

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF TWIN OAKS,  
VIRTURAL MEETING  
ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MISSOURI  
WEDNESDAY, MAY 20, 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 Eisenhower – yea
	Dennis Whitmore –yea	Tim Stoeckl – yea

Also Present: Frank Johnson, City Clerk  
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 if there were any changes to the agenda. Mayor Fortune added the Bills List as item (f) to the Agenda. Alderman Whitmore had a question concerning the Minutes which were listed on the Agenda. Hearing no other changes, Alderman Stoeckl motioned to approve the Agenda as amended, seconded by Alderman Milne. The motion passed by a voice vote.

**APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA**

Mayor Fortune asked if there were any additional changes to the Consent Agenda consisting of the March 2, 2020 Special Session Minutes, the March 4, 2020 Special Session Minutes, March 10, 2020 Special Session Minutes, March 19, 2020 Special Session Minutes and the May 6, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes. Alderman Milne had a question concerning the wording on the invoice from Another Wild Goose Chase. Alderman Whitmore had a question concerning the recording of the vote on the July 3<sup>rd</sup> fireworks. Alderman Milne motioned to approve the Consent Agenda seconded by Alderman Stoeckl. The motion passed by voice vote.

## **REPORT OF COMMITTEES/COMMISSIONS/CONTRACTORS**

**Park Report:** Cindy Slama, Park Chairman, stated the Park Committee would like to recommended Joe Krewson and Douglas Tabachik for the openings on the Park Committee.

The Committee discussed the upcoming Park events and are recommending cancelling the concerts for June and July. They are also recommending cancelling Family Fun Day for October 3<sup>rd</sup>. They are going to wait and make a decision on the Winter Lighting as time gets closer.

Mayor Fortune stated that the June and July concerts have already been cancelled. Mayor Fortune asked the Board if they would like to consider having an August concert. Discussion ensued. The Board decided to wait and see how things are going this Summer.

Mayor Fortune asked the Board for a motion on the recommendation from the Park Committee for two new members. Alderman Whitmore motioned to appoint Joe Krewson and Douglas Tabachik to the Park Committee, seconded by Alderman Milne and the motion passed on a voice vote.

**April Financials:** Jeff Blume, Financial Consultant, reviewed the Financial Statements for April 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.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS**

**Fourth of July Fireworks Display:** Mayor Fortune stated that the July 3<sup>rd</sup> fireworks have been cancelled. City Clerk Johnson stated that he had talked with J&M Displays and they offered to refund the payment for this year. They also stated that we could make a deposit for next year. Discussion ensued.

Alderman Stoeckl motioned to have J&M refund all of the payment for this year's firework display except for \$5,000.00 to be used as a deposit for next year's display (2021) seconded by Alderman Whitmore and the motion passed on a voice vote. City Clerk Johnson will contact J&M to see if this is agreeable with them and report back to the Board.

**Summer Police Patrols:** City Clerk Johnson stated that to begin the patrols in the Park the City will need to give a 30 day notice to St. Louis County Police Department. Alderman Milne asked Cindy Slama if the Park Committee had discussed Pavilion reservations and

they had not. Alderman Milne does not feel the City needs to begin the patrols in the Park until we are allowing Pavilion reservations.

Mayor Fortune stated the City needs to follow the guidelines which have been set out by St. Louis County. Discussion ensued. The Board agreed not to have patrols in the Park at this time.

**Wooden Footbridge for Crescent Road:** City Clerk Johnson reviewed the proposals received from DJM Ecological Services, Crowder Construction and Tree Surgeons for the installation of the footbridge, gabion rock and grading of the area. The proposals from DJM and Tree Surgeons included removal of a large tree along with several additional trees in the area which should be removed for the installation of the bridge. Discussion ensued.

John Williams, Public Works, stated that the large tree, which is in close proximity of the bridge, should be removed since during the installation of the bridge some of the tree roots will be cut which may compromise the tree. Alderman Milne would like to get another bid on the removal of the trees. Mr. Williams said that he will get an additional bid.

