

**BOARD OF ALDERMEN
CITY OF TOWN AND COUNTRY
FEBRUARY 22, 2021**

Given the current public health crisis, various emergency meeting declarations, and in accordance with the provisions of Sec. 610.020, RSMo., the Board of Aldermen meetings were held via Zoom videoconference and streamed live to YouTube. Public comments on hearings and agenda items were solicited via email and the public were invited to sign-up to speak. Public viewing of the meeting was made available via the City's website at www.town-and-country.org.

WORK SESSION

The work session meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Town and Country was held at 6:45 PM on Monday, February 22, 2021 via Zoom videoconference.

Present were: Aldermen Allen, Frautschi, Holman, Hughes, Wiesehan, and Wittmaier. Aldermen Benigas and Mortland were absent.

Mayor Dalton presided.

City Attorney Steve Garrett was also present via videoconference to represent the City.

1. Discussion – Regular Meeting Agenda Items

No votes were taken.

REGULAR MEETING

The regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Town and Country was held at 7:00 PM on Monday, February 22, 2021 via Zoom videoconference.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Dalton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

The 7:02 PM roll call indicated Aldermen Allen, Frautschi, Holman, Hughes, Mortland Wiesehan, and Wittmaier to be present via videoconference. Alderman Benigas joined the meeting at 7:06 PM.

Mayor Dalton presided.

City Attorney Steve Garrett was also present via videoconference to represent the City.

MINUTES – 02/08/21 Regular Meeting

Alderman Frautschi moved for approval, seconded by Alderman Allen.

Mayor Dalton called for any corrections or amendments.

Hearing none, the minutes of 02/08/21 were unanimously approved.

HEARING FROM CITIZENS

The City Clerk noted for the record that no public comments were submitted for this portion of the meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

APPOINTMENTS

Mayor Dalton announced his intent to appoint Lynn Wright to the Architectural Review Board at the next meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS**Mayor Dalton**

Mayor Dalton referred to the many proposals brought to the City for the former Wirth property that were not right for such a significant parcel in the center of the community. He provided a brief history of the Town Square Task Force and related groups that were convened to create a vision for Town Square and help deliver on the expectations of the community. He read aloud the vision statement and the dedication plaque for the Town Square project before recognizing Bob Brinkmann for his help executing the established vision.

Mr. Brinkmann was present and reported that two new tenants were secured for Blacksmith Grove, the first being an 1800 sq. ft. wine bar to be operated by Jay Delsing and Karen Paslawski, and the second being a full service restaurant to be operated by Marc Del Pietro of The Block and 801 Fish.

Mr. Delsing, Ms. Paslawski and Mr. Del Pietro were present and expressed their excitement in teaming up with Mr. Brinkmann in such a beautiful facility in Town and Country. Mr. Del Pietro briefly described the Americana-style restaurant planned for the center which will include a full service restaurant, bar, and a dry-aging room.

Mayor Dalton thanked those present, particularly Mr. Brinkmann for delivering such dream tenants for the community. Mr. Brinkmann noted his excitement and added that one small space is still available for lease in the development.

Alderman Wittmaier

Alderman Wittmaier announced that the Conservation Commission will hold its next meeting on March 1 and host a discussion about coyotes with the Missouri Department of Conservation.

Alderman Wiesehan

Alderman Wiesehan reported that the Parks & Trails Commission recently met and discussed the forthcoming playground renovation project. He added that after discussion with other aldermen and staff, planning for a "Restaurant Week" event is underway for April 5-10 to promote the City's existing restaurants.

He also requested an update from the Fire & EMS Task Force to include its current scope and plans for future discussions. In response, Alderman Allen provided a report from the most recent meeting and the plan for ongoing discussion about the City's needs in conjunction with existing options. She noted that the next meeting is scheduled for March 10 and the Task Force will keep the Board, Ways & Means, and the Police, Fire & EMS Commission updated.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

BILL NO. 21-01, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE IV, CHAPTER 405 THE ZONING REGULATIONS, OF THE TOWN AND COUNTRY MUNICIPAL CODE, SPECIFICALLY BY THE AMENDMENT OF SECTION 405.290 REGARDING PROPOSED TEXT AMENDMENTS (sponsored by the Board as a Whole) (1st reading 01/11/21)

Mayor Dalton called for a second reading, without objection. Without objection, Bill No. 21-01 was read for the second time and placed upon its final passage.

Alderman Holman moved for approval, seconded by Alderman Mortland.

Alderman Frautschi explained that she voted against the amendment at Planning & Zoning, and remains opposed, because the opportunity to extend discussion and defer consideration to a subsequent meeting is already available by continuance motion.

Alderman Wiesehan echoed Alderman Frautschi's comments about the availability of the motion to continue if needed.

The roll call vote was as follows: AYE, Aldermen Allen, Mortland and Wittmaier; NAY, Benigas, Frautschi, Holman, Hughes and Wiesehan; ABSTAIN, none; ABSENT, none.

The motion to approve failed 3-5.

