

**BOARD OF ALDERMEN
CITY OF TOWN AND COUNTRY
MARCH 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, March 22, 2021 via Zoom videoconference.

Present were: Aldermen Allen, Benigas, Frautschi, Hughes, Mortland, Wiesehan, and Wittmaier. Alderman Holman was 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, March 22, 2021 via Zoom videoconference.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Dalton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Dalton noted that it has been one year since the pandemic impacted how the City does business but thanks to staff and the Board, the right balance was struck between safety and continuity of service. He noted appreciation for all involved with the 25 virtual Board of Aldermen meetings that have been held which were comprised of more than 250 agenda items and 26 public hearings.

ROLL CALL

The 7:00 PM roll call indicated Aldermen Allen, Benigas, Frautschi, Hughes, Mortland, Wiesehan, and Wittmaier to be present via videoconference. Alderman Holman was absent.

Mayor Dalton presided.

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

MINUTES – 03/08/21 Regular Meeting

Alderman Hughes moved for approval, seconded by Alderman Allen.

Mayor Dalton called for any corrections or amendments.

Alderman Hughes reported that a sponsor was secured for the dog waste bags expenditure, as suggested at the previous meeting.

Hearing none, the minutes of 03/08/21 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, nor did any members of the public sign up to address the Board.

PUBLIC HEARING(S)**APPOINTMENTS**

Mayor Dalton announced his intent to appoint Debbie Rushing, Ward 2, to the Community Art & Culture Commission at the next meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS**Alderman Frautschi**

Alderman Frautschi reported that Total Access Urgent Care withdrew their application at the most recent Planning & Zoning Commission meeting so any future submittals would require an entirely new process. Brief discussion was held about the perceived reasoning for withdrawal to include disagreement with several of the proposed conditions.

Alderman Wiesehan

Alderman Wiesehan stated that the Parks & Trails Commission met on March 15 and reviewed the playground plan proposals. He added that the Commission was excited to see the project get underway.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS**NEW BUSINESS**

BILL NO. 21-13, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH MANAGEMENT PARTNERS FOR PROFESSIONAL AUDIT SERVICES AND AMENDING THE 2021 BUDGET BY INCREASING A GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS TO COVER THE INCREASE (sponsored by Aldermen Benigas & Allen)

Mayor Dalton called for a first reading, without objection. Without objection, Bill No. 21-13 was read for the first time by title only.

Mayor Dalton declared Bill No. 21-13 continued to the meeting of Monday, April 12, 2021 for the second reading and consideration.

APPROVAL OF A PURCHASE ORDER

Alderman Wittmaier moved for approval of a purchase order to Lou Fusz Dodge for a 2021 Durango Police Vehicle, in the amount of \$34,320.00. Alderman Allen seconded.

Alderman Wittmaier stated that he was happy to see the utilization of the Lafayette Area Police MOU for its benefits but noted that additional expenses to equip the vehicles will be incurred. He inquired about the mileage ceilings for police vehicles and the reason that phasing out occurs at a lower range. In response, Chief Cavins explained that the typical criteria of 100,000 miles or persistent maintenance issues will cause a vehicle to be rotated out of front line service, and further that police vehicles are driven in a different manner with quick starts and stops along with extended running times. Alderman Wittmaier also asked about how the proposed purchases relate to the Department's replacement practice, as well as to the Missouri Highway Patrol's policy. In response, Chief Cavins detailed the mileages and known maintenance issues that went into the decision to replace each vehicle. Finally, he noted that Town & Country's replacement policy is about double the mileage that is typical of the Missouri Highway Patrol because their fleet is larger and they are able to rotate the vehicles more often.

Alderman Wittmaier noted his support of the prudent process and established practices employed for replacing vehicles.

A voice vote was held and carried.

APPROVAL OF A PURCHASE ORDER

Alderman Mortland moved for approval of a purchase order of Don Brown Chevrolet for a 2021 Tahoe Police Vehicle, in the amount of \$39,040.00. Alderman Wittmaier seconded.

Alderman Wittmaier inquired about the process for securing the price for this purchase under the Missouri State contract list. In response, Chief Cavins explained that utilizing the state vendor list for police vehicles ensures that a quality vendor and competitive pricing is obtained. He added that it is difficult to find dealerships that are willing to offer competitive pricing and have the necessary experience for police package vehicles.

A voice vote was held and carried.

BILL NO. 21-14, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH SWT DESIGN FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A PLAYGROUND MASTER PLAN (sponsored by Alderman Wiesehan)

Mayor Dalton called for a first reading, without objection. Without objection, Bill No. 21-14 was read for the first time by title only.

Mayor Dalton declared Bill No. 21-14 continued to the meeting of Monday, April 12, 2021 for the second reading and consideration.

WARRANT LIST-03/22/21

Alderman Allen moved for approval, seconded by Alderman Mortland.

Mayor Dalton called for discussion or amendments.

Alderman Allen inquired about the banners from FastSigns for the 2021 Concert Series. In response, Parks Director Anne Nixon described the banners as advertising for the concert series that begins in May at Town Square, with the finale to be held during the Fall Festival at Longview.

In response to Alderman Wittmaier, City Clerk Ashley McNamara and Chief Cavins confirmed that the annual maintenance expenditures to Will Electronics, totaling \$10,485.00, are governed by an established agreement that dictates pricing.

Hearing no amendments, a voice vote was taken on the warrant list of March 22, 2021, in the amount of \$1,024,255.23, and carried.

OTHER

Alderman Wiesehan reminded everyone about the forthcoming Restaurant Week and noted that a list of participating restaurants would be posted on the City's website.

ADJOURN

On motion of Alderman Allen, seconded by Alderman Hughes, and unanimously confirmed by voice vote, the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 PM.



Ashley McNamara
City Clerk