

CITY OF WELDON SPRING
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN
OCTOBER 13, 2020

CALL TO ORDER: The regular meeting of the Board of Aldermen of the City of Weldon Spring was held on Tuesday, October 13, 2020 at approximately 7:30 PM. The meeting was held at the Weldon Spring City Hall, which is located at 5401 Independence Road. Mayor Licklider called the meeting to order.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ROLL CALL AND DETERMINATION OF QUORUM: On a roll call, the following members were present:

Ward 1:	Alderman Clutter	Alderman Yeager
Ward 2:	Alderman Schwaab	Alderman Kolb
Ward 3:	Alderman Martiszus	Alderman Baker

A quorum was declared.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Bill Hanks (City Clerk) read a letter, which was submitted on October 9, 2020, by Mr. & Mrs. Irv & Marilyn Graff of 5409 Independence Road. The entire letter is attached to the official minutes of the meeting for public record purposes

MINUTES: September 24, 2020, Board Minutes - Alderman Clutter moved to approve the minutes from the September 24, 2020, regular meeting as written, seconded by Alderman Martiszus. **Motion carried** with 6 ayes.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Alderman Schwaab made a motion to accept the Treasurer's packet of paid bills from August 23, 2020, & September 23, 2020 to October 2, 2020, and unpaid bills from September 23, 2020 to October 13, 2020. The motion was seconded by Alderman Clutter. The **motion carried** with 6 ayes.

Note: Alderman Clutter requested that the City Treasurer provide the Board the total amount the City of Weldon Spring has paid to Attorney Lou J. Basso for pending litigation.

OLD BUSINESS:

Bill #1154 - An Ordinance Approving the Final Plat for Holt Subdivision: Alderman Schwaab made a motion to approve Bill #1154 for its second and final reading by title only. Alderman Clutter seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the Bill #1154 was placed as Ordinance 20-20 as followed:

AYES: 6 – Baker, Clutter, Kolb, Martiszus, Schwaab, and Yeager
NOES: 0
ABSENT: 0

NEW BUSINESS:

An Ordinance Establishing the Procedure, Requirements, and Time Period for the Office of Mayor & Alderman for the City of Weldon Spring, Missouri in the April 6th, 2021 Municipal Election: Alderman Kolb moved to introduce Bill # 1155 for its first reading by title only. Alderman Clutter seconded the motion and the **motion carried**.

Bill # 1155 was tabled in accordance with City Code.

An Ordinance Amending Section 420.020(C) & Section 420.030(C)(1) of the Municipal Code for the City of Weldon Spring, Missouri, Regarding Method Used to Analyze Flood Hazards: Alderman Schwaab moved to introduce Bill # 1156 for its first reading by title only. Alderman Kolb seconded the motion and the **motion carried**.

Bill # 1156 was tabled in accordance with City Code.

City Park & Wolfrum Road Extension Walking Trails Bid Results: After a lengthy discussion, there was not enough support to approve the recommendation of option 1 by the Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee, which was \$340,232.97 bid by Build Pro STL for the City Park trails and the Wolfrum Road trail Extension with the \$2,000 alternate 2 for the removal of the white vinyl fence along Nancy Lane.

However, Alderman Baker made a motion to approve option 3, which was \$271,399.60 by Build Pro STL for the City Park trails only with the \$2,000 alternate 2 for the removal of the white vinyl fence along Nancy Lane. The motion was seconded by Alderman Kolb. On a roll call vote, the **motion carried** as followed:

AYES: 4 – Baker, Kolb, Martiszus, and Schwaab
NOES: 2 – Clutter, and Yeager
ABSENT: 0

Alderman Clutter stated he was very disappointed because a couple of the Aldermen were not supportive of spending the extra money to connect the Willow Lake Subdivision to the walking trail network.

Community Wide Survey RFP Results: After a lengthy discussion, this topic was tabled until the next Board meeting.

Mountain Farm Community Improvement District (CID) Reappointments: Alderman Kolb made a motion to confirm reappointments of Joe Wolk, Todd Flowers, Jeff Pardieck, Larry Chapman and Caroline Saunders to serve on the Board of Directors for

the Mountain Farm Community Improvement District, Alderman Martiszus seconded.
Motion carried with 6 ayes

REPORTS AND COMMITTEES:

City Administrator Report: Mayor Licklider asked about the timeline for the Sammelman Road Improvement bids. Mr. Padella (City Administrator) stated the City is planning to go through the bid process in the winter.

