

MONDAY, JULY 20, 2020 7:00 P.M.
BOARD OF ALDERMEN
MINUTES

MAYOR MIKE WILCOX

ALDERMAN PAUL ROETTGER

ALDERMAN AARON NAUMAN

ALDERMAN LISA CAPSHAW CUSHING

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 7:05 PM by Mayor Wilcox

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

ROLL CALL

Present: Alderman Roettger, Alderman Lane, Alderman Lisa Capshaw Cushing
Alderman Nauman, Alderman Baugus

Absent: Alderman Schuster

Present: Dan Lawrence, Finance Director; Police Chief Jeff Beaton, Terry Jones, Superintendent of Public Works, Yacine Anane, Missouri American Water, Carl Sexauer, St. Louis County

APPROVAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM JUNE 15, 2020 MEETING

Mayor Wilcox asked if there were any changes or corrections to the Board minutes from June 15, 2020. Alderman Roettger moved approval of the minutes from June 15, 2020 as amended. Alderman Lane seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Mayor Wilcox's statement:

Mayor Wilcox stated that there were a number of people at the video meeting and there were a number of emails written to the City Administrator. Mayor Wilcox stated that there had been questions asked about the validity of a video Board meeting in relation to the Ordinance on the agenda for the July 20, 2020 meeting. Mayor Wilcox stated that the Board of Aldermen have been meeting since March 2020 with the Zoom format, which was set up to obey the St. Louis County's order not allowing large group meetings due to COVID-19. Mayor Wilcox stated that

City business has been discussed at every meeting which are all open to the public, adding that many people have joined the meeting online. Mayor Wilcox stated that the Board had no plans to resume face-to-face meetings noting that City business needed to be transacted in the safest way. Mayor Wilcox stated that the City was not trying to be non-transparent noting that every meeting is always open to the public.

Alderman Roettger stated that with regard to the Citizen Comment section of the each meeting, the City Attorney has advised that it was the period during the Board meeting when citizens were allowed to speak, but would not be a period of debate between the citizens and the Board.

Alderman Roettger noted that the City Attorney had advised that the Board was following the rules by not debating during the Citizen Comments section either during face-to-face meetings or during virtual meetings.

Mr. DeClue read 17 emails into the minutes which are attached.

TREASURER'S REPORT - JUNE 2020

Mr. DeClue reported that the Treasurer's report was included in the Board packet.

Alderman Roettger asked for comments related to the utility revenues and taxes.

Mr. Lawrence reported that overall sales taxes were down 18% compared to a year ago adding the Prop E funds had been added to the Pension Fund. Mr. Lawrence reported that this would be the last Treasurer's report for the 2019-20 fiscal year with a General Fund Year to Date surplus of \$84,966. Mr. Lawrence noted that the July 2019 and August 2019 funds were included in the report adding that following the audit, the funds for that period would be unaccrued creating a reduction in the surplus. The surplus at that time will be approximately \$20,000.

Mr. Lawrence noted that 2020 was a break-even year noting that 2021 would be a new year.

DISCUSSION: BERRY ROAD PROJECT UPDATE

Mr. Anane with Missouri American Water and Mr. Sexauer with St. Louis County was introduced to the Board.

Mr. Sexauer reported that the Berry Rd. project was scheduled to be finished mid-November but would be pushed to the end of the year due to utility work issues. Mr. Sexauer stated that that the roadway would be open at the end of the year adding that additional work would be done to finish the project when the road was open.

Mayor Wilcox asked how the project overall was proceeding.

Mr. Sexauer stated that project timeline started with utility work, including the construction of a retaining wall, and a box culvert which was ongoing, and following the completion of utility work, the road work would commence. Mr. Sexauer stated that the water company should complete their work mid to late August, following that, the box culvert would be replaced creating a sewer drain on the west side followed by the construction of the retaining wall, the sidewalk and resurfacing of Berry Road in 2021.

Alderman Lane noted that the Brownell residents at 1360 to 1370 were experiencing problems with delivery trucks and had place barricades on their driveways to prevent the trucks from turning on their properties. It was noted that Google maps had been updated to show that Brownell was closed, and traffic overall had been lessened.

Mr. Sexauer noted that it was impossible to stop the delivery trucks.

Alderman Lane asked Mr. Sexauer to take pictures of all the driveways on Brownell for the County's inspection purposes while the project was ongoing adding that an 18-wheeler had come down the street today.

Alderman Nauman stated he appreciated what had been done but noted that residents with concerns had been posting on social media and asked about the report indicating that the project was only 4.3% completed at this time.

Mr. Sexauer stated that the percentage was misleading noting that 2/3rd of the work was utility work which was near completion. Mr. Sexauer noted that Ameren was finished, Charter was finished, and AT&T was finished noting that Spire was partially finished, and Missouri American Water was 50% complete. Mr. Sexauer stated that truly 30 to 40% of the work was completed adding that he was confident that the road would be open before the end of the year. Mr. Sexauer stated that he would update the Board on a regular basis as requested adding that the project had been delayed due to the work done by the water company.

