

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF TWIN OAKS,
TWIN OAKS TOWN HALL
ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MISSOURI
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23, 2022**

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 – absent Lisa Eisenhauer – yea
Dennis Whitmore – yea Tim Stoeckl – yea

Also Present: Frank Johnson, City Clerk/Administrator
Paul Rost, City Attorney
Jeff Blume, Financial Consultant
Shannon W. Creighton Esq. of Gilmore & Bell

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 Tim Stoeckl so motioned, seconded by Alderman Lisa Eisenhauer. 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 Regular Session Minutes of March 2, 2022; the Bills List from February 26 to March 18, 2022; and the Credit Card list from February 1, 2022 to February 28, 2022.

Alderman Eisenhauer motioned to approve the consent agenda seconded by Alderman Stoeckl. The motion passed by a voice vote.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES/COMMISSIONS/CONTRACTORS

Park Committee Report: Alderman Stoeckl reported that the Chili/Bingo event on March 11 was a big success. The Committee raised over \$500 to donate to the Circle of Concern. The committee will be stuffing 2,000 Easter eggs on Saturday, April 9 at the Community Room from 9 a.m.-noon. Twin Oaks annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held on April 17 in Twin Oaks Park from 10 a.m.-noon. Bands for the summer concerts are being finalized and contracts are being sent.

Mayor Fortune requested that someone from the Parks Committee make a presentation to the board and provide additional detail regarding the Story Board Walk for the Twin Oaks Park. This proposal is for a permanent addition to the park. It includes displays that hold pages of children's books that are placed along a path through the park. City Clerk/Administrator Frank Johnson suggested that the committee look into an Arts Grant to supplement the cost of this project.

The March 10 meeting also included the election of officers: Joe Krewson-Chairman, Zach Martin-Vice Chairman and Connie Fortune-secretary.

Financial Statements: Financial Consultant Jeff Blume reported that the City's current balance sheet is strong. Mr. Blume believes the strength is aided by inflation as well as an increase in revenue that happens at the beginning of every year due to how the sales tax distribution formula works and the backlog of revenue still coming in from the State. Grants have been added as a new line item to reflect the funds received from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). Expenditures are running about the same as compared to last year with the exception of an increase in insurance premiums and administrative costs.

Alderman Whitmore asked if the city has seen a change in the tax distribution due to Twin Oaks population increase. City Clerk/Administrator Frank Johnson confirmed that the new census numbers have gone into effect as of January but that it is difficult to determine the exact impact.

PRELIMINARY CITIZEN COMMENTS

There were no preliminary citizen comments.

NEW BUSINESS

Bill No. 22-06: An Ordinance Authorizing the Execution of Certain Supplemental Documents in connection with the City of Twin Oaks, Missouri's Certificates of Participation (City of Twin Oaks, Missouri Lessee), Series 2017. Shannon W. Creighton of Gilmore & Bell presented the finalized amended lease and terms to the Board and gave an explanation of each document, answered questions from the Board regarding the new terms. Mayor Fortune asked for any additional questions regarding Bill No. 22-06. Alderman Denise Whitmore motioned to approve Bill No. 22-06, seconded by Alderman Eisenhauer, and the motion passed on a roll call vote as follows: Alderman Milne-absent, Alderman Eisenhauer-yea, Alderman Whitmore-yea, and Alderman Stoeckl-yea. Mayor Fortune stated that Bill No. 22-06 being duly passed becomes Ordinance No. 22-06.

Bill No. 22-07: An Ordinance approving Insurance Proposals by C.J. Thomas, Inc. City Clerk/Administrator Johnson stated that the City's insurance policy was updated to include 50 Crescent Ave. and the new City Truck. The insurance to cover replacement cost in City Hall was also increased to reflect the increased value of City Hall and inflation. Mayor Fortune asked for any questions regarding Bill No. 22-07. Alderman Lisa Eisenhauer motioned to approve Bill No. 22-07, seconded by Alderman Whitmore, and the motion passed on a roll call vote as follows:

Alderman Milne-absent, Alderman Eisenhower-yea, Alderman Whitmore-yea, and Alderman Stoeckl-yea. Mayor Fortune stated that Bill No. 22-07 being duly passed becomes Ordinance No. 22-07.

