

**CITY OF BRENTWOOD, MISSOURI
BOARD OF ALDERMAN MEETING
MARCH 2, 2015**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Mayor Pat Kelly 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.

ROLL CALL

The following members were present

Alderman Harper	Absent	Alderman Toohey	Present
Alderman Wynn	Present	Alderman Leahy	Present
Alderman Robertson	Present	Alderman Manestar	Present
Alderman Kramer	Present	Alderman Saunders	Present
Mayor Kelly	Present		

Members present constituted a quorum. Also present were City Clerk/Administrator Bola Akande, City Attorney Frank Albrecht, Planning Director Justin Wyse and Deputy City Clerk Octavia Pittman.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Board of Aldermen March 2, 2015

Alderman Kramer made a motion to approve the meeting agenda as submitted. Motion seconded by Alderman Manestar. Unanimous vote in favor taken; **MOTION PASSED.**

CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Board of Aldermen Regular Meeting Minutes February 2, 2015

Alderman Saunders made a motion to approve the meeting minutes as submitted. Motion seconded by Alderman Robertson. Unanimous vote in favor taken; **MOTION PASSED.**

PRESENTATION/RECOGNITION

Certificate of Excellence – Police Chief Fitzgerald

Police Chief Fitzgerald described a robbery/carjacking incident on November 20th. After diligent service on behalf of the City of Brentwood and in conjunction with St. Louis City, officers were able to solve the case. Chief Fitzgerald presented those involved with a certificate of excellence for their dedicated service; Sgt Jeff Manestar, Jason Oesterreicher, Det Tim Bone and Det Rick Litschgi.

Brentwood Community Complex Update

Chris Chiodini (Chiodini Associates) provided an update of the community center complex renovations. He explained that to date, roof replacement was bid in 11/2014 and is complete with the exception of hatch and ladder, all geotech reports have been made for replacement slabs in the center, demolition and rink equipment bid package is due 3/3/15, building renovation packet bids will be due 3/17/15. He presented 3-D images of the new community center, displaying the site reconfiguration including a large ADA accessible ramp at front door, patio next to main entrance, disabled parking at the front, modified locker/restrooms. It was also noted that the reception desk is being relocated and warming kitchens have also been redone to public kitchens. Discussions were held of the proposed changes and after questions, it was clarified that the parking lot layout (as it relates to ADA) it was clarified that ADA

parking is required to be at the front of the building to meet slope requirements and the kitchen in the largest community room will remain but is being changed to include a sink, microwave, cabinets, and refrigerator.

Parks Master Plan Update

Andrew Franke and Scott Talbert (Planning Design Studio) provided an overview of the parks and recreation master plan and trail system cost estimate. Throughout the process there was community input, a chamber lunch presentation, gathering at the park and 2 public meetings. The master plan is a 15 year look at the future of the parks.

They have identified deficits in pocket parks and play lots (parks less than 1 acre in size); the plan identifies a need for 4 pocket parks and 2 play lots. Public input revealed a need and desire to bring all parks to ADA standards, expanding parking, general maintenance (including the update of park trails), and a dog park. Recommendations include:

- Memorial Park – additional parking, Busy Bee Bldg – renovations, new all inclusion playground where existing playgrounds are, a new splash pad, improvement to Nature trails.
- Hanley Park – a new combination building and restroom, new skate park, upgrade existing tennis courts and add a practice wall
- Lee Wynn Trail – Enhance trailheads, Add pedestrian bridge over the creek connecting park together
- Oak Tree Park – Install a combination pavilion and restroom, Add a new accessible parking lot at Litzsinger, Enhance nature trails area
- Broughton Park – Update existing playground and surfacing and add a new combination building and restroom building in the location of the existing restroom
- Rogers Parkway – update existing playground and surfacing, improve trail head at Manchester, add street car monument to the park
- Norm West Park – build a new parking lot, abandon Pendleton and a new pavilion, add a dog park on the site of the demolished apartment buildings.
 - Dog park should have separate areas (small and large dog areas) and combination area for winter use and agility equipment
- Brentwood Park – relocate existing maintenance building, reconfigure parking area, add new playground, update sports fields, renovate existing restrooms and add a new restroom.

