

MONDAY, AUGUST 20, 2018 – 7:30 P.M.
BOARD OF ALDERMEN
MINUTES

MAYOR RICHARD MAGEE
ALDERMAN PAUL ROETTGER ALDERMAN AARON NAUMAN
ALDERMAN TOM SCHOEMEHL ALDERMAN BERRY LANE
ALDERMAN MIKE BAUGUS ALDERMAN JOHN SCHUSTER

CITY ATTORNEY, JIM HETLAGE
CITY ADMINISTRATOR, BEN DECLUE
POLICE CHIEF, JEFFREY BEATON
DEPUTY CITY CLERK, JOANNE CARR

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:31 PM by Mayor Magee

ROLL CALL

Present: Alderman Lane, Alderman Schuster, Alderman Nauman,
Alderman Baugus, Alderman Schoemehl, Alderman Roettger

Absent: None

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM AUGUST 6, 2018

Mayor Magee asked if there were any changes or corrections to the Board minutes from August 6, 2018. There being none, he asked for a motion. Alderman Lane moved approval of the minutes as submitted. Alderman Baugus seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Molly Frank, 59 Berrywood Drive

Ms. Frank reported that she was concerned about the intersection near her home on Berrywood Drive, noting that street construction was ending, school started, and many small kids and families reside near the busy intersection. Ms. Frank stated that recently, a Ford Explorer was seen near the intersection driving erratically, and was very concerned about the need for a traffic sign at the intersection. Ms. Frank noted that she was aware that a speed study was conducted at the intersection, but would continue to attend the BOA meetings until something was done at the intersection.

Mr. DeClue reported that he met with Mr. Jones, the Superintendent of Public Works, noting that the department was short handed, but agreed that now was a good time to do something about the situation.

Ms. Frank noted that there one yield sign at this time in the area. Ms. Frank stated that a good place for a stop sign would be at the first right on Berrywood coming west from Berry Road, noting that there are double the amount of cars coming from that direction, and it was a blind curve. Ms. Frank also asked if a 'No Cut Through' sign could be placed at the entrance to the subdivision off Berry Road.

Alderman Roettger stated a temporary sign could be erected, but was not sure where the best place would be to position the sign.

Chief Beaton stated that the intersection was not a traditional intersection, and added that he would meet with Mr. Jones to review the area for the best positioning of a sign. Chief Beaton noted that they might add striping on the road as well.

Ms. Frank stated that she was aware of Mr. Jones schedule, but appreciated his work in the regard.

Mr. Hetlage stated that the Board of Aldermen would need to amend the code by ordinance.

Ms. Frank reported that on a separate note, the Berrywood trustees met concerning the honeysuckle growing in the area, and asked for information about the City easement measurements, noting that the trustees wanted to cut back more of the honeysuckle in the area.

Mr. DeClue stated that he would check the records.

Alderman Roettger noted that there are some residents who might like the honeysuckle in place, for privacy sake, adding that issue should be considered before removing the bushes.

Mr. DeClue stated that Alderman Schuster was on the Tree Board, noting that the easement could be easily measured at 24 Berrywood Drive.

Ms. Frank thanked the Board and appreciated their consideration in both matters.

Mr. DeClue reported that the next agenda item required the appointment of a Building Commissioner, and recommended that the City Administrator be appointed and Ms. Carr be relieved of the duty.

Mayor Magee noted that Ms. Carr had been appointed the acting Building Commissioner prior to the hiring of City Administrator DeClue, and thanked Ms. Carr for her service.

Alderman Schuster motioned for the appointment of Mr. DeClue as Building Commissioner. Alderman Lane seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

Mayor Magee also thanked Chief Beaton for his efforts during his tenure as Acting City Administrator.

DISCUSSION: REPLACE MASS COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM

Mr. DeClue reported that a meeting was held with Mayor Magee and Chief Beaton concerning the current Nixle communication system whose contract is up for renewal, noting that the City did not utilize the system at all. Mr. DeClue stated that they discussed the Siren GPS system which costs \$1,500.00 compared to the Nixle system which costs \$5,000.00. Mr. DeClue stated that the City selected the Nixle system following the previous ADT system, which was similar, but allowed the City to move to social media, twitter, Facebook, etc for communication. Mr. DeClue stated that the City hardly used this system, noting that it would be prudent to change to something less expensive. Mr. DeClue added that he would like an answer because of the upcoming contract renewal, and recommended cancelling the contract and research a new program.

Alderman Roettger asked if there would be any gaps during the interim and noted that the Board would not want to rely solely on social media.

Chief Beaton reported that residents were required to sign up for Nixle, and noted that few residents had signed up. Chief Beaton stated that the city had a contract with ADT for a long time, noting that many residents had signed up for their program.

Alderman Lane noted that in the case of a water main break, the water company would make the calls to the residents.

Mr. DeClue stated that there would be some use for the system, noting the opening of the City facilities as a shelter during a tornado as an example, adding that it could be more costly.

Alderman Nauman stated that an article could be included in the Glendale guide, and noted that information could be included for those without social media including ways to opt in for those circumstances.

