

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF TWIN OAKS,
TWIN OAKS TOWN HALL
ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MISSOURI
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2022**

2023 BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor Russ Fortune opened the 2023 Budget Public Hearing at 7:03 pm. Financial Consultant Jeff Blume presented the 2023 Budget. Mr. Blume spoke about several factors that are influencing costs for everyone. A few headwinds that have affected budgets and planning are supply chain disruptions, labor shortages, and inflation. The overview of the Twin Oaks Budget shows sales tax, use tax and business licenses increasing. The increase in the business licenses is due to the new business of Aldi, Ace Hardware and new restaurants opening in the city. The rising cost of living will affect salaries, administrative costs and contractual agreements. The Capitol Improvement budget is larger due to the development of the sidewalk, storm water, and road improvement projects on Crescent Avenue and Crescent Road. The proposed budget reflects appropriate budgeting to maintain a solid reserve balance of 1.5 million. Mayor Fortune asked if there were any questions. Alderman Whitmore asked if the Sales and Use taxes could be separated into two separate budget lines and Mr. Blume explained that they were both sales taxes and should remain the same line item.

Mayor Fortune closed the Public Hearing meeting on the 2023 budget at 7:24 p.m. and called to order the Regular Meeting of the Twin Oaks Board of Aldermen at 7:24 p.m. Roll Call was taken:

Mayor: Russ Fortune – yea

Aldermen: April Milne – yea

Lisa Eisenhauer – yea

Dennis Whitmore – yea

Tim Stoeckl –absent

Also Present: Frank Johnson, City Clerk/Administrator

Paul Rost, City Attorney

Jeff Blume, City Accountant via Zoom

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 Russ Fortune asked if there were any additions or changes to the Agenda. Alderman Dennis Whitmore requested to add Property Upkeep and Holiday Decorating Contest to the Discussion

Items. Alderman April Milne motioned to approve the amended agenda, seconded by Alderman Lisa Eisenhauer. The motion passed on a voice vote.

APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

Mayor Fortune asked for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of Regular Meeting Minutes from November 2, 2022; the Closed Session Minutes from November 2, 2022; the Bills list from October 29 through November 10, 2022; and the Credit Card List from October 1 to October 31, 2022. Alderman Whitmore motioned to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Alderman Milne. The motion passed by a voice vote.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES/COMMISSIONS/CONTRACTORS

Financial Statements: Financial Consultant Jeff Blume reviewed the City's revenues and expenses through the month of October. Mr. Blume stated that the City's sales tax revenue were down for the month of October but will increase through the end of the year. The city is running ahead of anticipated budget.

Park Committee: City Clerk/Administrator Frank Johnson presented the Park Committee report. The Winter Lighting Event is scheduled for Sunday, December 4, 2022. The NHS (National Honor Society) from Valley Park Schools will be attending this event and collecting warm clothes to be donated. There will be collections sites at the Valley Park School and at City Hall if you are unable to attend the Winter Lighting. Information for this collection will be posted on the City's web site. The Park Committee has a new band for the Concert Series. Cherri Bomb is a local band and will be performing at June concert in the Park.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

There were no citizen comments.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution No. 2022-28: A Resolution of the Twin Oaks Board of Aldermen Approving an Agreement with Eco Constructors for Mulching Services. City Clerk/Administrator Johnson read the resolution. City Clerk/Administrator Johnson received four bids for this project and selected Eco Constructors as the lowest and best bid. Mayor Fortune asked for any questions regarding Resolution No. 2022-28. Alderman Eisenhauer motioned to approve Resolution No. 2022-28, seconded by Alderman Milne, and the motion passed by a voice vote of three yeas and one absent.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Property Upkeep: Alderman Whitmore reported a tarp on a roof for an extended period of time and asked the Board for suggestions to resolve this issue. City Clerk/Administrator Johnson stated that this spring he has reached out the home owner and was told that they needed time to complete

the repairs. Since that initial call the homeowner has stopped communicating with the City. City Clerk/Administrator Johnson will send a letter from the City addressing the repairs and giving a timeline of when repairs need to be completed. If repairs are not completed in the allotted time or there is no response to the letter, City Clerk/Administrator Johnson will contact St Louis County to formally site the home owner for code violations and they will be given a court date.

Alderman Whitmore spoke about the continued lighting issues with Schnucks. City Clerk/Administrator Johnson spoke with DESCO property manager regarding the parking lot lighting and was assured that they would adjust the timing of the lights to be on by 5:00pm. City Clerk/Administrator Johnson spoke with the manager of Schnucks regarding the building lighting but there hasn't been any resolution at this time.

Holiday Lighting Contest: Alderman Whitmore asked for information to be posted regarding the upcoming Holiday Lighting Contest. City Clerk/Administrator Johnson will post rules and details for this contest on the City's website.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

City Attorney, Paul Rost, addressed the board regarding the passage of Amendment 3 that legalizes marijuana use by adults and sales tax on marijuana sales. Mr. Rost's firm is assessing the details of the new amendment and will present analysis and recommendations for changes to the City of Twin Oaks Codes.

CITY CLERK'S REPORT

City Clerk/Administrator Johnson referred the Board to his written report and provided a summary of its contents. He informed the Board that a new salt spreader and trailer hitch have been purchased for the new City truck. Alderman Milne asked if staff had done any analysis on the cost of having staff salt the hills in the City versus having the Contractor who does the Citywide salting come out for additional salting. City Clerk/Administrator Johnson stated that he would investigate the issue and report back to the Board.

MAYOR & ALDERMEN COMMENTS

Mayor Fortune stated that he is glad to be back and out of the house.

FINAL CITIZEN COMMENTS

There were no final citizen comments at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business Mayor Fortune ask for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Alderman Milne so motioned, seconded by Aldermen Eisenhauer and the regular meeting was adjourned at 7:59 pm.

Drafted By:



Paula Dries
Assistant City Clerk

Date of Approval:

12-7-22

ATTEST:



Frank Johnson
City Clerk/Administrator



Russ Fortune,
Mayor, Board of Aldermen