A trail plan was also done in attempt to link all the parks together. On the East side of the city the parks are fairly well linked but on the West side they are not so there is a series of trails designed:

- Link from Rogers Parkway down to GRG Deer Creek Trail (this is important because it will link a lot of the community to the regional network of trails)
- Trail system running along Strassner to link Brentwood Forest into the park system
- The major east west connector (on the west side of town is along Litzsinger and on the east side is Eulalie)
- The major north south trail (on the west side is High School Drive and Manderly)

The cost estimate for the park system is \$13.5M which includes all the park work (not including all of the on street trail system – except Lee Wynn Trail) They also attempted to devise an implementation plan to organize the project into 1 or 3 categories based on priority, mid-term or long-term projects.

A discussion was held for member clarity and it was noted that the estimate does not include land acquisition. Comments were also made that the most important investment in the city to value its property would be to its parks and trail systems.

PUBLIC HEARING

A Petition To Amend Chapter 19 Of The Brentwood Code Of Ordinances As It Pertains To Sign Regulations (Continued)

Mayor Kelly opened the public hearing at 7:37pm.

Planning Director Wyse explained that the City's special legal counsel on planning and zoning has recommended that the City amend our sign regulations to comply with recent case law stemming from a lawsuit in the 8th Circuit Court of Appeal's decision (*Neighborhood Enterprises Inc. v. City of St. Louis*). This decision held that a City cannot treat signs differently based upon content, except in the narrowest usage possible to address a compelling governmental purpose. The Eighth Circuit's decision has also cast appreciable doubt over the traditional notion that a City can treat noncommercial signs preferentially to commercial signs. Following this decision and recommendation by the City's legal counsel, Staff forwarded the information to be considered by the City's Planning and Zoning Commission, as required by City Code.

The Commission reviewed the information presented by legal counsel over a several month period. Through this process, the Commission vetted Chapter 410 of the City Code in its' entirety. Through this process, the Commission reviewed relevant case law, the City's Comprehensive Plan, as well as anecdotal information presented by the Commission and staff regarding the effectiveness and administration of the current regulations. Following this several month process, the Planning and Zoning Commission unanimously voted to forward a recommendation for approval of the changes necessary to provide a legally defensible set of sign regulations that promote the goals of the Comprehensive Plan to the Board of Aldermen.

There were no comments from the public; Mayor Kelly closed the public hearing at 7:39pm.

Discussions were held for board clarity of electronic signs, Director Wyse explained that there is a definition of electronic signs but it is not permitted. There is a section that says if it is not expressly permitted within the sign regulations then it is prohibited. There was also discussion of the extension of time allowed for political signs from 30 days before through the day after the election to 60 days before through 2 weeks after the election, Ed Sluse (Curtis, Heinz, Garrett, O'Keefe/P&Z Attorney) explained that this is a common window with other cities however the board can change it. After further discussions of the discretion granted in the code, motion was made by Alderwoman Saunders and seconded by Alderman Leahy to add electronic signs to code section 410.070. Unanimous vote in favor taken; **MOTION PASSED.** A motion was also made by Alderwoman Saunders and seconded by Alderman Toohey to change the allowed amount of time for election signs to 30 days before the election and to be removed by 3 days after the election. Unanimous vote in favor taken; **MOTION PASSED.**

Questions were also raised in regards to changeable copy signs (used by restaurants); clocks and thermometers (difficulty as changes would impact gas stations); comprehensive sign plans (not just limited to planned development it is opened to light industrial); billboards are required to be allowed but we have made them as restrictive as possible; influx of temporary signs over the weekend (staff is immediately contacted but is not necessary to the police as a secondary enforcement as they have that authority in general); and Attorney Sluse will review the language stating all billboard signs are exempt from setbacks to determine if it is required by state law.

