

**BOARD OF ALDERMEN
CITY OF TOWN AND COUNTRY
JUNE 14, 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, June 14, 2021 via Zoom videoconference.

Present were: Aldermen Allen, Even, Holman, Hughes, Parrotte, Wiesehan, and Wittmaier. Alderman Mortland was absent.

Mayor Rehm 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, June 14, 2021 via Zoom videoconference.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Rehm led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

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

Mayor Rehm presided.

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

MINUTES – 05/24/21 Regular Meeting

Alderman Holman moved for approval, seconded by Alderman Wittmaier.

Mayor Rehm called for any corrections or amendments.

Hearing none, the minutes of 05/24/21 were unanimously approved.

HEARING FROM CITIZENS

The City Clerk stated that no public comments were submitted for inclusion in the record. She also noted that Lindsey Butler signed up to address the Board, but had not joined the meeting at this point in the agenda.

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

APPOINTMENTS

COMMUNICATIONS AND REPORTS**Alderman Allen**

Alderman Allen reported that the Ways & Means Commission would hold their next meeting at 8:30 AM on Wednesday, June 16, via Zoom, to review the Fire & EMS Task Force recommendations.

She also thanked Mayor Rehm, Alderman Parrotte, and members of the Town & Country Police Department for attending the Memorial Day celebration at Mason Pointe.

Alderman Wittmaier

Alderman Wittmaier announced that the next meeting of the Planning & Zoning Commission would be held at 6:30 PM on Wednesday, June 16.

Alderman Hughes

Alderman Hughes noted that she, and her husband, attended the recent concert at Town Square and received positive feedback about the event.

Alderman Wiesehan

Alderman Wiesehan stated that the Parks & Trails Commission recently hosted another well-attended Playground Master Plan Open House. He also noted that a link to complete the survey and review submitted feedback could be found on the City's homepage.

Alderman Holman

Alderman Holman reported that the Public Works Commission would not meet in June. She added that the Commission's next meeting will be held in July with more information to be posted on the City's website, once available.

- **Missouri State Auditor's Office-Petition Audit**

Lori Melton and Tina Disney with the Missouri State Auditor's Office were present on the videoconference. Ms. Melton provided information about the statutory guidelines, estimated costs to the City, and sequence/process of events that would guide the audit process. She also noted that persons wishing to confidentially submit concerns for consideration could visit auditor.mo.gov for a hotline form and phone number, or email moaudit@auditor.mo.gov directly.

Discussion was held about the timeline of the entire process, the closed nature of ongoing audit work, and the availability of a public report upon final conclusion of the audit. It was clarified that the City would not be involved with the "public meeting" to be held on June 21, rather the event was being hosted by the chief petitioner.

- **Schowalter & Jabouri-Annual Financial Audit**

Christina Jacquin with Schowalter & Jabouri was present on the videoconference. Ms. Jacquin referenced the City's annual financial audit, as well as this year's single audit that was performed given the receipt of federal funds in excess of \$750,000. She provided highlights including various ending fund balances and the net financial position of the City. In response to Alderman Wittmaier, she explained that previously noted concerns regarding internal controls were mitigated by staff and thus not repeated in this year's audit findings. Finally, she thanked the staff for their compliance and courtesies during the audit process.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

BILL NO. 21-20, AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A CONDITIONAL USE AND AUTHORIZING AN AMENDED CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR AN ACCESSORY STRUCTURE, A PAVILION, ORIGINALLY GRANTED BY ORDINANCE NO. 4362, LOCATED AT 23 BROOKWOOD ROAD IN THE CITY OF TOWN AND COUNTRY
(sponsored by Alderman Wiesehan) (1st reading 05/24/21)

Mayor Rehm called for a second reading, without objection. Without objection, Bill No. 21-20 was read for the second time and placed upon its final passage.

Alderman Wiesehan moved for approval, seconded by Alderman Even.

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

The motion carried unanimously and Bill No. 21-20 became Ordinance No. 4434.

BILL NO. 21-21, AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH HR GREEN, INC. FOR CONSULTANT SERVICES RELATED TO THE 2021 STORMWATER PROGRAM STUDY AND PRIORITIZATION (sponsored by the Board as a Whole) (1st reading 05/24/21)

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

Alderman Holman moved for approval, seconded by Alderman Parrotte.

In response to Alderman Wittmaier, Mr. Shelton explained that related engineering costs are reviewed to be sure that the professional service fees are competitive without open bids.