Alderman Stoeckl stated that he thinks the creek is owned by MSD and the City may want to verify this.

Alderman Eisenhauer motioned to have Crowder Construction install the bridge only and to get clarification from MSD on the ownership of the creek as well as getting additional bids on the removal of the trees, seconded by Alderman Milne and the motion passed by voice vote.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Resolution 2020-09-A Resolution Of The Twin Oaks Board Of Aldermen Requesting That Municipalities Within St. Louis County Receive An Equitable Distribution Of The \$175 Million In Funding Received By St. Louis County From The Corona Virus Aid Relief And Economic Security Act To Reimburse Municipalities For Actual Public Safety Costs Incurred Related To COVID-19:** Mayor Fortune asked for any questions concerning Resolution 2020-09. Mayor Fortune asked for a motion to approve Resolution 2020-09. Alderman Whitmore motioned to approve Resolution 2020-09, seconded by Alderman Milne. The motion passed by voice vote.

**Resolution 2020-10-A Resolution Appropriating Additional Revenue And Amending The 2019 Road Fund, Sewer Lateral Fund, Park And Stormwater Fund And General Fund Budgets:** Mr. Blume gave an explanation of this Resolution. Mayor Fortune asked for any questions concerning Resolution 2020-10. Mayor Fortune asked for a motion to approve Resolution 2020-10. Alderman Whitmore motioned to approve Resolution 2020-10, seconded by Alderman Milne. The motion passed by voice vote.

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**Repair/Replacement of Damaged Cypress Tree:** Mayor Fortune explained to the Board that the tree had been damaged during a traffic accident. City Clerk Johnson stated that Officer Wehner had provided information that the person involved in the accident did not provide proof of insurance.

Mayor Fortune discussed that the two options presented by Davey Tree were to do two treatments on the tree this Spring, however there is no guarantee these will work. The second option is to replace the tree. Discussion ensued. Alderman Stoeckl motioned to move forward with the treatments for the cypress tree, seconded by Alderman Milne and the motion passed by voice vote.

**Reopening Plans for City Hall:** Mayor Fortune stated that he was thinking that City Hall could be reopened on June 1 with limitations. He asked the Board if they agreed or if it was too soon. Discussion ensued. The Board agreed that City Hall would reopen on June 1 with limitations. Mayor Fortune and City Clerk Johnson will work together on creating a reopening opening plan for City Hall.

The Board agreed that the Community Room and Park Pavilion will remain closed. The City will try to reopen the basketball court and Robert Hartzog Lane June 15<sup>th</sup>. The City will reassess and make a final decision at that time. The playground will remain closed, however until further notice.

Mayor Fortune asked if the Mayor's Emergency Order which was enacted in March needs to be updated. Attorney Rost will review and see if this is necessary or since the County still has an Emergency Order in place we would let ours expire on its own.

**Alternate Plans for Crescent Avenue Sidewalks:** Mayor Fortune reviewed the Grant and what was included in the proposed plans. He stated that since the City did not receive the Grant it's important to get back to what is needed which is a safe walking area along Crescent Avenue.

An alternate plan has been proposed to begin the sidewalk on the Valley Park side of Crescent Avenue and run the sidewalk along the south side until the stop sign at Golden Oak Ct. The sidewalk would pick up on the Twin Oaks side, the north side, of Crescent Avenue and run along till the intersection with Crescent Road. Mayor Fortune stated he would like to contact the Fire Chief and see if it would be possible during the construction of the new fire house to install a sidewalk in front of the fire house. He would also like to contact Valley Park again and see if we can get their cooperation in this project.

Alderman Milne asked if we should engage engineers in this process. Mayor Fortune feels that we have in the past had BFA do plans for a sidewalk along Crescent Avenue. The office will contact BFA and Mayor Fortune will contact the Fire Chief.

Alderman Milne asked about the proposed striping along Meramec Station which was put on hold last Fall since the weather was getting colder. The office will check with Traffic Control and get an updated proposal on this project.