BIDS

Uniform Services

Administrator Akande announced that the city went out for bid for uniform services. We received quotes from Cintas and Aramark; the total cost, weekly is \$51.52 for Cintas and yearly \$2679.04; for Aramark weekly \$54.50 and yearly \$2834. In negotiating with Aramark they agreed to waive the first month charges of \$218 and also offered to waive the \$10,641.80 owed

for the uniform buyout in the previous contract. This was presented to the Public Works Department who recommended the best bid to be Aramark.

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

Denise Soebbing 2612 Porter, addressed the board with updates regarding curbing at the flag fish business, the concrete is finally removed. She also thanked Bola for having the Route 66 signs installed. She requested an update of other unresolved issues: the tar previously left on the street by a contractor and the city says the only resolution is to let it fade but it has not done so in 4 months; the boards at the corner of Hanley and Manchester continue to look shabby; enforcement of trash trucks that continue to run pickups to businesses as early as 5:30am against city ordinances; the dogs at the Watering Bowl continue to park causing a disturbance. She stated that the Aldermen are elected to take care of these issues and residents should not have to continue to bring it up and asked Alderman Leahy why he does not have a city email address and requires citizens to contact him at his work email.

INTRODUCTIONS, READINGS, AND PASSAGE OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Alderman Leahy made a motion to postpone bill #5953 until the next meeting. Motion seconded by Alderwoman Saunders. Unanimous vote in favor taken; **MOTION PASSED.**

Alderman Leahy made a motion for the first and second readings of Bills #5952, #5954, #5955, #5956, #5957, #5958. Motion seconded by Alderwoman Manestar. Unanimous vote in favor taken; **MOTION PASSED.**

Bill #5952 – An Ordinance of the City of Brentwood, Missouri, Authorizing the Mayor and/or City Administrator to Execute the Attached 2015 Community Development Supplemental Cooperation Agreement – 1st & 2nd Reading

Attorney Albrecht read Bill #5952 by title only. Alderman Kramer provided the synopsis, "This Bill allows for execution of the 2015 Community Development Block Grant Municipal Housing and Community Development Supplemental Cooperation Agreement between the City of Brentwood and St. Louis County. This program allows for income eligible homeowners to receive forgivable loans up to a maximum of \$5,000. Funds are generally used for roofs, heating and cooling, plumbing and electric work". Attorney Albrecht read Bill #5952 by title only. Alderwoman Saunders asked that permit fees related to these projects are waived and made a motion to perfect Bill #5952 by title only. Motion seconded by Alderman Toohey. **ROLL CALL:** Alderman Harper – absent; Alderman Wynn – yes; Alderman Robertson – yes; Alderman Kramer – yes; Alderman Toohey – yes; Alderman Leahy – yes; Alderwoman Manestar – yes; Alderwoman Saunders – yes; **MOTION PASSED.**

BILL #5952 IS HEREBY PASSED AND NOW BECOMES ORDINANCE #4608

Bill #5953 – An Ordinance Adopting And Enacting A New Code Of Ordinances Of The City Of Brentwood, County Of St. Louis, State Of Missouri; Establishing The Same; Providing For The Repeal Of Certain Ordinances Not Included Therein, Except As Herein Expressly Provided; Providing For The Manner Of Amending Such Code Of Ordinances; Providing Penalty For The Violation Thereof; And Providing When This Ordinance Shall Become Effective – 1st & 2nd Reading

Postponed until the next meeting.

