

**CITY OF WELDON SPRING
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN
APRIL 27, 2017**

CALL TO ORDER: The regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Weldon Spring was held on Thursday, April 27th, 2017 at approximately 7:00 P.M. The meeting was held at the Weldon Spring City Hall, which is located at 5401 Independence Road. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Donald Licklider.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: All present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM: The following Aldermen were present: Schwaab, Kolb, Baker, Robb, Hillmer and Kohrs. A quorum was declared.

ELECTION CERTIFICATIONS – (City Clerk)

The **City Clerk** (Moe Kwiatkowski) read the following certified results from the April 4th, 2017 General Municipal Election.

Mayor: **Donald D. Licklider** – 504 votes – Jeff Bush – 473 votes – 2 write-in votes.

Alderman Ward I: **William “Bill” Hillmer** – 287 votes – 4 write-in votes.

Alderman Ward II: **Janet Kolb** – 281 votes - 16 write-in votes.

Alderman Ward III: **Gerry Baker** – 172 votes – Phil Martiszus – 89 votes – 3 write-in votes.

**** Alderman Kohrs made a motion to accept the certification results as received and Alderman Schwaab seconded the motion. The motion carried.*

The City Clerk then swore in William Hillmer, Janet Kolb and Gerry Bake as Aldermen in their respective wards.

Ms. Kwiatkowski then swore in Donald Licklider as Mayor.

RECESS: A short recess was taken at 7:05 PM.

The meeting reconvened at 7:30 PM

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

**** Alderman Schwaab moved to approve the minutes from the 04/11/17 Regular Meeting as submitted. Alderman Baker seconded the motion and the motion carried.*

PUBLIC FORUM – CITIZENS COMMENTS:

Mr. Greg Prestemon (Economic Development Center) – EDC was present and addressed the Mayor and Board regarding the annual agreement.

Mr. Prestemon gave a brief over-view of the EDC and asked that the City remain a member and contributing sponsor.

PUBLIC HEARING:

There were no public hearings.

TREASURER’S REPORT:

****Alderman Baker moved to approve the unpaid bills for the period covering 04/12/17 to 04/27/17, and the Paid Bills for period covering 04/06/17 through 04/18/17. Alderman Schwaab seconded the motion and the motion carried.*

The Board agreed.

**** Alderman Hillmer made a motion to approve the six (6) month unaudited statement of Receipts & Disbursements as submitted for publication. Alderman Kolb seconded the motion. The motion carried.*

There was a discussion as far as the timing of some of the revenues. It was noted that revenues were down from 50% to 37% as to where it was felt that they should be at this point.

OLD BUSINESS:

There was no Old Business.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. – EDC – AGREEMENT - (Discussion/Consideration/Motion)

****Alderman Baker moved to table this item until everyone on the Board had an opportunity to look over the handouts. Alderman Kolb seconded the motion. The motion carried.*

B. – DEAF DOG TATTOO, INC. - (Discussion/Consideration)

Alan Castor (owner – Deaf Dog Tattoo) addressed the Mayor and Board. He stated that currently his business was operating at #9 Jason Court in St. Charles. He mentioned that he is seeking to re-locate at 1051 Wolfrum Road which is a vacant medical office within the Weldon Spring city limits. He continued by stating that he has been conducting business since 2011.

He said that it's his understanding that currently, according to City Code, a tattoo studio cannot operate in the City unless they are located in a medical zoned district. He also noted that there are "no" medical zoned districts in the City.

Mr. Castor said that his business conforms, adheres and exceeds all sanitation and sterilization statutes required by state and county ordinances. He said that it was noticed that the City does allow businesses that offer piercing and permanent makeup services to operate in general commercial zoned areas and they have the same type instruments and biohazard waste that a tattoo studio has.

Mr. Castor asked that the Board consider and potentially alter the zoning rules for the City or allow them to have an exemption status. He thanked the Board for their time.

