

**CITY OF BRENTWOOD
BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING
OCTOBER 19, 2015**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Mayor Christopher Thornton called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm, in the Council Room of City Hall located at 2348 S. Brentwood Blvd., Brentwood, MO 63144 and immediately led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

The following members were present

Alderman Plufka	Present	Alderman Toohey	Present
Alderman Slusser	7:58pm	Alderman Leahy	Present
Alderman Lochmoeller	Present	Alderdwoman Manestar	Present
Alderman Kramer	Present	Alderdwoman Saunders	Present
Mayor Thornton	Present		

Members present constituted a quorum. Also present were City Clerk/Administrator Bola Akande, City Attorney Kevin O'Keefe, and Deputy City Clerk Octavia Pittman.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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Hearing no changes or objections, unanimous vote in favor was taken for approval.

CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Board of Aldermen Regular Meeting Minutes October 5, 2015

Motion was made by Alderdwoman Saunders and seconded by Alderman Leahy to postpone the meeting minutes until the next meeting for review. Unanimous vote in favor taken; **MOTION PASSED.**

PRESENTATION/RECOGNITION

Charles Ault donated an 1896 map of Maddenville as he shared his experience as a 62 year resident. Mayor Thornton accepted the historical map, of which will be displayed in city hall.

PUBLIC HEARING

None

BIDS

None

HEARING OF ANY MATTER OF PUBLIC INTEREST UPON REQUEST OF ANY PERSON

PRESENT (Each person addressing the board shall give his/her name, address and organization or firm represented, if any. He/she shall speak for a period not to exceed three (3) minutes; though additional time may be granted by the presiding officer of the board.)

Matt Saunders, 2326 Parkridge, approached the board with comments that actions taken at the last meeting may have been a set up to force Alderdwoman Saunders to resign. He added that Saunders is for the residents and is not the cause of the city's problems.

Denise Soebbing, 2612 Porter, addressed the board with comments of disappointment of actions taken at the last meeting and added that everyone should have had an opportunity to prepare. She shared experiences with requesting offsite records from Aldermen distributed photos of sight distant issues.

Louise Charboneau, 8833 Madge, addressed the board with comments of supporting Alderwoman Saunders for her courage, independence and perseverance and added that no alderman has risen to the level of censure. She asked that this decision is reconsidered because it is inappropriate.

Vickie Woods, Brentwood Library Director, addressed the board with comments of the mind-blowing difference between the former and current staff and expressed her support.

Jack Chasiang, 8837 Moritz, addressed the board with comments of an increased prevalence of panhandlers at Eager and the Highway 40 ramp; he has reported them the police but has not seen a response. He expressed his concerns that they are showing signs of drug addiction and ruins the city's reputation; Brentwood and Richmond Heights should work together on a solution.

Aldermanic Response

Alderman Kramer commented that he has discussed the panhandlers with previous administration. He added that this occurs near the dividing line of city limits; the area is located within Richmond Heights.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Bill No. 5981 Veto

Alderman Leahy reiterated his question of if the action taken to veto Bill #5981 was or was not in conformance with State Statute. Motion was made by Alderman Leahy and seconded by Alderman Lochmoeller that the board authorize Alderman Leahy to request from State Senator Stifton's Office an Attorney General Opinion regarding the veto of Bill #5981. Discussion was held and Attorney O'Keefe announced that he has issued an opinion expressing that the statute is clear and that the veto returned at the next regular meeting of the body is exactly what the Statute calls for and had also submitted researched case law in support. **ROLL CALL:** Alderman Kramer – yes; Alderman Leahy – yes; Alderman Lochmoeller – yes; Alderwoman Manestar – yes; Alderman Plufka – no; Alderwoman Saunders – no; Alderman Slusser – absent; Alderman Toohey – no; **MOTION PASSED.**

Upon recommendation of the City Attorney, a motion was made by Alderman Leahy and seconded by Alderwoman Manestar to waive attorney client privilege to the information provided and offer that email opinion to the Attorney General as part of the request as required. Unanimous vote in favor taken; **MOTION PASSED.**