Bill #5954 – An Ordinance Amending Title IV, Chapter 410 Of The City Of Brentwood Municipal Code, Pertaining To The Regulation Of Signs, 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 – 1st & 2nd Reading

Attorney Albrecht read Bill #5954 by title only. Attorney Albrecht read Bill #5954 by title only. Alderwoman Saunders made a motion to perfect Bill #5954 by title only. Motion seconded by Alderman Leahy. **ROLL CALL:** Alderman Harper – absent; Alderman Wynn – yes; Alderman Robertson – yes; Alderman Kramer – yes; Alderman Toohey – yes; Alderman Leahy – yes; Alderwoman Manestar – yes; Alderwoman Saunders – yes; **MOTION PASSED.**
BILL #5954 IS HEREBY PASSED AND NOW BECOMES ORDINANCE #4609.

Bill #5955 – An Ordinance Authorizing The Mayor And/Or City Administrator To Enter Into And Execute A Service Agreement With Aramark Uniform Services; And Providing For The Effective Date Of This Ordinance – 1st & 2nd Reading

Attorney Albrecht read Bill #5955 by title only. Alderman Kramer provided the synopsis, “The City of Brentwood’s Public Works Department currently leases work uniforms for the Public Works staff from Aramark. The current lease agreement has expired and a month to month service is being utilized until a new contract is completed. The Public Works Committee has reviewed the new agreement and recommends this be presented to the Board of Aldermen with a positive recommendation”. A brief discussion was held in regards to the terms of the agreement; it is a 3 year contract with the option of 2 one year extension based upon budget approval and the city has the option to decline the 5% increase after notification. It was negotiated that Aramark will waive the previous uniform buyout exceeding \$10,000 but if not, we will not move forward with the agreement. Attorney Albrecht read Bill #5955 by title only. Alderwoman Saunders made a motion to perfect Bill #5955 by title only. Motion seconded by Alderman Toohey. **ROLL CALL:** Alderman Harper – absent; Alderman Wynn – yes; Alderman Robertson – yes; Alderman Kramer – yes; Alderman Toohey – yes; Alderman Leahy – yes; Alderwoman Manestar – yes; Alderwoman Saunders – yes; **MOTION PASSED.**
BILL #5955 IS HEREBY PASSED AND NOW BECOMES ORDINANCE #4610

Bill #5956 – An Ordinance Authorizing The Mayor To Execute An Agreement On Behalf Of The City Of Brentwood, Missouri For Holding Services To Be Provided To The City Of Rock Hill By The City Of Brentwood, Missouri – 1st & 2nd Reading

Attorney Albrecht read Bill #5956 by title only. Alderman Kramer provided the synopsis, “With the passage of this agreement, the City of Brentwood agrees to provide prisoner housing in Brentwood’s holding facility for the City of Rock Hill at a cost \$7 per day. This fee includes meals and clothing, if needed. The fee does not include any medical “fit for confinement” charges. Public Safety Committee recommends this be presented to the Board of Aldermen for consideration with a positive recommendation”. After questions of the reduced fee from \$14 to \$7 per prisoner, it was explained that the cost was reduced to remain in line with ECDC and is enough to cover actual charges. Attorney Albrecht read Bill #5956 by title only. Alderman Wynn made a motion to perfect Bill #5956 by title only. Motion seconded by Alderman Robertson. **ROLL CALL:** Alderman Harper – absent; Alderman Wynn – yes; Alderman Robertson – yes; Alderman Kramer – yes; Alderman Toohey – yes; Alderman Leahy – no; Alderwoman Manestar – yes; Alderwoman Saunders – yes; **MOTION PASSED.**
BILL #5956 IS HEREBY PASSED AND NOW BECOMES ORDINANCE #4611.

