

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2020 7:00 P.M.**  
**BOARD OF ALDERMEN**  
**MINUTES**

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MAYOR MIKE WILCOX

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 7:00 PM by Mayor Wilcox

ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Alderman Nauman, Alderman Schoemehl

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Alderman Schuster motioned to approve the tentative agenda. Alderman Baugus seconded the motion which was unanimously approved.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM JANUARY 21, 2020 MEETING

Mayor Wilcox asked if there were any changes or corrections to the Board minutes from January 21, 2020. Alderman Roettger moved approval of the minutes as submitted. Alderman Lane seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Mr. Bill DuBord, 416 Hill Drive,

Mr. DuBord thanked the board for their service, stating that he was a 17-year resident of Glendale noting that Glendale was a great place to live, with a hometown feeling which he stated was hard to come by. Mr. DuBord stated that the school district was great, and the first responders were as well, working 24/7 for the residents. Mr. DuBord stated that he wanted to speak about the investigation on-going regarding the in-house dispatching adding that he was aware that there were some financial and safety issues regarding with this matter, adding that it was his strong belief that those matters did not weigh in importance compared to the dispatching that was done by the First Responders.. Mr. DuBord stated that he encouraged the Mayor and the Board to reach out to the residents and neighbors, knocking on doors, and handing out fliers

to inform people about this decision. Mr. DuBord stated that there should be a public meeting held which would be an advantage and important in the decision-making process adding that there should be a discussion with the citizens of Glendale.

Mayor Wilcox thanked Mr. DuBord and appreciated his visit to the Board of Aldermen meeting.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT, JANUARY 2020

Mr. DeClue reported that the trends continue as in previous months noting that the issues have been under discussion, adding that with the mild winter, receipts are again behind. Mr. DeClue noted that receipts were steady to good adding that revenues would be closely monitored. Mr. DeClue stated that the auditing of utility tax collection would be discussed later during this meeting.

#### ORDINANCES REQUIRING FIRST READING, SECOND READING AND FINAL ADOPTION

B03-20        AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SCHEDULE II, TABLE II-B OF TITLE III OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF GLENDALE, MISSOURI, REGARDING STOP AND YIELD INTERSECTIONS AT THE INTERSECTION OF BROWNELL AVENUE AND ELMWOOD AVENUE

Alderman Lane moved approval of the first reading of Ordinance B03-2020.  
Alderman Baugus seconded the motion.

Mr. DeClue reported that some complaints were received regarding the Elmwood and Brownell intersection noting that it was the only intersection on Brownell without a stop sign. Mr. DeClue stated that Chief Beaton conducted a study with follow-up with Mr. Jones. Mr. DeClue stated that following the study and discussions, it felt that the addition of a stop sign at this intersection was warranted. Mr. DeClue added that the list of intersections listed in the ordinance was a complete list of intersections with stop signs.

The Board asked about the duration of the study.

Chief Beaton stated that the speed trailer data collector and speed detector was placed near the intersection which collects data on number of vehicles passing, and speed percentages was posted for two weeks, one week for each direction. Chief Beaton stated that report found that the speed averages were just below the limit, but traffic usage was up 85% from previous studies which could be somewhat attributed to the construction project on Berry Rd. Chief Beaton stated that every other intersection had a four-way stop. Chief Beaton also stated that the intersection was at an apex where unfamiliar drivers could be confused and create a safety problem for residents, including children, in the area. Chief Beaton stated that he has been Chief of the force for 9 years in August noting that it was an intersection the came under concern from residents. Chief Beaton stated that considering the study and the Berry Rd. project, it was time to make the street uniform and include this intersection with a four-way stop.

Alderman Lane stated that the drivers needed to remember to stop noting that the residents would approve.

Chief Beaton stated that there was a complete inventory done in 2019 so that the bulk of intersections were squared away adding that if another addition was warranted, there was a blueprint in place to follow.

Mayor Wilcox asked if there were any additional questions, and there were none.

Mayor Wilcox asked Mr. DeClue to read the Ordinance by caption only.

Alderman Lane moved approval of the second reading of Ordinance B03-2020.  
Alderman Baugus seconded the motion.

Mayor Wilcox asked for a report. There was no additional information.

Mayor Wilcox asked if there were any additional questions or discussions and there were none.

Mr. DeClue read the ordinance by caption only

Alderman Lane moved approval of Ordinance B03-20 as read. Alderman Roettger seconded the motion.

There being no additional discussion or questions, Mayor Wilcox called for a vote:

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

Nays: None

Not Present: Alderman Nauman, Alderman Schoemehl

The ordinance was approved.

## RESOLUTIONS

R03-20 A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF  
GLENDALE, MISSOURI, AUTHORIZING THE GLENDALE POLICE  
DEPARTMENT TO APPLY FOR A HAZARDOUS MOVING VIOLATION  
TRAFFIC SAFETY GRANT THROUGH THE MISSOURI HIGHWAY  
SAFETY PROGRAM

Alderman Schuster moved approval of the reading of Resolution R03-20. Alderman Baugus seconded the motion.

Mr. DeClue reported that apply every year a request is made for overtime funding, noting that this year the amount was \$5,600.

Chief Beaton reported that the department had participated in the program often through MoDot, with grant funds for reimbursement of overtime, due to off duty traffic enforcement duties. Chief Beaton stated that the department has felt it was very beneficial and safer for our streets.

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

#### DISCUSSION: AZAVAR

A report was included with the packet.