Mr. DeClue stated that the water company needed to give advanced notice to residents when water would be shut off.

Mr. Anane stated that would happen but noted the recent water shut-off was related to a valve problem which caused the short-term shut-off. Mr. Anane stated that the contractor would be advised to give adequate notice in advance of a shut off.

It was asked if the discolored water related to the project.

Mr. Anane stated that it had due to flushing of the liner adding that residents should let their water run until it cleared.

Mr. Anane reported that there was a conflict related to the water main and the culvert at Clif Side. Mr. Anane stated that the contractor needed to directionally drill a large hole, but the equipment broke down. New equipment was brought in to bore 600' of rock, extending the completion date to August from July. Mr. Anane noted that the bore line was complete at this time and the streets were in the process of being connected.

Mr. DeClue asked Mr. Sexauer if the information posted advising people to stay off Berry Road during the project made a difference. Mr. Sexauer stated that there was an improvement noting that the pedestrian traffic had slowed and thanked Mr. DeClue for posting the warning. Mr. Sexauer added that the contractor was informing others as well.

Mayor Wilcox thanked Mr. Sexauer and Mr. Anane for their reports.

ORDINANCE REQUIRING FIRST READING

B13-20 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF KIRKWOOD, MISSOURI, FOR THE PROVIDING OF POLICE, EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE (EMS) AND FIRE DISPATCHING SERVICES AND AMBULANCE SERVICE AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF SAID AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF GLENDALE, MISSOURI

Alderman Nauman moved approval of the first reading of Resolution B13-20.
Alderman Lane seconded the motion.

Mayor Wilcox asked for a report.

Mr. DeClue stated that this reading was a two part process noting that tonight's reading was the first reading and upon approval by the Board, it would be read again at the next Board of Alderman meeting to be held on August 3, 2020 adding that if the reading did not pass, the Ordinance would be dead.

Mr. DeClue asked about the wording in the heading noting that the Ordinance was not a change to the Police and Fire Departments but only a change with the dispatch service and the ambulance service. Mr. DeClue stated that only the Aldermen could change the wording of the Ordinance if the heading needed to be changed.

Mr. DeClue stated that this issue predated his tenure as well as the Mayor's noting that it had been under discussion for approximately 10 years. Mr. DeClue stated that there had been different levels of discussion, some discussions which were Board based and some which were studied by an outside source. Mr. DeClue stated that in 2018-2019, Alderman Nauman had led a committee to review the service which included Alderman Lane, Alderman Schoemehl, Chief Beaton, Chief VanGaasbeek, and Mr. DeClue adding that the new study was spurred on by public safety needs.

Mr. DeClue reported that the Dispatch service included only one dispatcher at any one time where as the Kirkwood Dispatching included 2 dispatchers at all times adding that with the possible inclusion of Glendale, would include 3 dispatchers at all times except during the hours of 2 am to 6 am. It was noted that Abbott Ambulance was the service used by Glendale and that the Kirkwood service was a not-for-profit service which would be an upgrade for Glendale.

Mr. DeClue noted that as reported earlier, this reading of the Ordinance was the first reading and the final vote would come during the next meeting if the Ordinance were approved for a first reading. Mr. DeClue stated that should the Ordinance be approved; the change would take effect in 2021 with a transition to the Kirkwood service. Mr. DeClue noted that all cameras would be monitored by Kirkwood and the non-emergency number would remain the same which would

switch to the Kirkwood dispatchers. Mr. DeClue noted that there was the possibility that Glendale's employees could be hired by the Kirkwood Dispatch adding that there would be severance pay per the Board of Aldermen's decision.

Mayor Wilcox stated that discussion was very important to the City and asked Alderman Nauman to address comments in general.

Alderman Nauman stated first that the committee highlighted the quality of service performed by the Dispatch staff in Glendale and noted that reducing staff was a very hard decision to make. Alderman Nauman noted that whether or not there was a Glendale human touch, it was important to discuss all the facts which related to operations, Police and Fire Standards, ISO, and NFPA standards. Alderman Nauman stated that any options would be discussed with the understanding that Glendale measured itself based on audit scores. Alderman Nauman noted that the committee reviewed the East Central Dispatch service as well as 8 other communities.