Bill #5957 – An Ordinance Authorizing The Mayor And/Or City Administrator Of The City Of Brentwood, Missouri To Enter Into And Execute An Agreement With Gilmore & Bell; And Providing For The Effective Date Of This Ordinance – 1st & 2nd Reading

Attorney Albrecht read Bill #5957 by title only. Alderman Kramer provided the synopsis, “This bill authorizes an agreement with Gilmore and Bell as bond counsel for the Hanley Station Redevelopment Project Tax Increment Refunding Revenue Bonds, Series 2015 approximately \$6,150,000. Gilmore Bell, as bond counsel, could render opinions on the validity of a bond offering, the security for the offering, and whether and to what extent interest on the bonds is exempt from income and other taxation. The opinion of bond counsel provides assurance both to issuers and to investors who purchase the bonds that all legal and tax requirements relevant to the matters covered by the opinion are met”. Mayor Kelly explained that the existing bonds are periodically reviewed to save interest and time in reissuing the bonds at a lower rate and

Stifel Nicolas will be contracted at the financial advisor to determine the savings. In the past, we would run the numbers and if it was determined to be advantageous to the city, we would move forward but there has been some changes in state statutes that prohibit this work from taking place without a new agreement. Alderman Leahy questioned if the fee (\$75,000) would require the formal bidding process. It was explained that we would only move forward if there are savings, and, Gilmore Bell has been bond counsel on more law firms than others in the country. It was also clarified that the remaining left in this bond is approximately \$1,000,050.00 with a 5% interest rate and with the inception of the original agreement it was negotiated to contribute the 100% of the city's bottom half to pay down the project. Attorney Albrecht read Bill #5957 by title only. Alderman Leahy made a motion to perfect Bill #5957 by title only. Alderman Kramer seconded the motion. **ROLL CALL:** Alderman Harper – absent; Alderman Wynn – yes; Alderman Robertson – yes; Alderman Kramer – yes; Alderman Toohey – yes; Alderman Leahy – yes; Alderwoman Manestar – yes; Alderwoman Saunders – yes; **MOTION PASSED.**

BILL #5957 IS HEREBY PASSED AND NOW BECOMES ORDINANCE #4612

Bill #5958 – An Ordinance Authorizing The Mayor And/Or City Administrator Of The City Of Brentwood, Missouri To Enter Into And Execute An Agreement With Stifel, Nicolaus & Company Inc; And Providing For The Effective Date Of This Ordinance – 1st & 2nd Reading

Attorney Albrecht read Bill #5958 by title only. Alderman Kramer provided the synopsis, "There is an opportunity for the City to retire TIF Bonds issued in February 2008 three years earlier than originally projected. The TIF ends on September 14, 2026. With this refunding, assuming no growth in the current trailing months of receipts, we believe it will now fully retire in November 2023. Second, with interest rates dipping nationwide, the City would be saving taxpayer money, and will be able to put that money back into city funds for other projects and programming. This bill authorizes the Mayor and/or the City Administrator to engage in discussions related to a potential public financing in connection with the Hanley Station Redevelopment Project". A discussion was held regarding the disclosure listed in the agreement that the underwriter has no responsibility to serve within the best interest of municipalities and Jim Lahay (Stifel) responded that this is required wording in municipal advisor rule but everything the company does is within the best interest of the clients. Attorney Albrecht read Bill #5958 by title only. Alderman Wynn made a motion to perfect Bill #5958 by title only. Motion seconded by Alderwoman Saunders. **ROLL CALL:** Alderman Harper – absent; Alderman Wynn – yes; Alderman Robertson – yes; Alderman Kramer – yes; Alderman Toohey – yes; Alderman Leahy – yes; Alderwoman Manestar – yes; Alderwoman Saunders – yes; **MOTION PASSED.**

BILL #5958 IS HEREBY PASSED AND NOW BECOMES ORDINANCE #4613

Resolution #1028 – A Resolution Of The City Of Brentwood, Missouri, Approving A Candy Melt 5K & Family Fun Run Coordinated By The Brentwood Parks And Recreation Department

Alderman Kramer provided the synopsis, that this is a resolution adopting a new Parks and Recreation Department event in 2015. The Public Works Committee recommends this be presented to the Board of Aldermen. The Candy Melt 5k and Family Fun Run is an event aimed at bringing together members of the community, however, the event concentrates more heavily on the importance and benefits of health and wellness as an individual, as well as a city. For a first year event, the department would expect 50 – 100 participants. Motion was made by Alderwoman Saunders and seconded by Alderwoman Manestar. Unanimous vote in favor taken; **MOTION PASSED.**

