

**MONDAY, APRIL 20, 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

The April 20, 2020 Board of Aldermen Meeting was conducted via videoconference.

**ROLL CALL**

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

Absent: None

Present: Chief Jeff Beaton, Superintendent Terry Jones, Finance Officer, Dan Lawrence,  
Captain Bob Catlett

**APPROVAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA**

Mayor Wilcox asked if there were any changes or corrections to the Agenda for the April 20, 2020 meeting. Alderman Lane moved approval of the agenda for the April 20, 2020 meeting. Alderman Schuster seconded the motion.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM APRIL 6, 2020 MEETING**

Mayor Wilcox asked if there were any changes or corrections to the Board minutes from April 6, 2020. Alderman Nauman moved approval of the minutes from April 6, 2020 as amended. Alderman Schoemehl seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

**TREASURER'S REPORT- MARCH**

Mr. DeClue noted that the March 2020 Treasurer's Report in your packet for the Board's review adding that Mr. Lawrence was also available if there were any questions.

Mayor Wilcox stated that the Board knew there would be an impact.

Mr. DeClue stated that a budget workshop was scheduled to take place in two weeks.

Alderman Roettger stated that earlier he had talked with Mr. Lawrence to understand Prop P and the sales tax activity noting that Mr. Lawrence was crunching the numbers for the budget. Alderman Roettger stated that it was the season now to have a conservative mindset going forward, keeping in mind a budget situation without the passage of Prop E.

It was noted that the budget would be completed before the fiscal year which could be amended if necessary.

### CITIZEN COMMENTS

Andrew M. Haskenhoff  
900 Brownell @ N. Sappington

To whom it may concern,

I would like to share a few thoughts regarding the speeding along N. Sappington and some recommendations to mitigate the issues to make it a safer place for everyone.

#### Observations

- With Berry road closed the amount of traffic has seen a major increase along with larger commercial vehicles that are normally not allowed.
- Foot traffic has also seen a significant increase with the warmer weather and the current stay at home orders. I do not foresee this to decrease anytime soon.
- Social distancing is making pedestrians and bikers veer into the street.
- 30 MPH turns in to 35-40 MPH real quick.
- Faster = Louder

#### Recommendations

- Lower the speed limit to 20 or 25 mph
- Install an additional stop sign and crosswalks between NG and city hall (Possibly @ Dwyer and Chelsea) There are two stops signs south of city hall and only north of it.
- Enforce the speed limit! (Can we get some traffic stop/ticket numbers for the area) Not looking for a revenue stream.
- Look into expanding the size of the sidewalk on the west side of the road. (Other than a couple difficult spots I believe it is possible)
- Digital radar signs showing the speed limit and the drivers current speed.

#### Reference

30 MPH roads in the area

- S. McKnight South of the Hwy 40 (4-5 Lanes)
- Manchester Rd from St. Louis city limits to N. Sappington Rd (4-5 Lanes)
- S. Brentwood south of the Hwy 40 (up to 7 Lanes)

This is a walking/running/biking thoroughfare for this city with an elementary school on one end. Let us make this street pedestrian friendly, as opposed to a convenience for motorists in a hurry looking to cut thru our town.

I do not see any viable reasons to keep the current speed limit at 30 MPH and strongly recommend reducing it within our city limits.

Thank you for your time.

## RESOLUTIONS

R06-20            A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE DISASTER RESPONSE TRAILER 1499 SURPLUS PROPERTY AND AUTHORIZING DISPOSAL OF THE SAME

Alderman Lane moved approval of the reading of Resolution R06-2020.  
Alderman Baugus seconded the motion.

Mayor Wilcox asked for a report.

Mr. DeClue reported that the Fire Department was requesting that the Board declare their Disaster Response Trailer surplus property and authorize its disposal via auction at GovDeals. Mr. DeClue noted that a memo from Captain Helle was included in the electronic packet detailing its condition and the reasons behind the request for surplus. Mr. DeClue noted that the captains requested the disposal, noting that the disaster response trailer was planned by Chief Larry Zeitzmann but was never used in a substantial way as planned and noted in the attached memo.