Resolution No. 2022-08: A Resolution of the Twin Oaks Board of Aldermen approving an agreement DJM Ecological Services Inc. for Landscape Renovations in Twin Oaks Park.

City Clerk/ Administrator Johnson stated that the landscaping around the gazebo has been deteriorating and this agreement will have DJM shore up the area surrounding the Gazebo and leading up to the pond. Mayor Fortune asked for any questions regarding Resolution No. 2022-08. Alderman Eisenhower motioned to approve Resolution No. 2022-08, seconded by Alderman Stoeckl. The motion passed by a voice vote.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

2022 Fireworks Display Proposal: City Clerk/Administrator Johnson and Mayor Fortune presented to the board the latest pricing proposal from J&M Displays. J&M had conversations with both City Clerk/Administrator Johnson and Mayor Fortune regarding the price increase. The final contract stated a cost of \$30,000 for 2022 and to revisit the cost for 2023 to determine if the price would be reduced. Discussion ensued and the Board agreed to the 2022 cost increase. The board requested a contract agreeing to the increase expense for 2022 but returning to the original contracted rate of \$26,900 for 2023. The board requested an addendum to the contract stating that if J&M Displays are unable to meet the contract cost they need to notify Twin Oaks by November of 2022. Alderman Stockel motioned to amend the contract with J&M Displays, seconded by Alderman Whitmore. Motion passed by a voice vote.

Spring Leaf Pickup: There was a brief discussion regarding having a spring leaf pick up for the City. City Clerk/Administrator Frank Johnson gave the cost details of labor and disposal for this project. Alderman Eisenhower motioned to have a Spring Leaf Pick-up, seconded by Alderman Whitmore. Motion passed by a voice vote. City Clerk/Administrator Frank Johnson was directed to call and schedule the cleanup.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

There was no Attorney's report.

CITY CLERK'S REPORT

City Clerk/Administrator Johnson referred the Board to his written report and provided a summary of its contents. He stated that a letter was mailed to residents on March 6 informing them of the upcoming citywide code enforcement review and added that he would be meeting the inspector ahead of the sweep. He also informed the Board that work has begun on the Aldi renovation of the former Shop n' Save.

MAYOR & ALDERMEN COMMENTS

Mayor Fortune briefly discussed the upcoming election on April 5, 2022. He also asked for the Aldermanic Board meeting dates to be moved for the month of April. The Board agreed to the changes and the meeting will be held on April 13 and 27.

City Clerk/Administrator Johnson asked the Board members to share any photos of events and gatherings in Twin Oaks with him. The photos are appreciated and will enhance the City's website and newsletter.

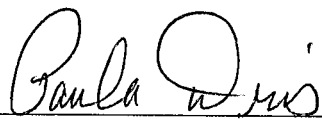
Alderman Stoeckl asked about restarting a shredder truck event to be held at City Hall. The board directed City Clerk/Administrator Johnson to look into holding the event.

FINAL CITIZEN COMMENTS

There were no citizen comments

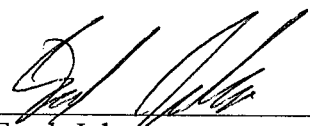
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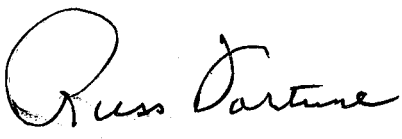
There being no further business, Mayor Russ Fortune adjourned the regular meeting at 8:08 p.m.

Drafted By: 
Paula Dries
Assistant City Clerk

Date of Approval: 4.13.22

ATTEST:


Frank Johnson
City Clerk/Administrator


Russ Fortune,
Mayor, Board of Aldermen