

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF TWIN OAKS,
VIRTURAL MEETING
ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MISSOURI
TUESDAY, APRIL 28, 2020**

The special meeting of the Twin Oaks Board of Aldermen was called to order at 2:00 p.m.
Roll Call was taken:

Mayor: Russ Fortune-yea

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

Also Present: Frank Johnson, City Clerk
Jeff Blume, Financial Consultant
Lindsay Weiss-Smith, Weiss Design Group
Paul Rost, City Attorney

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Mayor Fortune asked if there were any changes to the agenda. Hearing none, Alderman Whitmore motioned to approve the Agenda, seconded by Alderman Milne. The motion passed by a voice vote.

SPECIAL DISCUSSION-TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
GRANT

Mayor Fortune stated that an email was received from the Transportation Improvement Program Grant wanting confirmation from the City they would still want to proceed with the Grant process considering the economic environment that has developed due to Covid-19.

Mayor Fortune reviewed his thoughts concerning the pros and cons of proceeding with the Grant. The project cost is approximately one million dollars and the City is responsible for \$200,000.00 of the total cost. The City will pay for the project as the project goes along and will be reimbursed by Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT).

Jeff Blume, Financial Consultant, confirmed that the City will front the money for the project. They will submit payment documentation and will be reimbursed within 60 days. Mr. Blume stated that at this time the City has not seen a tremendous loss in taxes. The City does have time to save for the balloon payment for City Hall which will be due in 7 years.

Mayor Fortune stated this could be a good opportunity for the City to receive money to do a project that the Board has been looking at for many years.

Alderman Whitmore stated that he felt the City should proceed with the Grant. The City will be getting reimbursed as the project progresses and feels this seems to be the best of circumstances to receive the Grant.

Alderman Stoeckl stated that he had reservations about proceeding with the Grant but since the City will be getting reimbursed on a regular basis he also felt that this was a great opportunity to receive funds to do a project that will be a benefit to the Community.

Alderman Milne agreed with Alderman Whitmore. She feels that the City will be able to weather any potential economic downturn since most of the City's revenue comes from Schnucks and Walgreens.

Alderman Eisenhower was also in agreement and felt this was the best time to receive the Grant money. It will benefit the Community and increase the safety element.

Alderman Whitmore verified that the entire project will be on the north side of Crescent Avenue and if the City will need to acquire easements from the residents along the north side of Crescent Avenue. Lindsay Weiss-Smith of Weiss Design Group stated the main focus of the first year will be engineering and acquiring easements. She stated that there are many ways to go about acquiring an easement. She will provide to the City a summary of these options.

Mayor Fortune added that the City will hold at least two Public Meetings so the Community is well informed of the project.

Mayor Fortune asked the Board for a motion to respond back to the TIP Committee that the City would like to proceed with the Grant process. Alderman Milne motioned to proceed with the Grant process, seconded by Alderman Whitmore. The motion passed on a voice vote.

Attorney Rost stated that there are specific guidelines to follow when a City receives Grant money when acquiring easements. He will review this with the Board.

Mayor Fortune stated that he and City Clerk Johnson felt it would be in the best interest of the Board to hold the May 6th Board Meeting virtually. They are hoping that by the May 20th Board meeting it can be held in the Board chambers.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Alderman Eisenhower motioned to adjourn the regular meeting at 2:22 p.m., seconded by Alderman Stoeckl and the motion passed with the unanimous consent of the Board of those present.

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Date of Approval: May 6, 2020

ATTEST:

Frank Johnson
Frank Johnson,
City Clerk

Russ Fortune
Russ Fortune,
Mayor, Board of Aldermen