Mr. DeClue stated that with regard to the theme of fiscal year lagging utility tax collection all over St. Louis County, 6 months ago a cold call was received from this company which does a significant amount of work in the Chicago area. The company audits utility payments for payment to the rightful community. Mr. DeClue stated that although Glendale was small, and we shared with Kirkwood there could be a payment not coming to Glendale. Mr. DeClue noted that several other cities entertained this idea with this company adding that now suddenly, many other cities are working with them, including Maryland Heights, Crestwood, Frontenac Clayton and Town and Country on a contingency basis. Mr. DeClue stated that the other cities keep 35% for three year of the money and they receive 100% after 3 years. With collections being down, it may be a good a time to think about hiring Azavar adding that there could be cannibalizing with other cities, but it could work out for the City. Mr. DeClue stated that he could request a boiler plate copy of Azavar' s contract for review.

Alderman Roettger asked about what Azavar could find that Glendale could not find.

Mr. DeClue stated that Azavar could audit other cities books which we cannot do adding that there may not be much money found but even some would be worthwhile. Mr. DeClue stated that other communities just began the process recently adding that Crestwood found that Azavar was very reputable.

Mayor Wilcox asked if Crestwood reported returns.

Mr. DeClue stated that he did not know and added that Azavar had done extensive work in Chicago and was starting to look for new metro areas.

Mayor Wilcox noted it would be worthwhile to check with Il cities for reported earnings.

Alderman Schuster stated that it would be worthwhile to invite them to a meeting for additional information adding that his company hired a similar company who found they were paying for things we never used or had hooked up for, adding that the company came in and saved us money which was worthwhile.

Mr. Hetlage stated that the Board could better understand exactly how they work with neighboring communities, make sure it was worthwhile and not a cannibalizing situation before going forward.

Mayor Wilcox noted that he received a request from another company offering 40% return.

Alderman Lane asked if there were companies that do audits of property taxes.

Mr. DeClue asked if there was interest in talking to their new representative, and there was interest.

## REPORTS

### Ben DeClue

Mr. DeClue stated the he hoped that everyone saw Captain Catlett's email about the material, which was dropped on Manchester Road, noting that it was a re-agent of some sort. Mr. DeClue reported that Officer DeBisschop was fine and no medical treatment was needed following the incident, adding that the DNR advised that the material could be an irritant. Mr. DeClue noted that MoDOT could not see live footage and that it was determined that the material was used as a colorant for fireworks, or Television sets.

Chief Beaton stated that the material spill was limited to the two west bound lanes on Manchester Rd., and he was glad the material was identified.

Mr. DeClue reminded the Board that the St. Louis County Municipal League would be meeting at City Hall next Thursday for their monthly meeting at 7:00 pm.

### Joanne Carr

None

### Alderman Roettger

Alderman Roettger stated his concern about the narrowness of Hawbrook relating to safety and asked what it would take to get a barrier.

Chief Beaton stated that Joanna was a private Street which allowed the barrier currently in place, adding that creating a one-way street from Edwin to Sappington was discussed which might work better and there was a group interested in supporting that idea. A public meeting would be held for such a discussion.

Alderman Roettger commented about third party studies related to dispatch noting that communication would be the key and questioned what the residents experience would be like without dispatch.

Chief Beaton stated that the residents would have a unique perspective adding that it would impact the police department as well which receives the highest percentage of calls but also added that it was a Fire and Police situation.

**Alderman Baugus**

Alderman Baugus stated that when the Board met on the Feb. 3, 2020, there was discussion about looking at the deficit during the new calendar year, looking at the budgeted amount, month by month, which would be included in the monthly report and asked if each expense had a budgeted amount.

Alderman Roettger noted that the fiscal year ran July to July. It was noted that the line item would start next month moving forward listing budgeted and current amounts.

**Alderman Lane**

Alderman Lane thanked Chief Beaton and Public Works for adding the 4-way stop at Elmwood and Brownell, adding that at least 8 families truly appreciated the new signage.

Alderman Lane commented about Hawbrook Rd. noting that the road was very narrow, and the utility poles create a sense of extreme narrowness. Alderman Lane stated that it might be the narrowest street in Glendale after Austin and Idlewild.

**Alderman Schoemehl**

None

**Alderman Nauman**

None

**Alderman Schuster**

Alderman Schuster stated that the City should revisit the sewer lateral requirements for new homes now that the builder develops to the property line adding that the builder should be responsible for the line up to the main. Alderman Schuster stated that the City was up considerably this year in the sewer lateral fund adding that for the price that the builders are selling the houses, the extra requirement seemed appropriate. Alderman Schuster noted that the unincorporated communities and Clayton required it and do not have to tear up the street and a liner within the clay pipe is also a requirement.

Mr. DeClue stated that he would send out a request for information to other City Managers.

Alderman Schuster noted that Mr. Jones Terry saw more lateral requests with the sale of new homes which are requested often by real estate agents before the closing of a sale, adding that more often breaks are found due to construction trucks. Alderman Schuster noted that it did not affect all new homes, adding that from Josephine to Chelsea from Brownell and Luckystone the house to the main is less than 12’.

Mr. DeClue stated he would investigate the situation.

**Jim Hetlage**

None

**Mayor Wilcox**

Mayor Wilcox commented about an email about Queen Anne channel. It was noted that Public Works would follow-up.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

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

Nays: None

Not Present: Alderman Nauman, Alderman Schoemehl

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

These minutes are approved as submitted this 2nd day of March 2020.

Joanne Carr  
Deputy City Clerk