ACCOUNTS AGAINST THE CITY

Alderman Kramer made a motion to approve the warrant list in the amount of \$397,034.02. Motion seconded by Alderman Robertson. Clarification was provided in regards to Union

Pacific Railroad (annual fee) and Ricoh (meter misreads that have been corrected). Unanimous vote in favor taken; **MOTION PASSED.**

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AND DEPARTMENT HEADS

Mayor Kelly

Brentwood Boulevard Update – St. Louis County Highway project is out to bid now and will be back March 1st. Construction starts by the 1st of May and the contractor has until the end of October. They will be replacing all of the crumbling concrete curbs along the corridor, each ramp at the intersection to bring them up to ADA requirements. Asphalt work should start about September, they will mill off 3-3½ inches of top surface, put a heavy duty 1 inch micro surface underneath and a 2 inch overlay. They don't anticipate having any major lane closures because much of the work will be done at night. This project will run from Eager Road to Marshal Road. Eager Road may have been cut out because of cost; this project was put out earlier and pulled back due to the need to cut cost.

Command Staff Cooperative Efforts – this will be discussed next month when Fire Chief Jury returns.

Reduction of Force Parks and Recreation Renovation – the handbook states that if we have a reduction of staff the city Administrator has the ability to move forward but she wanted to notify the board. With the parks department being closed during renovation, there will be no assignments for part time staff. Upon completion, they can reapply to the city.

Postcards Announcing the Change of Ward 3 Polling Place Location for April Election – as the recreation center will be closed for the next election, the Board of Elections has chosen the church at the corner of McKnight and Litzsinger as the polling location for Ward 3 residents impacted. The election board will be sending out information as with us; postcards will go out as a reminder, a notice will be placed on the city's website, signs will be posted at the rec center on election day, and it was suggested to print an article in the pulse. A discussion was held in regards to the usage of the Magic Bus and concerns were announced of the potential liability if someone is not picked up from their homes and others requested that the bus is made available at the rec center if anyone comes there needing a ride. It was also suggested to push back construction one week as this may cause a drop in voters at the polls.

Lobbyist for "A" Cities – Mayor Kelly announced that many of the "A" municipalities are working together to monitor state legislators this season with respect to the redistribution of sales tax in St. Louis County. Many have gotten together to hire a lobbyist, the cost is \$500 per month to join. Alderman Leahy stated that it is not a good idea to get involved and stated that we are currently Muni League members so we receive information. A discussion was held regarding St. Louis County League not having the staff necessary and wanting to be in conjunction with other "A" cities (Des Peres, Ballwin, Clayton, Maplewood, Frontenac, and Brentwood). We have been participating in the weekly phone conferences to stay adequately informed, but the formal decisions need to be made. Motion was made by Alderman Wynn and seconded by Alderman Kramer to approve authorize the City Administrator to join other "A" cities in the hiring of a lobbyist. **ROLL CALL:** Alderman Harper – absent; Alderman Wynn – yes; Alderman Robertson – yes; Alderman Kramer – yes; Alderman Toohey – yes; Alderman Leahy – no; Alderwoman Manestar – yes; Alderwoman Saunders – yes; **MOTION PASSED.**

Public Safety Committee, Alderman Wynn complimented public safety staff for their dedicated work.

Public Works Committee, Alderman Robertson had no new report.

Director of Planning & Development, No report.

Ways and Means Committee, Alderman Kramer announced the next meeting to be held March 10th at 6:30pm.

City Attorney Albrecht had no new report.

City Clerk/Administrator announced the Missouri Parks and Recreation Association annual conference in Springfield, of which, Mayor Pay Kelly was presented with the Public Officials Achievement Award.