RESOLUTION NO. R01-2021, A RESOLUTION NOTING VARIOUS FACTS AND INFORMATION REGARDING A STATE AUDIT PETITION AND CALLING ATTENTION TO THE APPROPRIATE ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF ELECTED OFFICIALS ON THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN (continued from 01/25/21)

Alderman Benigas withdrew Resolution No. R01-2021 from consideration.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION NO. R03-2021, A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO TAKE THE NECESSARY STEPS TO DELIVER AN AGREEMENT FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN FOR INDEPENDENT PROFESSIONAL AUDIT SERVICES

Alderman Allen spoke in support of the Resolution because it would allow for the City to review recent and current practices, prepare for the petition audit, and be more forward looking in nature.

Alderman Hughes moved for approval, seconded by Alderman Allen.

Alderman Hughes moved to amend the Resolution by the addition of the following language:

Whereas, a group of Town and Country residents are requesting that a comprehensive audit be performed by the Missouri State Auditor's Office, and

Whereas, 750 signatures are required to trigger said audit, and

Whereas, 700 petition signatures have been obtained, and

Whereas, if the Missouri State Audit is triggered, any other city audit would be redundant, unnecessary and a waste of public monies, and

Therefore, if the Missouri State Audit is triggered that this Resolution, if passed, becomes null and void.

Alderman Frautschi seconded the amendment.

Alderman Benigas noted general agreement with the intent of the amendment but clarified that the Resolution merely directs the City Administrator to bring an agreement forward to the Board, it does not commit to any further action.

Mayor Dalton inquired about the figures referenced in the amendment and noted that verification would be necessary before approval.

Alderman Mortland moved to continue the Resolution to the meeting of March 8 to allow time for review of the amendment language, seconded by Alderman Holman.

A voice vote on the continuance was held and carried.

Mayor Dalton noted that the amendment would be held in suspense and considered at the next meeting.

APPROVAL OF LIQUOR LICENSE(S)

Alderman Allen moved to approve the following liquor licenses, contingent on the approval of the St. Louis County Department of Health.

Retail Liquor By The Drink and Wine Tasting The Wine & Cheese Place

Alderman Mortland seconded the motion.

Alderman Hughes inquired about the timing of the Health Department's approval and whether or not contingencies are common.

In response, Finance Director Pam Reitz noted that the Health Department will sign off on their approval immediately once all information is received. She added that contingencies have been approved in the past for various reasons and that the license would not be issued until all conditions have been met.

A voice vote on the motion to approve with contingency was held and carried.

BILL NO. 21-11, AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE BID AND AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH SWEETENS CONCRETE SERVICES FOR THE 2021 CRACK SEALING PROGRAM (sponsored by Alderman Holman)

Mayor Dalton called for a first reading, without objection. Without objection, Bill No. 21-11 was read for the first time by title only.

Mayor Dalton declared Bill No. 21-11 continued to the meeting of Monday, March 8, 2021 for the second reading and consideration.

BILL NO. 21-12, AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE BID AND AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH A. EILERS CONSTRUCTION FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT RENOVATIONS PROJECT (sponsored by the Board as a Whole)

Mayor Dalton called for a first reading, without objection. Without objection, Bill No. 21-12 was read for the first time by title only.

Mayor Dalton declared Bill No. 21-12 continued to the meeting of Monday, March 8, 2021 for the second reading and consideration.

APPROVAL OF A PURCHASE ORDER

Alderman Mortland moved to continue the Purchase Order to Bradford Systems for office furniture to the meeting of March 8, 2021.

Alderman Holman seconded and a voice vote carried.

APPROVAL OF A PURCHASE ORDER

Alderman Allen moved to continue the Purchase Order to Bradford Systems for shelving and a gun locker to the meeting of March 8, 2021.

Alderman Mortland seconded and a voice vote carried.

APPROVAL OF A PURCHASE ORDER

Alderman Allen moved to continue the Purchase Order to Bradford Systems for office chairs to the meeting of March 8, 2021.

Alderman Mortland seconded and a voice vote carried.

WARRANT LIST-02/22/21

Alderman Allen moved for approval, seconded by Alderman Holman.

Mayor Dalton called for discussion or amendments.

Alderman Hughes inquired about the replacement of damaged mailboxes noted on page 2 of the Warrant List. In response, Mr. Shelton explained that the damage was caused by snow plows during the recent snow event.

Alderman Allen reported that upon inquiry, Chief Cavins explained that the purchase of police hat badges would bring consistency to the officers' uniforms. She also called attention to the snow removal expenses which did not include the most recent event. Finally, she mentioned the quarterly payment to West Central Dispatch Center for dispatching fees in the amount of \$86,212.00.

Hearing no amendments, a voice vote was taken on the warrant list of February 22, 2021, in the amount of \$184,630.70, and carried.

OTHER

Alderman Holman acknowledged Public Works Department employees Tim Randick and Tom Thousand and expressed appreciation for their tireless work during the recent snow events. A round of applause was held in thanks.

ADJOURN

On motion of Alderman Holman, seconded by Alderman Mortland, and unanimously confirmed by voice vote, the meeting was adjourned at 7:57 PM.


Ashley McNamara
City Clerk