PRAC Committee: Nick Baldecchi, the Chairman for the Parks & Recreation Advisory Committee, stated he was disappointed that the Board didn't approve the Wolfrum Trail Extension portion of the Trail Improvement Project. Also, he stated the Committee is planning to have discussions about possibly having a City's flag.

CLOSED SESSION:

Alderman Martiszus made a motion to go into closed session according to Missouri State Statute 610.021 paragraph (1) – legal actions, cause of action or litigation involving a public governmental body and any confidential or privileged communications between a public governmental body and its representatives and its attorneys - at 9:06 PM, seconded by Alderman Baker and the **motion carried** on a roll call vote:

AYES: 6 – Baker, Clutter, Kolb, Martiszus, Schwaab, and Yeager
NOES: 0
ABSENT: 0

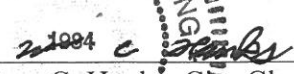
Alderman Martiszus made a motion to go into open session at 9:29 PM, seconded by Alderman Kolb and the **motion carried** on a roll call vote:

AYES: 6 – Baker, Clutter, Kolb, Martiszus, Schwaab, and Yeager
NOES: 0
ABSENT: 0

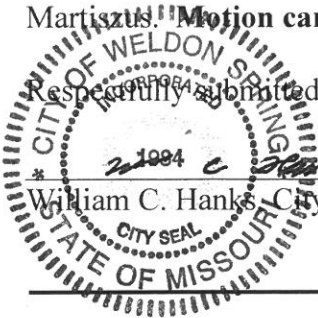
Alderman Yeager made a motion to take back over the problem property case from St. Charles County for prosecution in the Weldon Spring Municipal Court, seconded by Alderman Martiszus. **Motion carried** with 6 ayes

ADJOURNMENT:

Alderman Kolb moved to adjourn the meeting at 9:31 PM, seconded by Alderman Martiszus. **Motion carried** with 6 ayes.

Respectfully submitted,
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William C. Hanks, City Clerk



October 9, 2020

Board of Aldermen at Weldon Spring Park:
Re: playground equipment

Dear Board,

Thank you to the PRAC for letting us know of the decision to not put in bushes to provide a sound barrier and sight barrier along the fence line of our property. We were very disappointed.

Their questioning was of safety and visibility. I contacted the landscape architect who recommended the 6' - 7' HT Emerald Green Arborvitae bush and he said they are planted to be a safety barrier and absolutely did not see a problem.

The next reasoning the PRAC gave was that if they put the bushes in they might have to do the same for other properties surrounding the park. I looked and I didn't see any other playground other than the one next to our property in the park. If other property owners were in my situation you would be hearing from them as they would be shocked that the park puts themselves first and with no regards to others.

The next reason for the rejection of the bushes is that the City feels they are not responsible to provide either a sight or sound barrier but yet they created the problem. We tried to tell PRAC that before the swing set was installed there would be a problem but the park was again looking out for themselves with no regard to neighbors. Now we have noise and sight problems with the playground along our property line. The park created the problems and now not taking any responsibility for it is rude and irresponsible.

This past week I was working in my back garage and noticed a little girl looking at me thru the fence, she was in the fence, this happens ever so often, but now I

expect more since the swings are so close to the fence. One of the workers putting in the new addition told me I would need ear muffs and the landscape architect thought in his opinion the park should put in the bushes because of the location. I have been a good neighbor and always looked after the park. Before the decision a city staff member talked to me and stated they wanted to be a good neighbor and do what it takes to make me happy, that was a waste of time. Regarding the removal of gate, please remove it. I also talked to a public official who holds office in this area about how he would feel having the play ground next to his property, he refused to answer.

All we are asking for is a row of bushes down the fence line that would provide a nice safe, sound and sight barrier for both the park and our property. That maybe the park would not think of themselves first but respect others.

Sincerely,

Marilyn and Irv Graff
5409 Independence Rd