

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF TWIN OAKS,
TWIN OAKS TOWN HALL
ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MISSOURI
WEDNESDAY, JULY 15, 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
Dennis Whitmore –yea

Lisa Eisenhauer – absent
Tim Stoeckl – yea

Also Present: Frank Johnson, City Clerk
Paul Rost, City Attorney-attended virtually
Tiffany Campbell-BFA Engineering
Ray Frankenberg-BFA Engineering

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 Whitmore motioned to approve the Agenda, seconded by Alderman Milne. 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 July 1, 2020 Regular Session Minutes, Bills List from June 27, 2020 to July 9, 2020 and the Credit Card List from May 18, 2020 to June 15, 2020. Alderman Stoeckl motioned to approve the Consent Agenda seconded by Alderman Milne. The motion passed by voice vote.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES/COMMISSIONS/CONTRACTORS

Park Report: Cindy Slama, Park Chairman, stated that the next Park Committee meeting scheduled for August 13, 2020 has been cancelled. The Park Committee, at their last meeting, decided they are interested in the stone flat bridge at the base of the creek enhancement. They also discussed they would like to have the sand volleyball court

removed and have the area re-turfed for now. In the future they would like to relocate the sand volleyball court to another area in the Park.

Alderman Whitmore asked if the August concert was still scheduled. Ms. Slama said yes that it was scheduled for August 1st. The Committee had talked about having food trucks but the decision was made that anyone attending the concert should provide their own refreshments. Alderman Whitmore also asked about National Night Out. Ms. Slama said that this was not a Park event. Administrative Assistant Gonzales stated that the event was scheduled for August 4th from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the Park. Cool Times ice cream truck will be on the basketball court during this time. Officer Wehner stated that he along with 3 other officers will be in the Park that evening.

Alderman Whitmore asked about the scheduling of Arbor Day. The office staff has not scheduled anything at this time. They are waiting to see what occurs with schools getting back in session. This may need to be postponed till Spring.

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

Mr. Blume reminded the Board of the balloon payment that will be coming due within the next seven years. He emphasized the need for the City to be planning for this payment now and not waiting to begin saving. He reminded the Board of the Sinking Fund that he had spoken about at a previous Board meeting. The City would contribute monthly to this fund so when the balloon payment is due the money for the payment is available. Mr. Blume stated that a bank will be more likely to refinance the remainder of what is owed on the loan for City Hall if the City has those funds saved. The City could then refinance the remaining balance on City Hall and allocate the money for another purpose.

Alderman Whitmore asked if the City could refinance now since interest rates are very low. Mr. Blume did not think that this would be possible, however this is something that can be checked into.

Mr. Blume stated that a Resolution should be prepared to establish the Sinking Fund the City will fund on a monthly basis.

Compliance with City's Ordinance: Mr. Blume reviewed the 6 Month Compliance statement with the Board. The statement will be published in compliance with the ordinance.

Crescent Road Sidewalk Project: Mayor Fortune briefly reviewed the sidewalk project on Crescent Avenue. Mayor Fortune introduced Tiffany Campbell and Ray Frankenberg of BFA Engineering. Ms. Campbell reviewed the preliminary plans for the project with the

Board. The proposed sidewalk would run along the north side of Crescent Avenue from Golden Oak Ct. to Crescent Road. The estimated cost of the project is \$100,000.00.

Alderman Milne asked about a retaining wall where the terrain slopes. Ms. Campbell stated that grading this area is more cost effective than to install a retaining wall. Mr. Frankenberg stated that the grading is more cost effective but will require maintenance over the years.

Mr. Frankenberg stated that with the installation of the sidewalks, curbing will need to be installed. With the installation of the curbing you are now channeling the water to another area and this will need to be accounted for. This also increases the cost of the project.

Mayor Fortune stated that the idea for a sidewalk along Crescent Avenue has been discussed since during the pandemic there has been an increase of pedestrians walking along the road going to Twin Oaks Park. He also stated that over the past few years the City has had other requests for sidewalks along Boly Lane and Autumn Leaf Drive. He suggested that now may be the time to create a comprehensive plan for sidewalks throughout the City. He feels it is important to get resident input and put the issue to a vote for a Bond issue to pay for the project. Alderman Milne felt it is important to do this project now due to the safety issue and would not want to see the project postponed.

Bob Dresner, a resident along Crescent Avenue, though he feels that safety is always a concern, is concerned the City is proposing spending a lot of money for a sidewalk that goes along just a few homes. He stated that since a majority of the pedestrians walking along Crescent Avenue are Valley Park residents he would like to see participation by Valley Park in this project.