Alderman Schoemehl asked if the system was limited to the land line.

Mr. DeClue stated that it was not only limited to the landline.

Alderman Schuster noted that there was a Siren GPS application available for phones that could connect with the East Central and West County reporting system.

Chief Beaton stated that Captain Catlett did the research, noting that many cities were going to the Siren GPS.

Alderman Schuster noted that the advantage was the coordination with the cell phone instead of a cell tower.

Mr. Hetlage stated that Fair St. Louis used the Siren GPS system based on phone location, and noted that it had all the features Alderman Schuster talked about.

Captain Catlett noted that it was a St. Louis based product.

Alderman Schoemehl stated that a motion be made to cancel the existing Nixle contract.

Mayor Magee asked for a motion to cancel the existing contract with Nixle and research acquiring a Siren GPS system as the targeted replacement.

Alderman Lane motioned for the cancellation of the Nixle contract and commence research acquiring a Siren GPS system as the replacement. Alderman Schuster seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

DISCUSSION: SCHOOL CROSSING GUARD

Mr. DeClue reported that the City had been advertising for the position on various social media sites including Nextdoor Glendale, noting that there had been no applicants to date. Mr. DeClue stated that the Police Officers were providing assistance, noting that there had been discussion with North Glendale about using different staff members to act as crossing guards. Mr. DeClue wondered what the BOA's thoughts were concerning the future of the position, noting that it pays only \$8.00 per hour.

Mayor Magee stated that was the problem, and needed to consider increasing the hourly rate if we hoped to hire someone.

Alderman Baugus asked how this compared with other school districts.

Chief Beaton stated he would check into it.

Chief Beaton stated that Glendale was one of the few cities that still hired the crossing guard, noting that when he was in Shrewsbury, they discontinued the position, noting that the issue of hiring a private school guard was part of the reason it was discontinued. Chief Beaton stated that alternative staff to take on the role at the majority of schools. Chief Beaton suggested that there be two discussions items, 1) increase hourly rate; 2) should the City ask the schools to hire their own crossing guard or use their own personnel.

Mayor Magee stated that he would urge the school district to provide the personnel.

Chief Beaton stated that there had been conversations with Mary Queen of Peace school as well as North Glendale, noting that the Catholic school is in Webster Groves, but the crossing point was in Glendale.

Chief Beaton stated that the City had budgeted \$3,500.00 for 2.5 hours per shift, twice a day, noting that it represents a little commitment each day. Chief Beaton noted that it was a challenge

to arrive early at MQP, and then race to N. Glendale for the job, adding it was a challenge for Mr. Dygaard.

Alderman Roettger stated that the City did not need to be unique in helping the school.

Mr. DeClue stated that it was a quaint idea, but understood the need to eliminate the position.

Ms Frank stated that she appreciated that the police stepped up for the beginning of the school year, and managed the crosswalk.

Mayor Magee noted that the City's concern for safety was on an advisory level, and asked Chief Beaton to approach both schools with all the facts.

Chief Beaton stated he would do so.

TREASURER'S REPORT - JULY, 2018

Mr. DeClue noted that the Treasurer's Report was in the BOA packets, and would be happy to answer any questions. Mr. DeClue noted that he would introduce the report.

Alderman Roettger stated that the Board should consider asking Mr. Risby to make a presentation at a future meeting.

Alderman Schuster stated that could take place at the beginning/end of the fiscal year, with Mr. Lawrence in attendance.

Mayor Magee stated that he was proud that the City had a lay person from the city as our treasurer, noting that the auditor advised what we were supposed to do. Mayor Magee added that he was pleased with all the residents who have acted as a treasurer over the years.

REPORTS

Chief Beaton

None

Mr. DeClue

Mr. DeClue reported on the construction at City Hall, noting that he met with Karen Tokar about the court configuration in the new lobby, noting that Ms. Tokar was concerned about the shared space at the window. Mr. DeClue stated that it has been determined that a court window would be added for the court clerk where a door was planned to be filled in at the administrative offices. Ms. Tokar agreed with the change. Mr. DeClue noted that there would be added cost, but stated that the City would be in compliance with the State.

Mayor Magee noted that the City had received high marks regarding our court personnel and police activities.

Mayor Magee asked if the EOC would be used for court.

Mr. DeClue stated that it would not be used for court, and added that the discussion was about the need for complete separation from administration and police at the transaction window, noting that it would be a “one stop shop” for Ms. Kollmeyer, and it will not be considered an executive space.

Mr. DeClue noted that Ms. Koscielski agreed, and noted that the City would receive a credit because the door way had been planned to be completely sealed.

Mayor Magee asked where Mr. McSweeney would work.

Chief Beaton stated that he would work out of the Police Department and the court room, noting that Mr. McSweeney could use the EOC for consultations if needed.

Mr. Hetlage stated that Mr. McSweeney did handle his business in open court, and added that the EOC was a great space.

Alderman Baugus asked about the status of the ‘purple wall’.

Mr. DeClue stated that the contractors continue with their attempts to solve the problem, and had not seen a report indicated how the issue would be alleviated.