Alderman Nauman stated that in the past, the trailer was used at the Ice Cream Social, set up for tours of the trailer's equipment adding that the City would wish the trailer were available should an emergency situation occur. Alderman Nauman noted that the trailer was filled with cots, generator, and disaster supplies.

Mr. DeClue stated that the request was made by the Fire Department.

It was noted that the trailer was damaged, and the damage could have been caused by lack of use.

Alderman Lane asked if there was some place the trailer could be stored indoors.

Mr. Jones stated that the trailer was stored at Public Works under cover, in a shed and was not in the way.

Alderman Schoemehl would like cost estimates for the repair of the trailer.

Alderman Roettger stated that the timing of the sale was not good in light of the current pandemic.

Alderman Nauman stated that it was logical to keep two fire trucks when the discussion was taking place concerning the sale of the old pumper and added that the same reason held to keep the FEMA type trailer. Alderman Nauman stated that it was the principle of the usage was the same adding that the trailer could be parked at North Glendale if it was needed.

With regard to cost of maintenance, Mayor Wilcox noted that the cost would depend on the disaster need as to the contents in addition to insurance fees.

Alderman Baugus would like to know all the costs related to the trailer before deciding upon the issue.

Mayor Wilcox asked if there were any additional questions or discussions and called for a vote.

Alderman Schuster moved to postpone the vote in order for the Board to receive additional information. Alderman Nauman seconded the vote which was unanimously approved.

#### DISCUSSION: KIRKHAM AND SAPPINGTON SPEED LIMITS

Mr. DeClue reported that Chief Beaton had included a memo regarding lowering the speed limit along Kirkham and Sappington Roads from 30 MPH to 25 MPH in your packets. Mr. DeClue reported that the results of the community Facebook poll and the comments offered by respondents could be reviewed on the City's Facebook page and added that there have been approximately 260 votes, with 60% supporting lowering the speed limits. Mr. DeClue noted that two emails from residents were also included in the Board packet, with one for the reduction and one against.

Chief Beaton reported that the speed limit issue for the two streets have been under discussion beginning in 2017 following requests from residents to reduce the speed limits, and following several traffic studies which were carried out earlier, concluded that the speed studies showed that generally drivers' speed was at or just below the speed limit. Chief Beaton stated that officers had physically monitored traffic noting that it did not seem that there were many drivers exceeding the limit. Chief Beaton stated that due to the increase in pedestrian traffic and the N. Glendale School located near Kirkham at Sappington, a speed limit change should be considered and was recommended for safety. Chief Beaton also stated that in Webster Groves, Kirkham Avenue is a 25-mph speed zone, and once drivers cross into Glendale, the zone becomes 30 mph.

Mayor Wilcox stated that the Board had heard from both sides on this issue and agreed with Chief Beaton, adding that the limits should have been reduced years ago adding that with sidewalks and poles near the street, public safety for pedestrians, including children and residents in general was the number one concern.

Alderman Nauman stated that when Kirkham Avenue was re-surfaced, many residents wanted the road speed reduced at that time adding that a hump on the road had been removed.

Alderman Baugus noted that since the Kirkham project was completed in 2013, and there were multiple discussions, why was the speed limits not reduced at that time. Alderman Baugus also noted that this issue seemed to be a speed limit problem versus a speeding problem and with sidewalks so close to the street, there is a perception that cars travel too fast. Alderman Baugus stated that a 20-mph speed limit would be too slow, but a 25-mph limit would be more reasonable.

It was noted that the change in speed limit would not be a device for generating revenue but purely a safety change.

Alderman Nauman stated that there have been cyclical issues adding that this was one topic never finally decided upon. Alderman Nauman noted that most traffic belonged to Glendale residents, Berry Rd. construction notwithstanding, including pedestrians walking their dogs or jogging, and it would give the community a sense of safety adding that a 5 mile speed difference would not get a driver anyplace quicker.

Alderman Lane highly recommended that both Kirkham and Sappington speed limits be changed to 25 mph.