BILLS TO BE GIVEN A FIRST READING ONLY

None

BILLS TO BE GIVEN A SECOND READING ONLY

Bill No. 6003 – An Ordinance Amending Chapter 500 Of The Revised Code Of Ordinances For The City Of Brentwood By Creating Article XVI: The Explosives Code; Providing For The Current Maintenance Of This Code; Providing For The Effective Date Of This Ordinance; And, Providing For The Repeal Of All Conflicting Ordinances

This Bill is on hold until December 21, 2015

Bill No. 6004 – An Ordinance Amending The Scope Of Services Of Existing Contractual Agreement With County Of Saint Louis, Missouri For Code Enforcement Services

This Bill is on hold until December 21, 2015

Bill No. 6016 – An Ordinance Providing For The Adoption Of The Second Amendment To The Fifth Amended And Restated Police And Fire Fighters’ Pension Plan; Providing For The Repeal Of All Conflicting Ordinances; And Providing For The Effective Date Of This Ordinance

Attorney O’Keefe read Bill #6016 by title only. Alderman Kramer provided the synopsis “this bill is for an ordinance providing for the adoption of the second amendment to the fifth amended and restated police and fire fighters’ pension plan; providing for the repeal of all conflicting ordinances; and providing for the effective date of this ordinance. The Police and Fire Fighters Pension Board recommend approval”. Motion was made by Alderman Toohey and seconded by Alderman Kramer to perfect Bill #6016 into ordinance form. As requested, Keith Kowalczyk, plan actuary, clarified that the amendment will modify the time the benefit is to be paid but does not increase the amount of monthly benefits. It also is not retroactive and hasn’t affected anyone in the past and also does not include COLA. **ROLL CALL:** Alderman Kramer – yes; Alderman Leahy – yes; Alderman Lochmoeller – yes; Alderwoman Manestar – yes; Alderman Plufka – yes; Alderwoman Saunders – yes; Alderman Slusser – absent; Alderman Toohey – yes; **MOTION PASSED.**

BILL #6016 IS HEREBY PASSED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN AND UPON SIGNATURE BY THE MAYOR WILL BECOME ORDINANCE #4669

Bill No. 6017 – An Ordinance Authorizing The Mayor And/Or City Administrator To Enter Into And Execute A Professional Service Agreement On Behalf Of The City Of Brentwood, Missouri, With Houseal Lavigne Associates; And Providing For The Effective Date Of This Ordinance

Attorney O’Keefe read Bill #6017 by title only. Alderman Kramer provided the synopsis, “this bill is for an ordinance authorizing the mayor and/or City Administrator to enter into and execute a professional services agreement with Houseal Lavigne Associate for an update of the City’s Comprehensive Plan and including residential design guidelines, an economic development component, and a review of existing codes in light of the updated plan. The Planning and Zoning Commission reviewed the request on September 9th and unanimously recommended the approval of Houseal Lavigne Associates to perform the comprehensive plan update including the architectural design guidelines, economic development component, and review of codes”. Alderwoman Saunders made a motion to perfect Bill #6017 into ordinance from. Motion seconded by Alderman Toohey. Alderman Leahy noted his objection due to the cost difference in the lowest bidder and suggested the city restart the process. **ROLL CALL:** Alderman Kramer – yes; Alderman Leahy – no; Alderman Lochmoeller – yes; Alderwoman Manestar – yes; Alderman Plufka – yes; Alderwoman Saunders – yes; Alderman Slusser – absent; Alderman Toohey – yes; **MOTION PASSED.**

BILL #6017 IS HEREBY PASSED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN AND UPON SIGNATURE BY THE MAYOR WILL BECOME ORDINANCE #4670

BILLS TO BE GIVEN A FIRST AND SECOND READING

Bill No. 6018 – An Ordinance Authorizing The Mayor And/Or City Administrator To Execute A Contract On Behalf Of The City Of Brentwood, Missouri With Michael McCallister For The Purchase Of Certain Real Property Located In Brentwood, Missouri, Known As 8758 Rosalie Ave., And Providing For The Effective Date Of This Ordinance

Attorney O’Keefe read Bill #6018 by title only. Alderman Kramer provided the synopsis, “this bill is for an ordinance authorizing the mayor and/or city administrator to execute a contract and necessary documents for the purchase of 8758 Rosalie Avenue”.

