# MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF TWIN OAKS, TWIN OAKS TOWN HALL ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MISSOURI WEDNESDAY, JULY 6, 2022

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 – absent

Dennis Whitmore – yea

Tim Stoeckl -yea

Also Present: Frank Johnson, City Clerk/Administrator

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 approve the agenda. Alderman Dennis Whitmore so motioned, seconded by Alderman April Milne. 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 June 5, 2022, and the Bills list from June 11 through July 1, 2022. Alderman Whitmore noted that a correction was needed in the minutes. Notes to make the change were made and Alderman Whitmore motioned to approve the Minutes as amended, seconded by Alderman Milne. The motion passed by a voice vote.

### REPORT OF COMMITTEES/COMMISSIONS/CONTRACTORS

**Police Report:** Officer John Wehner reported on police activity for the month of June. Alderman Milne asked for details on reported graffiti at the Twin Oaks Park. Officer Wehner reported that graffiti was found on two of the playground slides and on one of the upright post at the beginning of June. Mayor Fortune noted that the new bike for Officer Wehner arrived and was used at the Fireworks Event. The Board asked if there were any incidents during the July Fireworks event, Officer Wehner reported that there were no incidents that involved police. Mayor Fortune thanked County Police and the Park Staff for their long hours of work to prepare and work the Fireworks event on July 3.

### PRELIMNARY CITIZEN COMMENTS

Deb Lavender introduced herself to the Board and announced that she will be running for State Representative for our District 99. Trish Gunby, the City's current Representative, is running for a higher office and Ms. Lavender will be running for Trish Gunby's seat. Ms. Lavender commented on the wonderful fireworks display and the beauty of the Twin Oaks Park.

# **NEW BUSINESS**

There were no New Business Items on the agenda for this meeting.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Resolution No. 2022-16: A Resolution of the Twin Oaks Board of Aldermen Approving an Agreement with Thouvenot, Wade & Moerchen, Inc. for Bridge Inspection Services. City Clerk/Administrator Johnson reviewed with the Board a previous resolution regarding having a structural engineering firm come and do a complete assessment on the bridge in Twin Oaks Park. City Clerk/Administrator Johnson collected additional information as instructed by the Board. The Board reviewed a detailed summery of all costs. Examples were submitted by TMW (Thouvenot, Wade & Moerchen, Inc.) of previous projects. Following a discussion the Board agreed that the 25-year-old bridge did need to have a complete exam and have structural engineers propose what would be the next course of action. Alderman Whitmore made the motion to adopt Resolution No. 2022-16, seconded by Alderman Stoeckl. The resolution passed by a voice vote of three yea and one absent.

#### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**Prosecuting Attorney RFP:** City Clerk/Administrator Johnson presented to the Board the proposals that have been received for the position of Prosecuting Attorney for the City of Twin Oaks. All the submissions have impressive resumes and experience. Cost, location, experience were all discussed and reviewed by the Board. Alderman Milne motioned to prepare an offer to Tim Engelmeyer, seconded by Alderman Whitmore. The motioned passed by a voice vote of three yea and one absent.

**Accounting Services RFP:** City Clerk/Administrator Johnson reported that the accountant that that responded to the City's initial RFP is no longer accepting new clients at this time. The Board discussed and determined that it still wants to pursue local accounting firm options. City Clerk/Administrator Johnson was instructed to reissue an RFP request for Accounting Services.

Crescent Ave Sidewalk Project-Grant Funding: City Clerk/Administrator Johnson presented a Grant program through East-West Gateway that could enhance the Crescent Road Sidewalk Project. The Transportation Alternative Grant is used specifically for enhancement of a City's infrastructure. This Grant has the potential to have the Crescent Road Project be larger and more comprehensive. City Clerk/Administrator Johnson met with East-West Gateway for a project review. The drawback to applying for this Grant would be the timeline to complete the work, and

the City would need to revise the plans for the sidewalk to comply with all the federal guidelines and be more competitive.

The Board then discussed another grant opportunity through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) that would fund the stormwater-related portion of the project. Following a discussion, the Board decided that the ARPA grant would be a better opportunity for the immediate project and instructed City Clerk/Administrator Johnson to apply, and to consider the Transportation Alternative Grant for potential future sidewalk projects.

# ATTORNEY'S REPORT

City Attorney Paul Rost: City Attorney Paul Rost requested a P&Z meeting for the month of July. The committee will need to update the code to allow manufacturing on site for home-based businesses. This will bring the City in compliance with new state legislation.

# **CITY CLERK'S REPORT**

City Clerk/Administrator Johnson referred the Board to his written report and provided a summary of its contents.

# **MAYOR & ALDERMEN COMMENTS**

Alderman Whitmore reported a street light that was dim on Autumn Leaf Dr. He also asked if there is any pavement repair scheduled for Boly Lane.

# **FINAL CITIZEN COMMENTS**

There were no final citizen comments.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business Mayor Fortune ask for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Alderman Milne so motioned, seconded by Aldermen Whitmore and the regular meeting was adjourned at 8:19 pm.

Drafted By:

Paula Dries

Assistant City Clerk

Date of Approval:

7-20-22

ATTEST:

Frank Johnson

City Clerk/Administrator

Russ Fortune,

Mayor, Board of Aldermen