

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF TWIN OAKS,
TWIN OAKS TOWN HALL
ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MISSOURI
WEDNESDAY APRIL 17, 2024**

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

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 approval of the Agenda. Alderman Dennis Whitmore motioned to approve the Agenda, seconded by Alderman Lisa Eisenhauer. 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 April 3, 2024; Closed Session Minutes from April 3, 2024, Bills List from March 30, 2024 to April 12, 2024; Credit Card Statement for March 2024 and Board of Aldermen Closed Meeting Minutes from March 14, 2024. Assistant City Clerk, Paula Dries noted an addition to the bills list. With no questions or comments Alderman Tim Stoeckl motioned to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Alderman April Milne. On voice vote the motion was announced passed.¹

REPORT OF COMMITTEES/COMMISSION/CONTRACTORS

Financial Statements: Financial Consultant, Dave Watson presented Twin Oaks Financial Statement ending March 31, 2024. He stated that Revenues are showing a decline due to sales and property tax collections being lower at this time. He further explained that properties were assessed and that the commercial properties are protesting that assessment so commercial property tax

¹ Alderman Milne abstained from voting on the Closed Session Minutes.

collections are lagging behind. He continued to explain that the sales tax collection has been lower due to a lag in reporting but rebound throughout the year. Expenditures are up due to an increase in snow and ice removal for this winter. He commented that even with the minor deficits that we are seeing the City is still in line with its budget.

Park Committee: Mr. Jim Crawford, a member of the Park Committee, presented the Park Committee report. He reviewed the Easter Egg Hunt commenting that there were 38,000 eggs hidden and all were found in four minutes. He mentioned that there was lots of positive feedback regarding this event. He reminded the Board of the upcoming Movie Night on May 10, 2024 and that all concerts for the summer have bands booked.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Community Input-Twin Oaks Park Grant Application: Mayor Fortune opened the Park Grant Application discussion for Community Input. Mr. Crawford presented a number of proposals that were discussed in the Park Committee Meeting on April 19, 2024. He presented several ideas that included resurfacing the tennis court; adding pickle ball courts; removing the tennis court and creating a reflective nature area; lighting improvements throughout the park and upgrading and resurfacing the existing entrance road to the park. Mayor Fortune commented that he has met with a company regarding the tennis courts. He presented cost estimates for both repair and replacement of the Tennis Court ranging from \$13,000 to \$300,000 respectively. He expressed his concern with the deteriorating condition of the Hartzog Lane and the path leading to the park. He will consult with BFA on offering options for the Board to consider. Discussion ensued regarding the various proposals. Mayor Fortune reminded the Board that no decision needs to be made at this time and asks for continued Board and Community Input as BFA prepares the application for submittal.

OLD BUSINESS

No Old Business

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution No. 2024-08: A Resolution of the Board of Aldermen Approving and Authorizing Mayor to Execute a Second Revision to the Consultant Services contract with O.R. Colan Associates, LLC for Right of Way Acquisition Services. Mayor Fortune read Resolution No. 2024-08. City Attorney, Paul Rost explained that this is a revised contract clarifying the work completed by O.R. Colan and once approved completed agreements will be properly filed and the City will be invoiced for the completed contract. Alderman Eisenhower motioned to approve Resolution No. 2024-08, seconded by Alderman Whitmore. Resolution No. 2024-08 passed on a unanimous voice vote.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

City Welcome Signs: Assistant City Clerk, Paula Dries, presented options to the Board for the Welcome signs that offered various fonts. Discussion ensued and the Board agreed on Option E2.5 and instructed Assistant City Clerk Dries to order six new City Welcome signs.

Sign Regulation Revision: City Attorney, Paul Rost reviewed with the Board the proposed changes to the Twin Oaks Fencing Code. He presented changes for the Board to review that included updating the definitions for various types of fencing, changes to the Code that amend the types of fencing allowed, height variances, and replacement timetables. Discussion ensued and the Board agreed with all the proposed changes and Mr. Rost will have the new Ordinance ready for the Board at the May 1st meeting.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

No Attorney Report.

MAYOR & ASSISTANT CITY CLERK'S REPORT

Assistant City Clerk, Dries informed the Board that Harvey's has completed work on Golden Oak, weeding and adding mulch.

She mentioned that Parkway School District was holding its first in-service day for all students and that she was contacted by Parkway South to see if Twin Oaks could host students for this community event. She said that Parkway South is sending ten students to Twin Oaks Park to assist where needed on Thursday, April 18 from 8-12.

She announced that Twin Oaks has received the recognition as Tree City USA just in time for our Arbor Day Celebration on Tuesday, April 23. Mayor Fortune will be out of town and Alderman Milne will be hosting the ceremonies that will begin at 11:00.

She concluded that there was a representative from the Red Cross inquiring if the City would be interested in hosting a Blood Drive this summer in the Community Room. The Board was in favor of hosting an event and instructed Ms. Dries to ask for dates and times.

MAYOR & ALDERMEN COMMENTS


Alderman Stoeckl inquired about work being done at 66 and 76 Crescent Ave. He expressed his concern regarding run off and property boundary's since the property backs up the Twin Oaks Park. Officer John Wehner stated that surveyors have been out at the properties and Mayor Fortune stated that the owners have applied for a Land Disturbance Permit with St Louis County.

FINAL CITIZEN COMMENTS

No final citizen comments.


ADJOURNMENT


There being no further business Mayor Fortune asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Alderman Eisenhauer so motioned, seconded by Alderman Stoeckl and the regular meeting was adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Drafted By: 
Paula Dries
Assistant City Clerk

Date of Approval: 5.1.24

ATTEST:


Paula Dries
Assistant City Clerk


Russ Fortune,
Mayor, Board of Aldermen