

MONDAY, JANUARY 7, 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
DEPUTY CITY CLERK, JOANNE CARR

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 PM by Mayor Magee

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Tom Schoemehl

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM DECEMBER 3, 2018

Mayor Magee asked if there were any changes or corrections to the Board minutes from December 3, 2018. There being none, he asked for a motion. Alderman Baugus moved approval of the minutes as submitted. Alderman Lane seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

None

PRESENTATION: PENSION INFORMATION – ALDERMAN ROETTGER

Alderman Roettger opened the presentation with a power point presentation as follows:

Police and Fire Pension Update- January, 2019

“What are we looking to do?”

- Freeze the current Glendale pension plan and move all employees (police & fire) to LAGERS L-6 for future service;
- Move civilian (administration) employees from LAGERS LT-8 TO L-6 (required);
- Have LAGERS administer the frozen Glendale plan;

- Transition the City of Glendale out of the pension administration business.

“What is this going to cost the City?”

- Future service for Police & Fire in LAGERS = \$211,000 annually;
- Upgrade administration employees to LAGERS = \$34,000 annually
- LAGERS administration of frozen Glendale plan = \$770,000;
 - Note: This number gets reduced by \$108,000 for every \$1 million in assets we transfer over from the frozen plan. Currently \$5 million = \$540,000 reduction = net cost \$230,000 in 15 years.
- Total annual cost = \$475,000 (211k + 34k + 230k);
- Current pension tax proceeds = \$135,000;
- Additional funds required = \$340,000 a year.

“How are we going to pay for it?”

- Current pension tax rate of 7.6 cents per \$1000 of assessed value = \$135,000;
- To raise the full \$475,000 we would need a rate of 26-27 cents;
- Prop P funds estimated \$250k-\$300k per year, going to pension;
 - Warson Woods fire contract uncertainty - \$240,000 annually
 - Other Police Department needs;
 - Costs associated with potential Fire Union contract;
 - General Fund Revenues (analyze for future).
- Possible reduction in our costs of other benefits.

“What does going to the voters look like?”

- Going from 7.6 to 27 cents
 - \$300,000 house paying \$43 goes to \$154 -- \$111 increase per year;
 - \$450,000 house paying \$65 goes to \$231 -- \$166 increase per year.
- Webster Groves recently passed an increase from 12 cents to 20 cents
 - This was a \$46 increase for a \$300,000 home;
 - Webster Groves is one of just a few cities that did not pay into Social Security.
- Timing considerations;
 - Economic conditions;
 - School district initiatives;
 - Pension Board recommending Nov 2019 or April 2020 ballot.

Alderman Baugus asked if anyone looked at other cities in addition to Webster Groves.

Alderman Roettger stated that the Board would need to look at Kirkwood and other cities.

Alderman Schuster stated that he appreciated Alderman Roettger’s efforts, and noted that it was useful information for the entire Board. Alderman Schuster also noted that it was good to see hard numbers, adding the plans should continue to move forward.

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TREASURER'S REPORT, NOVEMBER, 2018

Mr. DeClue reported that the report was attached the Board packet.

RESOLUTIONS

R01-19 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A
CONTRACT WITH JOKERST PAVING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION
OF A RETAINING WALL AND EXCAVATION, HAULING, AND
DISPOSAL OF SPOIL MATERIALS RELATED TO SAID WALL
CONSTRUCTION

Alderman Schuster moved approval of Resolution R01-19, with reading by caption only.
Alderman Lane seconded the motion.

Mr. DeClue read the resolution by caption only.

Mayor Magee asked for a report.

Mr. DeClue reported that this was a project approved in budget, noting that the 18 wheeler at the Public Works site used for storage was rotting, and was in an unacceptable condition. Mr. DeClue reported that public works went out for bid, which work included the construction of a retaining wall. Mr. DeClue noted that the project had a budget of \$13,000, and the bid came in at \$8,300.00 which he noted was a significant savings. Mr. DeClue added that although there was only one bidder, the company was well known and reputable. Mr. DeClue stated that the City could not pass on the bid.

Mayor Magee noted that the attached memo from Terry Jones, Superintendent of Public Works, was well written

There being no additional discussion or questions, Mayor Magee called for a vote which was approved unanimously.

R02-19 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH HAPPY
TREE SERVICE FOR REFORESTATION AND ASH TREE PRUNING

Alderman Baugus moved approval of Resolution R02-19, with reading by caption only.
Alderman Roettger seconded the motion.

Mr. DeClue read the resolution by caption only.

Mayor Magee asked for a report.

Mr. DeClue reported that this was work the City agreed to do, and noted that the Trim Grant was a two phase project. Mr. DeClue reported that trees had been selected last year and were currently stored at the Public Works Department. This resolution will allow the second phase of the project to begin. Mr. DeClue recommend entering into the contract with Happy Tree, noting that although the labor was higher, the City had the budgeted funds available due to savings on the purchase of the trees. Mr. DeClue noted that the City would receive \$10,000 from the State.

Alderman Schuster stated that this was a good project.

There being no additional discussion or questions, Mayor Magee called for a vote which was approved unanimously.

REPORTS

Mr. DeClue

Mr. DeClue stated that the Boards and Commission party was a good party, and was well attended. Mr. DeClue also reported that Ms. Koscielski would be attending the next meeting for the dedication of the new building and the presentation of the Dedication plaque. Mr. DeClue noted that the event will begin at 7:00 pm in advance of the January 22 Board of Aldermen meeting.

Alderman Schuster

None

Alderman Nauman

None

Alderman Schoemehl

None

Alderman Roettger

Alderman Baugus

Alderman Baugus thanked Mr. DeClue and Chief Beaton for meeting with the resident about the white sedan before the party, adding that the resident appreciated the meeting. Alderman Baugus also thanked the Police and Fire Departments noting that they had to make a visit to his home, which had a successful outcome.

Alderman Lane

Alderman Lane wished everyone a Happy New Year, and noted that although everyone was still moving in, the offices looked fantastic.

Mayor Magee

Mayor Magee wished everyone a Happy New Year and noted that there was a positive ending to the old year, adding that the completion of the new buildings was exciting.

MISCELLANEOUS

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Alderman Lane moved to adjourn to Executive Session. Alderman Baugus seconded the motion. There being no further questions or discussion, Mayor Magee called for a vote:

Ayes: Alderman Roettger, Alderman Baugus, Alderman Nauman,
Alderman Lane, Alderman Schuster

Nays: None

Not Present: Alderman Schoemehl

ADJOURNMENT

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

These minutes are approved as submitted this 22nd day of January, 2019.

Joanne Carr
Deputy City Clerk