Mayor Licklider thanked Mr. Castor for coming but explained that the way the City laws are written, a tattoo parlor is only permitted in a Medical District. He continued by saying that Mr. Castor can either go to the Board of Adjustment for a variance or get the Board of Aldermen to back him.

Alderman Hillmer said that the Board wants businesses in our community that care about the community and Deaf Dog Tattoo seemed to be that type of business. He thought that perhaps the Board could get past this issue.

Alderman Robb said that he would help bridge the gap between the business and the Board.

Alderman Schwaab said that he took a tour of the facility on Jason Court and was impressed.

It was also stated that the Chamber of Commerce has nothing but good reviews.

Alderman Baker said that he agreed with Alderman Robb.

It was suggested that Mr. Castor contact the **Zoning Commissioner** (Joe Nichols).

D. – GAS FRANCHISE/ORDINANCE – (Ald. Kolb)

**** Alderman Kolb moved to introduce Bill # 1094 for its first reading. Alderman Baker seconded the motion and the motion carried.*

The **City Attorney** (Robert Wohler) said that the proposed ordinance which was drafted by Laclede Gas did not reference the 5% or the \$5.00 residential cap.

Mayor Licklider asked that this be resolved by the next meeting.

Bill # 1094 was tabled in accordance with City Code.

E. – HR GREEN – SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT #2 – (Discussion/Motion)

There was a lot of discussion and concern expressed regarding the proposed agreement.

Alderman Baker wanted to know if the Board approved the Supplemental Agreement #1?

Mr. Padella said “yes”.

The **City Attorney** said that he had concerns over the language on page 2 of the supplement where it mentioned 8 hour increments.

Alderman Kohrs wanted to know why the City couldn’t wait until the work is done and then make the payment.

The **City Administrator** (Michael Padella) said that basically what this supplemental agreement is asking for is that the City consider the time that’s already been extended over and above the 300 calendar days which goes back to their original agreement.

It was agreed upon that a spread sheet/flow chart should be submitted so that time worked is shown on a month to month basis so that the Board can see when HR Green actually ran out of money.

F. – PROCLAMATION – “FALUN DAFA DAY” – (Discussion/Consideration)

**** Alderman Baker made a motion to deny this request for the City’s support of a proclamation. Alderman Kolb seconded the motion and the motion carried. The Board agreed.*

REPORTS & COMMITTEES:

City Administrator: The **City Administrator** (Michael Padella) had submitted his report previously.

City Attorney: No report given.

Planning & Zoning Commission: No report given.

Committee Reports: No report given.

Mayor Licklider stated that he had an appointment to the Planning & Zoning Commission that he would like the Board to approve. He recommended that Mike Foster be appointed to the Planning & Zoning Commission.

**** Alderman Baker moved to accept the Mayor's recommendation and appoint Mike Foster to the Planning & Zoning Commission. Alderman Hillmer seconded the motion and the motion carried.*

RECEIPTS & COMMUNICATIONS:

Alderman Robb asked if there was anything new with the resident from the Whitmoor Subdivision who had concerns about the safety of crossing Wolfrum Road at Independence.

Alderman Kolb said that she called and spoke with the lady.

Alderman Schwaab said that he has been passing out forms in the various subdivisions trying to get information on the HOA trustees. He also stated that a resident on Rodelle Woods commended the construction crew on the Independence Road Phase III project stating that he believed that they were doing an excellent job.

Both **Aldermen Kohrs and Baker** mentioned that they have been forwarding information regarding the need for volunteers for the various City committees.

Mayor Lickliger thanked Alderman Kolb for her tireless effort and finally getting the quit claim deed for Nancy Lane.

WORK SESSION:

No Work Session was called for.

CLOSED SESSION:

There was no closed session called for.

ADJOURNMENT:

**** Alderman Kolb moved to adjourn the meeting and Alderman Hillmer seconded the motion. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:30 P.M.*

Respectfully Submitted: _____

M. Kwiatkowski, MRCC
City Clerk