Laurie DuVall, also a resident along Crescent Avenue, asked what other safety measures the City is taking along Crescent Avenue. She feels that speeding is a big concern as well as cars not making complete stops at the stop signs along the road. She felt that the sidewalks are more of a benefit for Valley Park residents than for Twin Oaks residents.

Karen Dresner, a resident along Crescent Avenue, applauded the Boards concern and awareness of the safety issues along Crescent Avenue. However, before the City would spend this amount of money for the sidewalk she would like the City to look into other safety measures which may help with the safety issue. She would also like to include everyone's input on this project. She feels that with the amount that would be spent the residents should be made aware and have the opportunity to voice their opinion.

City Clerk Johnson reminded the Board that this project was not included as a Capital Project in the 2020 Budget. This may be a project to consider for the 2021 Budget.

PRELIMINARY CITIZEN COMMENTS

There were no preliminary citizen comment.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Fortune stated that he has finalized the appointments to various City Committees or Commissions. Jim Owens has agreed to another term on Board of Adjustment, Mary Lou Knox and Cindy Slama have also agreed to another term on the Park Committee.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 2020-19-A Resolution Of The Twin Oaks Board Of Aldermen Approving An Agreement Between The City Of Twin Oaks And Davey Tree Expert Company For Tree Removal In Twin Oaks Park: Mayor Fortune asked for any questions concerning Resolution 2020-19. Mayor Fortune asked for a motion to approve Resolution 2020-19. Alderman Milne motioned to approve Resolution 2020-19, seconded by Alderman Whitmore. The motion passed by voice vote.

Resolution 2020-20-A Resolution Of The Twin Oaks Board Of Aldermen Approving And Authorizing The Mayor To Execute An Agreement With Gerstner Electric, Inc. For Work On Boly Lane: Mayor Fortune voiced a concern on the installation of the light at the Boly entrance. Alderman Milne motioned to table Resolution 2020-20, seconded by Alderman Whitmore. The motion passed by voice vote.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Meramec Station Road Striping: Mayor Fortune reviewed the Boards intentions along Meramec Station Road to promote safety for pedestrians. Mayor Fortune, Alderman Milne and John Williams, Public Works, met with Lee Cannon of CBB Engineering. His recommendation was to create a buffer zone for pedestrians along Meramec Station Road between Hardees and Crescent Avenue.

Mr. Frankenberg briefly reviewed several options which could enhance the safety for pedestrians along Meramec Station which are budget friendly.

Board Appointments: Mayor Fortune stated that he has been re-evaluating the Board Liaison positions. He has not been able to find any guidelines spelled out in the City code regarding the Board Liaison positions. He does feel that the liaison to the Board of Adjustment may pose a conflict of interest. Discussion ensued.

Attorney Rost stated that it is not required by law to have a Board member on the Board of Adjustment. However, on the Planning & Zoning Commission Alderman and the Mayor may be members of the Commission.

- City staff reported an above-ground pool constructed without a permit at 62 Crescent Ave. to St. Louis County for code enforcement. The County has confirmed that they did not receive a permit for the work and will be issuing a violation. The property owner will have 30 days to obtain the proper permit and resolve the violation.
- A request for cleaning and clearing the storm sewers along Autumn Leaf was submitted to MSD on July 7. MSD has not given an estimated date for when the cleaning will occur.

MAYOR AND ALDERMAN COMMENTS

Alderman Milne was happy to see those that attended the meeting tonight. The Board agreed.

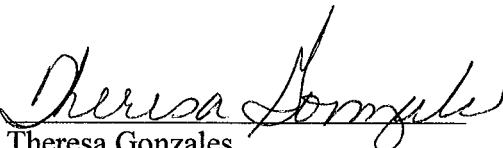
FINAL CITIZEN COMMENTS

There were no final citizen comments.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Alderman Stoeckl motioned to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:44 p.m., seconded by Alderman Whitmore and the motion passed with the unanimous consent of the Board of those present.


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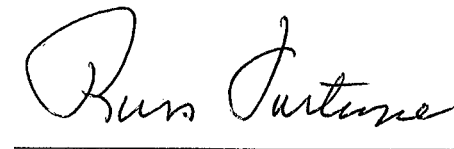

Theresa Gonzales,
Administrative Assistant

Date of Approval:

8-5-2020

ATTEST:


Frank Johnson
City Clerk


Russ Fortune,
Mayor, Board of Aldermen