Excise Commissioner Report

Temporary Liquor Permit – St. Mary Magdalen 8750 Magdalen Avenue (Gym) – The purpose of the application is for Trivia Night on April 18, 2015, from 5-11 p.m. They will be selling beer and wine. Alderman Leahy made a motion to approve the request for a special use permit. Motion seconded by Alderwoman Saunders. Unanimous vote in favor taken; **MOTION PASSED.**

Library, Alderman Wynn had no new report.

Municipal League, Mayor Kelly announced the retire of Tim Fischesser.

Historical Society, there was no new report.

Closed Meeting,

Legal	RSMO 610.021 (1)
Personnel	RSMO 610.021 (3)

Alderman Leahy made a motion to enter into executive session at 9:20 p.m. to discuss legal and personnel pursuant to the exemption in RSMo 610.021(1)(3). Motion seconded by Alderman Toohey. **ROLL CALL:** Alderman Harper – absent; Alderman Wynn – yes; Alderman Robertson – yes; Alderman Kramer – yes; Alderman Toohey – yes; Alderman Leahy – yes; Alderwoman Manestar – yes; Alderwoman Saunders – yes; **MOTION PASSED.**

Mayor Kelly called the closed session to order at 9:25 p.m. with the following present: Alderwoman Saunders, Alderwoman Manestar, Alderman Leahy, Alderman Toohey, Alderman Kramer, Alderman Robertson, and Alderman Wynn. Also present were City Clerk/Administrator Bola Akande, City Attorney Frank Albrecht, Labor Attorney Brian Hey, and Deputy City Clerk Octavia Pittman.

No action was taken.

Alderman Robertson made a motion to adjourn closed session and re-convene to open session at 9:58 p.m. Motion seconded by Alderman Wynn. **ROLL CALL:** Alderwoman Saunders – yes; Alderwoman Manestar – yes; Alderman Leahy – yes; Alderman Toohey – yes; Alderman Kramer – yes; Alderman Robertson – yes; Alderman Wynn – yes; Alderman Harper – absent; **MOTION PASSED.**

The meeting reconvened to open session at 10:01 p.m.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Alderman Leahy questioned what plans the city has for the compensation survey that was conducted; it is to be evaluated by the Ways and Means Committee. Alderman Leahy asked if the board is seriously looking to institute some of the recommendations made by the Higbee Group, which included either freezing pay and letting other municipalities catch up or adjusting the benefits for greater employee contribution and to also set the example by adjusting the elected official compensation. He made a motion that the salary of the Mayor and Judge are reduced to \$10,000 per year and that the Board of Aldermen are reduced to \$6000 per year, and asked those that are unaffected by the change to voluntarily repay equal amounts of their salary. Attorney Albrecht clarified that a change in salary would need to be set by ordinance. A discussion was held and the **MOTION DIES FOR LACK OF SECOND.**

Alderwoman Saunders stated that the sidewalk discussion has been on the Ways and Means agenda since 2013 and her hope that the issue can get rectified; if the city will be responsible for the sidewalks or if homeowners are responsible. She stated that the new code appears to be more restrictive; allowing a misdemeanor charge to homeowners who fails to repair their sidewalks within the 30 day notice given. Administrator Akande clarified that the code has not change and after speaking with the planning attorney, he recommends no changes to our code.

NEW BUSINESS

Alderman Leahy announced the Ward 3 meeting on 3/31 at 7pm; everyone is welcomed.

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

Denise Soebbing, followed up on her earlier comments. She asked for an update regarding the tar removal, the boards at Manchester, citations for trash truck and Alderman Leahy emails. Alderman Leahy responded that he provided an answer on October 3rd in writing per request that he does not have access to the city's email account through his main computer.

Karen Smith, offered comments in regards to the sidewalk responsibility. She stated that whomever puts them in should be maintaining them.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Alderman Wynn and seconded by Alderman Robertson to adjourn the meeting at 10:01 p.m. Unanimous vote in favor taken; **MOTION PASSED.**

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

Attest:

Pat Kelly, Mayor

Bola Akande, City Clerk/Administrator