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

The motion carried unanimously and Bill No. 21-21 became Ordinance No. 4435.

RESOLUTION NO. R07-2021, A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A TASK FORCE TO HONOR VETERANS AND FIRST RESPONDERS (continued from 05/24/21)

Alderman Parrotte moved for approval, seconded by Alderman Allen.

Alderman Even moved to continue Resolution No. R07-2021 to the meeting of June 28 for further consideration, seconded by Alderman Wiesehan.

Alderman Even noted that a discussion about the realignment of commissions was forthcoming and should be held before establishing a new group.

Alderman Allen noted that the establishment of the Task Force could occur without impacting discussions about commission structure and duties.

Brief discussion was held about the timeliness of the project, the appointment process, and the procedure for amending the Municipal Code regarding commissions.

The roll call vote on the motion to continue was as follows: AYE, Aldermen Even, Hughes, and Wiesehan; NAY, Allen, Holman, Parrotte, and Wittmaier; ABSTAIN, none; ABSENT, Mortland.

The motion to continue failed 4-3.

Alderman Wittmaier moved to change the two occurrences of "location" to "location(s)" in the fifth recital and Section 2 of the Resolution.

Alderman Allen seconded and a voice vote carried.

Alderman Allen noted for the record that she intended to ensure frequent reports are provided to the various Boards and Commission regarding progress, and further that a timeline would be established right away for receipt of a final recommendation.

A voice vote was held on the Resolution, as amended, and carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Alderman Holman recused herself and left the video portion of the meeting for the following agenda item.

APPROVAL OF A PURCHASE ORDER

Alderman Wittmaier moved to approve the purchase order to T. Hill Construction for 2712 Covington Place Stormwater Maintenance, in the amount of \$3,787.00. Alderman Allen seconded.

Alderman Hughes inquired about the \$2,672 disparity in the three bids received for the project. Mr. Shelton explained that each contractor submits bids with itemized costs for work and materials based on their available workforce and current schedule, which allows some to be more competitive than others.

A voice vote was held and carried.

Alderman Holman returned to the meeting.

APPROVAL OF A PURCHASE ORDER

Alderman Holman moved to approve the purchase order to Kelpie Contracting for 14310 Manderleigh Woods Drive Stormwater Maintenance, in the amount of \$4,433.00.

Alderman Wittmaier seconded and a voice vote carried.

APPROVAL OF A PURCHASE ORDER

Alderman Holman moved to approve the purchase order to Kansas Highway Patrol Fleet Sales for two (2) 2019 Dodge Charger police vehicles, in the amount of \$43,000.00. Alderman Allen seconded.

Alderman Wittmaier commended the Chief of Police for utilizing used vehicles to reduce overall costs.

A voice vote was held and carried.

RESOLUTION NO. R08-2021, A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN ENDORSING THE VACATION OF RIGHT-OF-WAY (ROW) ADJACENT TO THE EAST SIDE OF THE PROPERTY AT 2721 NORTH BALLAS ROAD IN THE CITY OF TOWN AND COUNTRY

Alderman Holman moved for approval, seconded by Alderman Allen.

A voice vote was held and carried.

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW

Alderman Parrotte moved to approve the architectural review of REI, to be located at 1214 Town and Country Crossing Drive. Alderman Hughes seconded.

Alderman Allen noted that the store will be a great addition to the City.

A voice vote was held and carried.

Alderman Allen recused herself from the following agenda item and left the video portion of the meeting.

APPROVAL OF ANNUAL LIQUOR LICENSE(S)

Alderman Even moved to approve the pre-distributed list en masse as follows:

Retail Liquor By The Drink and Sunday By The Drink

Cooper's Hawk Winery & Restaurant
Fresh Ideas Management
Hearth Room Café
Katie's Pizza and Pasta
Lutheran Senior Services-Mason Pointe
Gateway City Fondue d/b/a The Melting Pot
Mike Duffy's Pub and Grill
Missouri Athletic Club
Napoli 2UE
Schnuck Market #142
Wasabi Sushi Bar
Whole Foods Market
Woodsmill Tennis Club
Midwest Pasta Inc. d/b/a Yellowstone Cafe

Retail Liquor By The Drink

Amp Up Action Park
Dave's World Famous Bar and Burger Emporium
R & M Restaurant LLC d/b/a Massa's
TAVco Holdings I, LLC d/b/a The Wine and Cheese Place

Retail Liquor By The Drink and Manufacturer of 22% Alcohol or Less

St. Louis Wine and Beermaking

Original Package Liquor, Sunday Package Liquor & Wine Tasting

Fresh Thyme Farmers Market
Straub Market
Total Wine & More

Original Package Liquor & Sunday Package Liquor

Target Store T-1952
West County Phillips 66

5% Beer & Wine by the Drink Sunday 5% Restaurant Bar

Amp Up Action Park

Alderman Holman seconded.

