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CITY OF BRENTWOOD
2348 S. BRENTWOOD BLVD.
BRENTWOOD, MO 63144
5:30 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chairman Lochmoeller called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM

Roll was called: All members were present.

Alderman Lochmoeller – Present
Alderwoman Ebeling – Present
Alderman Plufka – Present
Alderwoman Sims – Present

2. AGENDA APPROVAL

A. Approval or Amendment of the Agenda

Agenda was approved by acclamation

3. CITIZEN COMMENTS

A. Citizen Comments
None

4. CITY ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

A. City Administrator Report

Bola mentioned the Law enforcement vaccine schedule - Chief Spiess and Police department have option to get 1st round of Covid Shots for those who want it in the coming week.

Also, the St. Louis County Homeless Services is conducting a census of unhoused neighbors on January 28th from 6-8 AM.

Chief Spiess confirmed that we do have homeless members in our community, and we will help them as needed.

5. REPORT OF COMMITTEE CHAIR AND ALDERMEN

A. Chairman Lochmoeller - Ward 3 – Mentioned that Public Works is taking item forward to Board that engages TWM and the STP grant for sidewalks. Requested that when applying for these grants, maybe include traffic calming/speed and public safety features in these proposals going forward to enhance the grant. Dan agreed this could be noted.

B. Alderman Plufka - Ward 1-No report

C. Alderwoman Ebeling - Ward 4 – No Report

D. Alderwoman Sims - Ward 2-No Report

6. DEPARTMENT REPORT

A. Police Department – Chief Spiess shared the following:

- Crime report – Crime is relatively low right now with few instances reported: cell phone robbery, car break ins, assault on security officer.
- Termination of Contract Patrol call outs – being charged for each call, so have stopped and will not see on future reports,
- Covid update – No officers affected right now; last officer is back now after 10 days
- Traffic response to citizen complaints – using a dedicated officer for traffic detail – doing stops in high traffic and high-volume areas during the day/visible presence and connecting with residents. Will create report to share.

B. Fire Department – Chief Kurten shared the following:

- Covid Update – no one out right now, except the one that has been out since August 2020. Three-fourths of workforce has received vaccine and is scheduled for 2nd round. Not Mandatory.
- Production on new ambulance began on the 18th and should arrive in April.
- Mo GEMT reimbursement has been calculated, and is based on those they treat (Down this year due to Covid) but still about \$60,000.
- Anthem is no longer paying our billing company directly on behalf of patient; payment is going directly to patient. New trend. We can bill the resident directly for ambulance service, but we will only bill the amount that was paid to the resident thru insurance (for their benefit only), which may not be the full amount of the bill – the rest will be written off. Would like to propose sending invoice to residents with explanation, when we know they received payment for service that is due to us - and also a gentle second notice – after 60 days it will be dropped, not going to collections. Will work with Janet Levy for educational piece to explain this better on our website. Process needs to be defined and will work thru details. Will present when they have full process.
- Reported on Structure Fires on January 13th and 25th.
- Thanked Amy Dwyer, Executive Director of the Brentwood Chamber of Commerce, as the Fire Department was honored to be the 2020 Recipient for the Volunteer of the year Award.

C. Public Works Department - Dan Gummersheimer reported on the following:

- Have deployed Litzinger Road data collection device. Will do for 14 days or so and will report at next meeting.
- Streetlights in York Village – 2 locations have been approved, 2 not yet approved (but is looking into locations across the way for alternates) and 1 still has not yet responded.

7. Consent Agenda

A. Meeting Minutes - Chair entertained motion to approve meeting Minutes on Consent Agenda. Alderwoman Sims made the motion seconded by Alderwoman Ebeling. All members in favor. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

8. OLD BUSINESS

A. Rosalie Avenue- Traffic Calming Discussion - Dan reported on the collected data from Rosalie. Volume of traffic is a bit higher than other streets, but not out of range or creating any damage. Really can't take any traffic calming measures until tool kit paperwork is turned in. While there have been requests, no paperwork/petition has been completed by residents. However, because of planned construction with MSD in this area, it may be best to hold on making adjustments right now, until improvements are completed. Could do LED illuminated stop signs if wanted/needed.

Alderman Plufka asked if a speed indication sign could be done instead, right now. Dan said there is one available.

Alderman Plufka made a motion to place an electronic speed control sign, consistent with staff recommendations in the area on Rosalie, which was seconded by Alderwoman Sims. All members were in favor and motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

B. Traffic Calming Toolkit Discussion- Speed Cushion Deployment Criteria

Dan put together and shared a table of information regarding comparator city's written plans. We are one of five cities with a plan. He reviewed the table and criteria of each plan. The only change Dan suggested was maybe develop a checklist for speed cushions that could be added to our existing tool kit if needed. Chairman Lochmoeller requested that for any recommendations that are made using the tool kit, that Dan bring them before the committee before action is taken so committee is aware.

9. NEW BUSINESS

None

10. CITIZEN COMMENTS

A. Citizen Comments

None

11. ADJOURN

A. Adjourn

Alderman Plufka made motion to adjourn meeting which was seconded by Alderwoman Ebeling. All members were in favor, and motion carried by unanimous voice vote.