**Boly Entrance Project:** Mayor Fortune asked the Board their feelings on the Boly entrance project, if they would like to proceed or to put the project on hold. Alderman Milne stated that she would like to put the project on hold since she feels the sidewalks would be more beneficial for the Community. Alderman Eisenhower was in agreement. Alderman Whitmore is concerned about the school buses and their difficulty it has entering and exiting the entrance. Also the difficulty in making a left hand turn out of the subdivision onto Big Bend.

Alderman Milne motioned to put the Boly Entrance project on hold, seconded by Alderman Eisenhower. The motion passed on a voice vote, 3 yea and 1 nay.

**Attorney's Report:** Attorney Rost had nothing to report at this time.

#### **City Clerk's Report:**

##### **Updates**

- The city has received its order of plantings from Greenscapes for Twin Oaks Park. However, the order was only partially fulfilled due to issues with the growing season. The City only paid for what was received. The plantings for the Highway 141 intersection are due to be delivered by Fahr Greenhouse on May 21.
- Sauce on the Side is interested in setting up limited outdoor seating. Staff advised the business to submit an application for a conditional use permit.
- The Municipal League of Metro St. Louis has shared information from the St. Louis County Collector of Revenue on the property tax payments made under protest that will be released this week. Twin Oaks is expected to receive \$3,270.69.

##### **Sidewalk Application for Surface Transportation Program Grant**

- As noted at the last meeting, the City's application for the Surface Transportation Program distributed by East-West Gateway Council of Governments was not recommended for funding. The city was notified by email on May 14 and an official letter is expected later this month. The full list of projects is available [here](#).
- East-West Gateway will issue another call for projects for this program next year, so the city can try and apply again.
- The refund for the application fee will be issued approximately four to six weeks after the Transportation Improvement Program is approved by East-West Gateway's Board of Directors in August.

### **Damaged Cypress Tree**

- On the evening of Wednesday, May 6, there was an accident on Highway 141 that damaged one of the city's cypress trees. We have two options:
  - We can try and treat the tree in order to save it, but there's no guarantee that it will be successful
  - We can remove the damage tree and replace it. However, the replacement tree will be smaller than the other older trees in the intersection.
- We have received a quote from Davey Tree for the work. The treatment would cost \$1,060 (\$840 for the bark tracing and \$220 for fertilizer). The replacement would cost \$1,680.

**Mayor and Aldermen Comments:** Mayor Fortune received notification that Dunkin Donuts is moving forward with the plans to build on the out lot in Big Bend Square. He has turned this over the City Clerk Johnson. He has not heard anything further from the gymnastics school which was proposed to build on the MoDOT property behind Schnucks.

Alderman Whitmore would like to notify the residents what the restaurants in Twin Oaks are doing as to dinning in or just carry out.

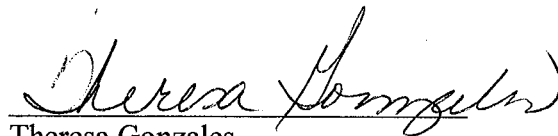
### **FINAL CITIZEN COMMENTS**

There were no final citizen comments.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Alderman Milne motioned to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:51 p.m., seconded by Alderman Whitmore and the motion passed with the unanimous consent of the Board of those present.

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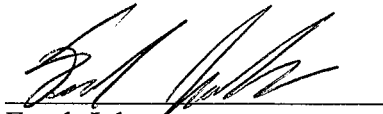
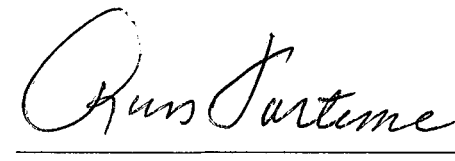


Theresa Gonzales,  
Administrative Assistant

Date of Approval:

6-3-2020

ATTEST:

  
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Frank Johnson  
City Clerk  
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Russ Fortune,  
Mayor, Board of Aldermen