Alderman Schuster stated that the experts had proposed that a replacement grill with a built in baffle be added to reduce the noise, and noted that questions would be asked at the next Wednesday construction meeting.

Mr. DeClue reported that in addition to the sound issue, the contractors had not accounted for the power outlets in the lobby, noting that the contractor was working to find the spots. Mr. DeClue noted that the TV monitor would be moved from the South wall to the East wall, noting that any messages posted on the screen would be seen from the outer windows.

Mr. DeClue reported that he met with St. Louis County concerning the Berry Road sidewalks, noting that the County would be meeting with more residents regarding easements.

They are beginning now and hope to have the easement process completed by the end of the year and wrapped up by the end of next year.

Mr. DeClue reported that he met with Jenni Belding at Glendale Chrysler, walked the fence line, and saw that GC was making good progress with the neighbors. Mr. DeClue noted that GC, cleared out much of the debris, but was waiting for professional support to remove some small trees in the area. Mr. DeClue stated that they were making good progress.

Chief Beaton reminded the Board about the Republic Services Golf Tournament, to be held August 31, and noted that he would speak with Mr. Jones and others about participating.

Alderman Schuster stated he would be an alternate.

Mr. DeClue reported about the recycling article written about the City of Kirkwood's service, and noted that Republic Services' pick up service would not be affected. The City of Glendale's service will continue as it normally would. Mr. DeClue added that at issue was the cleanliness of the product, which was a Chinese requirement, noting that the level of Kirkwood's cleanliness would not work. Mr. DeClue noted that costs would be increasing, but noted that Republic Services had found alternative sources. Mr. DeClue stated that Mr. Lamantia would be sending out new guidelines which would re-educate the residents concerning the proper recycling procedures.

Alderman Lane agreed that all residents needed to be re-educated.

Mr. DeClue stated that the City of Glendale's service was safe for the time being, adding that Republic Services would be assuming some of the Kirkwood recycling.

Mr. DeClue reported that he met with Chief Beaton and Mr. Jones and would be teaming up to write an article concerning the street projects managed by the utilities, including contact information for residents and photographs.

Alderman Schuster

None

Alderman Nauman

Alderman Nauman asked about the Queen Anne project noting that when Mr. Jones was last in attendance, he spoke about the percentage of residents who had signed off on their easements.

Mr. DeClue stated that they were short a couple, and no more than three property owners. Mr. DeClue noted that there was an upcoming meeting with an easement specialist, who would discuss alternatives including the possibility of a soak-away pit.

Alderman Nauman reported that he and Aldermen Baugus had a conversation with Mr. DeClue concerning Northview Ct. residents and their concerns related to the neighboring Jiffy Lube, its security lighting which may be too bright, and a retaining wall which was falling apart. Alderman Nauman talked to residents, informed them about the new City Administrator, and received a substantial photo package which was also given to Mr. DeClue. Alderman Nauman stated that in a few months, he would walk the property again.

Alderman Nauman asked about the status of the dispatch reporting study.

Chief Beaton stated that the software developer would have a report ready at the end of the month which would be reviewed by Captain Catlett.

Alderman Schoemehl

Alderman Schoemehl questioned the application process for grants, and stated that there was concern about Weiss Design and whether or not the City was receiving an adequate return for the investment.

Mr. DeClue stated that he would look into the situation.

Alderman Roettger

None

Alderman Baugus

Alderman Baugus thanked the Police and Fire Departments for their service, noting that they make time to attend end of summer block parties. Alderman Baugus noted that people always say they are thankful for the atmosphere of the city, and added that the visibility of the departments was wonderful.

Alderman Lane

Alderman Lane thanked Mr. DeClue for the report on the “Mayor against Illegal Guns” issue, and asked that Mayor Magee and Mr. DeClue meet to discuss the City’s stance on the issue. Alderman Lane noted that Ms. Cockrell had been very patient to date.

Alderman Lane asked Mr. DeClue to look into a ‘derelict property’ ordinance which would address properties in the City such as 1116 Brownell, and another property on Venneman, and that Mr. DeClue could work with Mr. Hetlage on constructing an ordinance.

Mayor Magee noted that enforcement had been handled by the Police Department, adding that the police cannot enforce code that had no teeth

Alderman Lane asked for an investigation and a move forward, adding that if it were here neighbor, she would be upset.

Chief Beaton added that the code enforcement Officer had been working on a letter to the home owner

Chief Beaton stated that there were letters written regarding code enforcement, and an Officer was currently working on the situation.

Alderman Lane thanked Chief Beaton.

Mayor Magee

None

Chief VanGaasbeek

Chief VanGaasbeek reported that the Fire Department would hold an open house on the Labor Day weekend, which would showcase the building and the new fire truck.

Chief VanGaasbeek noted that the old pumper would be called the 1494 pumper, with the new truck labeled as the existing 1414.

MISCELLANEOUS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Alderman Schuster moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Alderman Schoemehl. The motion was unanimously approved

These minutes are approved as submitted this 4th day September, 2018

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Deputy City Clerk