Alderman Nauman supported the change as well adding that the staff wears multiple hats including Chief Beaton, who was the City's safety director, and if the Chief recommended the change, the Board should support it.

It was noted that the speed limit for the school zone was a reasonable speed, but the school zone needed to be marked clearly. It was noted that the assumption for drivers was to slow down during school hours but by adding flashing lights, the crosswalk would be made safer during all hours.

Chief Beaton agreed noting that the signage was vague and addressed the morning drop off and evening pickup adding that flashing lights would be a good change and support strengthening the signage.

Mayor Wilcox noted that the signs had clear hours listed.

Mayor Wilcox asked for opposing views.

Alderman Baugus noted that he was in agreement with Alderman Nauman but noted that if the issue was a speed limit issue and if the Board believes that a 25 mph speed limit would be safer, that makes sense as opposed to the argument that 30 mph was too fast. Alderman Baugus also noted that he was on the fence with this issue after speaking with Ward residents but did not disagree with all the safety issues.

Alderman Roettger stated that the data was not compelling but that lowering the speed limit would show that the Board was listening and agreed with Alderman Baugus by supporting Chief Beaton and his recommendations

Mayor Wilcox asked if anyone was truly opposed to an ordinance coming forward.

There was no opposition to an ordinance addressing the safety issue.

Mr. DeClue stated that he would bring it forward.

## REPORTS

### Ben DeClue

Mr. DeClue reported that Jiffy Lube was temporarily closed due to the pandemic and would reopen when allowable and added that they have built a new fence and a retaining wall.

Mr. DeClue reported that Regions Bank closed their location in Glendale and their building is for sale. Mr. DeClue noted that the bank moved to Webster Groves where they built a new location on Lockwood.

Mr. DeClue reported that Filomena's was closed and empty but noted that another restaurant was interested in moving into the space.

Mr. DeClue asked the Board if they wanted the Covid-19 reports sent by Captain Catlett on a daily basis continued or scaled back to weekly reports.

Alderman Baugus stated he would not mind a weekly report and noted that the information was appreciated. The Board in general would not mind receiving the reports on a weekly basis.

### Joanne Carr

None

### Alderman Roettger

Alderman Roettger reported on the Pension, noting that Prop P could be impacted by the pandemic, adding that the City was 8 months into the fiscal year. Alderman Roettger noted that the City had been depositing \$221,000 into the pension and was sure the City would collect \$250,000 within the next 4 months. Alderman Roettger noted that the first year the Prop P money was available, the City did not deposit the money into the pension adding that last year, the pension received \$250,000 from the fund. Alderman Roettger noted that there was a reserve of \$1.7 million in the general revenue fund and with the \$250,000 Prop P reserves, the pension was in good shape this year.

### Alderman Baugus

None

### Alderman Lane

### Alderman Schoemehl

None

**Alderman Nauman**

None

**Alderman Schuster**

None

**Jim Hetlage**

None

**Mayor Wilcox**

Mayor Wilcox reported that Republic Services would resume yard waste pickup next week and the pickup day would be the regular day for all residential neighborhoods. Mayor Wilcox noted that there would be a lag during the week of May 3, and pickup would resume on the week of May 11 adding that communication can be a challenge noting that social media only picks up a small percentage of our residents. Mayor Wilcox asked if Mr. Jones could set up electronic signs as he had in the past to notify residents and the Admin. will take care of the marquee.

Mr. DeClue noted that there would be a phone blast sent out by Republic Services to everyone on record at their offices.

Mayor Wilcox reported that the Mayor of Frontenac asked Glendale to consider running a food drive noting that a local food bank was nearly depleted. It was noted that Warson Woods was hosting a food drive the upcoming Saturday, and Glendale would assist in promoting Warson Woods food drive for the food bank.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Alderman Lane moved to adjourn to Executive Session which will be held via Zoom under a different Webinar ID. Alderman Schuster seconded the motion. There being no further questions or discussion, Mayor Wilcox called for a vote:

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

Nays: None

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

These minutes are approved as submitted this 4th of May 2020.

Joanne Carr  
Deputy City Clerk