAYOR AND ALDERMAN COMMENTS

Mayor Fortune thanked everyone for the fantastic fireworks. The crowd was not as large as July 3rd, however it was a nice size crowd. Mayor Fortune received many compliments on the band and many of the people he spoke with liked having the fireworks in the Fall.

Alderman Stoeckl spoke with a gentleman from the apartments who was not aware that the City was having the firework display. Discussion ensued on how the City can better communicate with the residents. City Clerk/Administrator Johnson stated that notifying the apartment residents is difficult since many times they do not share their email addresses on the occupancy form. The City does send out multiple emails about the various events. Events are posted on the City's website, Nextdoor and Facebook as well.

Alderman Milne is concerned the hole at the triple inlet is getting worse. She would like if some kind of flag or marker could be put in this area to make people aware of the hole.

FINAL CITIZEN COMMENTS

There were no final citizen comments.

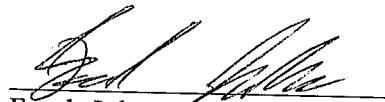
ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Alderman Whitmore motioned to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:04 p.m., seconded by Alderman Milne and the motion passed with the unanimous consent of the Board of those present.


Drafted By: _____
Theresa Gonzales
Administrative Assistant

Date of Approval: 11/19/2021

ATTEST:



Frank Johnson
City Clerk/Administrator



Russ Fortune,
Mayor, Board of Aldermen