A voice vote was held and carried.

Alderman Allen returned to the meeting.

WARRANT LIST-06/14/21

Alderman Allen moved for approval, seconded by Alderman Parrotte.

Mayor Rehm called for discussion or amendments.

Alderman Allen inquired about the Trova painting expenditure. In response, Parks Director Anne Nixon explained that the two Trova sculptures are leased from St. Louis County and the City is responsible for the maintenance, which is a budgeted expense.

Alderman Hughes noted that she could likely secure an anonymous donor to offset the additional pet waste bag expenditure.

In response to Alderman Wittmaier, Mr. Shelton noted that the payment to A. Eilers for Police Department renovation was a progress payment commensurate with the amount of work completed. He also stated that the payment to Sweetens for the Crack Sealing Program was final and work had been inspected.

Hearing no amendments, a voice vote was taken on the warrant list of June 14, 2021, in the amount of \$307,738.68, and carried.

OTHER

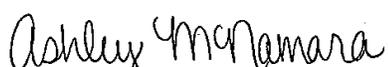
Mayor Rehm provided a reminder that City meetings would return to an in-person format starting in July. He also announced that the next Town & Country Times Newsletter would be emailed and posted on Tuesday, June 15. Finally, he reported that proclamations were written for former Aldermen Butler and Reuter noting appreciation for their service and would be delivered.

The City Clerk confirmed for the record that Lindsey Butler had not joined at any point during the meeting to address the Board. Alderman Even noted that she received an email from Ms. Butler during the meeting and read it aloud. The email, dated June 14, 2021 6:52 PM, is attached hereto and made a part of these minutes.

Mayor Rehm clarified that the examples of findings referenced in Ms. Butler's email were from audits of other entities, not specifically related to the City of Town and County.

ADJOURN

On motion of Alderman Allen, seconded by Alderman Even, and unanimously confirmed by voice vote, the meeting was adjourned at 8:06 PM.


Ashley McNamara
City Clerk

McNamara, Ashley

From: Lindsey Butler <lindseybutlersgirls@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 14, 2021 6:52 PM
To: McNamara, Ashley; Shelton, Bob; Kuepfert, Morgan
Cc: Fritz Wiesehan; Holly Even
Subject: Tonight's meeting

Sorry for the late notice, but please have this read into the minutes tonight for the public.
I asked to speak, but realized the meeting may run long with so many updates and business agenda items.

Dear Mayor Rehm, Residents and Board Members,

Tonight you are receiving an update on the State Audit of Town and Country. The State Auditor's audit has begun and the public is encouraged to come and give input, comments, information or to ask questions at a public meeting being held on:

Tuesday, June 22 **Starting at 4:30pm** **Longview Farmhouse**

Examples of findings: (found from other state audits including St Louis County)

- Insufficient accountability and transparency
- Inadequate financial controls
- Employees without necessary licensure
- Lack of competitive bidding for city projects, purchases and services
- Nepotism
- Improper spending of restricted funds on general fund activities
- Weak oversight
- Lack of controls or enforcement of code
- Unequal treatment of residents
- Special treatment of residents who give to political friends
- Political leaders soliciting funds for city projects from businesses with projects before the city
- City projects given to developers with financial ties to elected officials
- Financial recommendations and decisions made without oversight
- Lack of oversight of budgets and approval of budgets without specific plans for the public money to be used

If you have information or concerns regarding any of the above or other issues, please submit at the public meeting or anonymously online.

The Missouri State Auditor's office will be present to hear and retain complaints, issues, documents and questions regarding the current petition-initiated State audit of the city of Town and Country.

All are welcome
Open to the public

If you are unable to attend, you can submit anonymous tips at the link: <https://auditor.mo.gov/WhistleblowerHotline/Form>

Thank you,

Lindsey Butler
13310 Kings Glen Drive



“ The way to right wrongs is to turn the light of truth upon them.”
-Ida B. Wells-Barnett

Sent from my iPhone

Please excuse typos and grammatical errors as this is being sent from a cellular phone with an overly sensitive autocorrect.