

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF TWIN OAKS,  
TWIN OAKS TOWN HALL  
ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MISSOURI  
WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 21, 2023**

Mayor Russ Fortune called the meeting of the Twin Oaks Board of Aldermen to order at 7:00 p.m. Roll Call was taken:

Mayor: Russ Fortune – yea

Aldermen: April Milne – yea                      Lisa Eisenhauer – yea  
              Dennis Whitmore – yea                Tim Stoeckl – yea

Also Present: Paul Rost, City Attorney  
              Dave Watson, City 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 of the Agenda. Alderman Eisenhauer so motioned, seconded by Alderman Whitmore. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

**APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA**

Mayor Fortune asked for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of Regular Meeting Minutes from February 7, 2024; Work Session Minutes from February 7, 2024, Bills List from February 3, 2024 to February 16, 2024 and Credit Card Statement for January 2024. Assistant City Clerk, Paula Dries mentioned to the Board that there was a last minute addition to the bills list. With no further questions or comments Alderman Eisenhauer motioned to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Alderman Milne. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

**REPORT OF COMMITTEES/COMMISSION/CONTRACTORS**

**Financial Statements:** Financial consultant David Watson reviewed the financial report for the month ending January 31, 2024. He explained that expenditures are up due to the snow removal costs and that sales revenue have been lower for the beginning of 2024. He stated that even with those fluctuations the City's financial standing is strong.

**FY2024 Budget Transmittal Letter:** Mr. Watson submitted a draft of the budget letter to the Board. This Annual Statement is submitted with the Twin Oaks budget as a narrative summary of the City's revenues and expenditures.

**Park Committee:** Mr. Joe Krewson presented the Park Committee Report. He reviewed the Bingo/Chili event, stating it was a huge success doubling the money raised for Circle of Concern from 2023. He reminded the Board that Twin Oaks Easter Egg Hunt will be held on March 30, 2024. He stated that the Park Committee will be discussing details for the Egg Hunt at the next meeting on March 14 and reminded everyone that volunteers will be needed for egg stuffing and egg hiding. He then reviewed upcoming events that included concerts and movie nights. Mr. Krewson presented a map of proposed lighting in the park. He stated that with planned upgrades to the electrical systems in the park, now would be a great opportunity to upgrade the lighting. The plan presented includes additional lighting, and upgrading the solar lights to electric lights. Mayor Fortune mentioned applying for a Park Grant to help offset the cost for upgrades. He asked that the Park Committee offer ideas that can be included in the Park Grant Application.

### **CITIZEN COMMENTS**

No Citizen Comments.

### **PUBLIC HEARING**

**Amendments to Chapter 405.120 of the City of Twin Oaks Municipal Code Pertaining to Subdivision Regulations.** Mayor Fortune opened the Public Hearing at 7:23 pm and asked City Attorney to elaborate on the proposed Amendment. City Attorney, Paul Rost explained the proposed amendment stating that the current subdivision regulations do not address sidewalks for new subdivision developments and that this amendment states that any new development will provide sidewalks. Following questions and comments Mayor Fortune closed the Public Hearing at 7:25 pm.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**Resolution No. 2024-06: A Resolution of the Twin Oaks Board of Aldermen Approving an Agreement with TRC Outdoor L LLC for Concrete Planter Box Repair.** Mayor Fortune reviewed the proposal for repair of the planter boxes on the south side of the intersection at 141/ Big Bend. The Board had requested costs for a more extensive repair that included removing and disposing of all soil and construction and installation of planter boxes. Mayor Fortune received two bids and both showed costs of over \$15,000 to complete this project. Discussion ensued and the Board decided to go with the original bid stating that the additional cost was prohibitive at this time. Alderman Eisenhauer motioned to approve Resolution No. 2024-06, seconded by Alderman Stoeckl. Resolution No. 2024-06 passed by a unanimous voice vote.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Bill No. 24-03: An Ordinance Approving Text Amendment to the Subdivision Regulations, Section 405.120 of the Municipal Code of the City of Twin Oaks, Pertaining to New**



**Developments.** Mayor Fortune read Bill No. 24-03. There being no questions or comments Mayor Fortune read Bill No. 24-03 a second time. Alderman Eisenhower motioned to approve Bill No. 24-03, seconded by Alderman Milne. The motion passed on a roll call vote as follows: Alderman Eisenhower-yea, Alderman Stoeckl-yea, Alderman Milne-yea, and Alderman Whitmore-yea. Mayor Fortune stated that Bill No. 24-03 being duly passed becomes Ordinance No. 24-03.

### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**Intersection Tree Treatments:** Mayor Fortune presented to the Board the three different bids (Gamma, Omni, and Davey) for care of the Cyprus trees at the intersection of 141/Big Bend. He stated the three bids had various choices for care and a wide range of costs. Following a brief discussion the Board agreed to award Davey Tree Experts the bid as they had cared for the trees in the past with success and the Davey bid seemed to best capture the services the City was seeking. Alderman Whitmore motioned to award the tree care service contract to Davey Tree to care for the trees at the price and terms specified in the bid, seconded by Alderman Stoeckl. The motion passed on a unanimous voice vote.

**Radar Signs:** Mayor Fortune presented an option for replacement the City's current Radar Signs. He mentioned using a "stealth" system to gather data on speed, explaining that they can are smaller, mobile and do not have a digital display. These signs still record speed data but offer the ability to be moved wherever needed throughout Twin Oaks. City Attorney, Rost mentioned that the City explore borrowing a sign from County Police to test data collection and durability. Officer Wehner will check with the precinct on availability.

### **ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

No Attorney Report at this time

### **MAYOR & ASSISTANT CLERK REPORT**

Mayor Fortune and Assistant City Clerk Dries referred the Board to their written report and provided a summary of its contents. Mayor Fortune has met with Dale Sign Co. regarding new Welcome Signs for Twin Oaks. Dale Sign will present options to the Board at the next Alderman meeting on March 6, 2024. A new Park Entrance sign has been installed on Crescent Ave. Mayor Fortune presented the option of having a landscape company come and take a look at the Boly Entrance and give options for plants and flowers to enhance the entrance. Assistant City Clerk Dries completed the filing of the Boundary Maps and contacted Too Creative for a quote on four additional Banners.

Mayor Fortune asked for a motion to approve the purchase of new banners from Too Creative. Alderman Milne motioned to approve purchase of four new banners, seconded by Alderman Whitmore. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

Mayor Fortune shared a quote received for replacement of the marimba bars in the park and asked if the Board wanted to move forward with purchasing these parts. Alderman Whitmore motioned

to purchase replacement parts for the marimbas from Sound Play in the amount of \$1768, seconded by Alderman Eisenhauer. The motion passed by a unanimous voice vote.

### **MAYOR & ALDERMEN COMMENTS**

Alderman Eisenhauer reported that her family has recovered from the Flu and was unable to attend the Chili/Bingo event due to the illness.

Alderman Stoeckl mentioned that a resident approached him asking if there was a date for a Shred Event. Assistant City Clerk Dries will contact Secure Document Destruction about scheduling a Shred Event for this spring.

Alderman Milne mentioned that there has been legislation introduced regarding banning LPR cameras and wanted the Board to be aware of this effort. She also referred to the large amount of legislation aimed at lowering taxes and asked the Board if they would be interested in discussing or pursuing lowering the Vehicle Sales Tax in Twin Oaks.

Alderman Whitmore commented about proposed St. Louis County legislation for auto repair shops to crack down on expired temporary license plate tags. Mayor Fortune added that real purpose may be to allow repair shops to ask for payment of fifty percent down to ensure that the repair shops recoup charges for their services.

Mayor Fortune shared that the Citizen Police Academy has begun with twenty participants. He communicated that interviews have begun for the part-time Park Position. He also shared Food Sales Tax information with the Board and if it is eliminated how it would affect Twin Oaks.

### **FINAL CITIZEN COMMENTS**

No citizen comments

### **CLOSED SESSION**

Mayor Fortune asked for a motion to move into closed session pursuant to Chapter 610 RSMo for the purpose of dealing with matters relating to the following: Section 610.021(1); Legal actions, causes of action, litigation or privileged communications between the City's representatives and its attorney; Section 610.021(3), hiring, firing, disciplining, or promoting employees when personal information about the employee is discussed or recorded; and Section 610.021(13), individually identifiable personnel records, performance ratings or records pertaining to employees or applicants for employment. Alderman Eisenhauer so motioned, seconded by Alderman Whitmore. The motion pass on a roll call vote as follows: Alderman Milne-yea, Alderman Whitmore-yea, Alderman Stoeckl-yea and Alderman Eisenhauer-yea. The Board moved into Closed Session at 8:01 pm.



### ADJOURNMENT

The Board returned from closed session at 8:28 p.m. There being no further business Mayor Fortune asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Alderman Whitmore so motioned, seconded by Alderman Stoeckl and the regular meeting was adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

Drafted By: \_\_\_\_\_


  
Paula Dries

Assistant City Clerk

Date of Approval: \_\_\_\_\_

3-10-24

ATTEST:



Paula Dries

Assistant City Clerk



Russ Fortune,

Mayor