Presentation by Justin Wyse

Upon notification of the sale of 8758 Rosalie, staff was authorized to reach out to the owner and discuss the potential purchase. Authorization was granted to negotiate up to the appraised value. An appraisal was conducted and the value was noted at \$113,000; which is explained that the cost of the land plus the cost to demolish the property that is in poor condition. There were also additional costs; closing costs \$1086.39, appraisal costs \$500, and survey costs \$425 and authorization is being sought to include these costs in the year in budget amendment.

Questions by Aldermen

Appreciation was expressed to staff for diligence.
Alderman Slusser arrived at 7:58pm.

Perfection of Bills

Attorney O'Keefe read Bill #6018 by title only. Motion was made by Alderwoman Saunders and seconded by Alderman Plufka to perfect Bill #6018 into ordinance form. **ROLL CALL:** Alderman Kramer – yes; Alderman Leahy – no; Alderman Lochmoeller – yes; Alderwoman Manestar – yes; Alderman Plufka – yes; Alderwoman Saunders – yes; Alderman Slusser – yes; Alderman Toohey – yes; **MOTION PASSED.**

BILL #6018 IS HEREBY PASSED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN AND UPON SIGNATURE BY THE MAYOR WILL BECOME ORDINANCE #4671

RESOLUTIONS

None

ACCOUNTS AGAINST THE CITY

Alderman Slusser presented the warrant in the amount of \$9,211.64 and made a motion for approval. Motion seconded by Alderman Kramer. Unanimous vote in favor taken; **MOTION PASSED.**

REPORT OF COMMITTEES AND DEPARTMENT HEADS

Mayor Thornton announced the distribution of a memo drafted that deals with board member conduct and some of the issues that have come up. The purpose was to make sure the board understand that it is the Board of Aldermen acting as a group that decides what is and is not appropriate, and, it is their duty and responsibility to make those decisions and enforce them. To the extent that they don't, the board and the city suffers as a result. He added that this was educational and his honest opinion.

Public Safety Committee, Alderman Plufka announced that within the next month there will be a bill presented that deals with distracted driving. The committee also discussed safety measures within city buildings and traffic safety concerns, particularly east of Brentwood near Mark Twain School and west of Brentwood Blvd near Pine.

Public Works Committee, Alderman Toohey announced that the committee will reconvene in December; on the agenda will include a topic raised regarding canisters and dumpsters.

Director of Planning & Development Wyse had no report.

Ways and Means Committee, Alderman Slusser had no report.

City Attorney O'Keefe had no report.

City Clerk/Administrator Akande had no report.

Excise Commissioner

Temporary Liquor License – St. Mary Magdalen

Alderwoman Manestar announced the temporary liquor permit application for their fish fries to be held each Friday during lent (2/12, 2/19, 2/26, 3/4, 3/11, 3/18, 3/25/16) selling beer and wine only. The request also includes the parish picnic to take place 5/20 & 5/21/16 and they will be selling beer, wine, and margaritas. Both events will take place on the school grounds in the cafeteria. Motion was made by Alderman Leahy and seconded by Alderman Slusser. Unanimous vote in favor was taken; **MOTION PASSED.**

Library, Alderwoman Manestar announced their meeting on October 6th. The first strategic planning meeting will be held in mid-November; names of the potential members are being compiled to have the committee in place. It was also announced that the Brentwood Municipal Library has won the state wide Missouri Book Challenge which means that staff has collectively read more books than any other that participated. The next meeting is Tuesday, November 3rd.

Municipal League, Mayor Thornton had no report.

Historical Society, Chief Fitzgerald had no report.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Alderman Leahy announced the Ward 3 Meeting on Tuesday, October 27th at 7pm; all are welcome. He also encouraged caution and safety for children on Halloween.

NEW BUSINESS

None

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Matt Saunders 2326 Parkridge stated his appreciation of the comments made in support of staff and expressed appreciation for upgrading the standards of staff.

Aldermanic Response

None

CLOSED MEETING

None

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Alderman Leahy and seconded by Alderman Plufka to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 pm.

Approved as submitted on the 2nd day of November, 2015.

Attest:

Christopher A. Thornton, Mayor

Bola Akande, City Clerk/Administrator