Alderman Nauman stated that the NFPA standards included that 2 dispatchers would be on the phones at all times noting that Glendale only had 1 dispatcher on duty. Alderman Nauman stated that there were others State-wide or nationally that were similar to Glendale but added that the trend was to consolidate throughout the country. Alderman Nauman stated that while looking at all the options, the Kirkwood Dispatch service fit Glendale. Kirkwood met the NFPS and ISO requirements, their program was medical based with all Kirkwood Dispatchers certified as Emergency Medical Dispatchers which Glendale did not have. Alderman Nauman also noted that necessary software enhancements were cost prohibitive for Glendale which was medical based run information given to first responders which Kirkwood already had in place. Alderman Nauman recommended to the Board of Aldermen and would not support the plan if the quality of service were better and only if we could guarantee State level changes which are cost prohibitive. Alderman Nauman stated that the City needed to be able to pay for service with a positive budget including all staff from all departments.

Alderman Roettger thanked Alderman Nauman for the great job and comprehensive study carried out by the committee adding that there would be a personal impact on people who work for the City. Alderman Roettger added that the Board had no reason to think that with this change, there would be any change in the quality and personal level of service.

Alderman Roettger stated that Glendale did not want to turn into Kirkwood noting that the Board loved our own services adding that if Glendale wanted to continue the high level of benefits in light of the revenue sources which have been falling for years, it would be irresponsible not to make a change. Alderman Roettger stated that it did not make sense until now adding that large centers did not work culturally, but Kirkwood would work. Alderman Roettger noted again that he did not want Glendale to become Kirkwood but to carry on quality services. It was noted that Warson Woods shared services as well. Alderman Roettger stated that earlier in the process, Kirkwood offered a higher priced contract adding that Kirkwood recently came back with a lower priced offer for Glendale. Alderman Roettger noted that the Board did hear the residents' concerns but also look to other communities for input about the feeling of safety with this type of change.

Alderman Nauman stated that then looking at the property tax, there are at least 15 different taxing districts including the library and the zoo, noting that only 7-10% of property tax is actually given to Glendale. Alderman Nauman stated that it would be nice to receive a higher percentage of the property tax noting that the Board would run the City with a limited annual budget. Alderman Nauman stated that he was happy to speak with anyone and asked that residents become more familiar with the City Website.

There being no additional discussion or questions, Mayor Wilcox called for a vote on the first reading of Ordinance B13-20 which was unanimously approved.

The Ordinance was tabled for the next meeting.

It was noted that the FAQ's were located on the homepage of the Website at www.glendalemo.org and that the Mayor, and Aldermen, or Mr. DeClue were available to answer any questions.

REPORTS

Ben DeClue

Mr. DeClue reported that the Friday food truck event was a big hit noting that FarmTruk was on campus last Friday. Mr. DeClue stated that the event would continue through August.

Mr. DeClue also reported that he had been researching other events to hold for residents including the possibility of a video game championship.

Joanne Carr

None

Alderman Roettger

None

Alderman Baugus

None

Alderman Lane

Alderman Lane thanked Alderman Nauman and Alderman Roettger for their remarks, adding that they were well thought out. Alderman Lane reported that she attended the recent ARB meeting, reaching out with the neighbors on Idlewild and Brownell, concerned about the 1046 Brownell project.

Alderman Capshaw Cushing

None

Alderman Nauman

Alderman Nauman asked Chief Beaton, and Mr. DeClue if there were any concerns regarding PPE availability noting that there had been delays in the supply chain. Alderman Nauman also asked if there was a need to partner with other communities to get better prices going forward.

Mr. DeClue stated that he was unaware of any difficulties noting that administration was successful in purchasing masks, gloves and other supplies noting that he had not heard of any difficulties from other administrators. Mr. DeClue noted that partnering with other communities made sense if there were problems. Mr. DeClue stated that the Fire Department had a good supply of PPE.

Chief Beaton stated that the Police Department was in good shape noting that opportunities were always reviewed. Chief Beaton stated there had been issues obtaining gels and Lysol spray but that was not a problem now noting that the supply chain was catching up with demand. Chief Beaton noted that the St. Louis County Emergency Center was available with supplies if necessary as well as SEMA which had free PPE. Chief Beaton noted that St. Louis County reimbursed the departments for any earlier purchases.

Alderman Schuster

None

Jim Hetlage

None

Mayor Wilcox

Mayor Wilcox reported asked if the Board had received emails from a resident, Mr. Poniewaz, regarding a neighboring retaining wall. It was noted that the retaining wall would be repaired and moved by the contractor adding that everyone was satisfied with the solution to the problem.

Alderman Lane stated that she was in contact with the resident.

Mayor Wilcox noted the passion felt by many residents in Glendale and extended an invitation to all residents to attend the virtual meetings or attend face-to-face committee meetings when available. Mayor Wilcox welcomed everyone to introduce themselves to the Aldermen noting that there were many ways to engage and become informed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

Ayes: Alderman Roettger, Alderman Nauman, Alderman Baugus, Alderman Lane,
Alderman Capshaw Cushing

Nays: None

Not Present: Alderman Schuster

ADJOURNMENT

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

These minutes are approved as submitted this 3rd August 2020.

Joanne Carr
Deputy City Clerk